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Dear Erasmus+ students,

Following our email to you last week regarding the new regulations the from European Commission governing the Erasmus+ grant in the present circumstances, we have since received updated guidance. The European Commission have now confirmed to us via the UK Erasmus+ National Agency that students who have returned to the UK/their home country and are undertaking online study provided by the host institution WILL be eligible for Erasmus+ funding as normal (i.e. you will be funded for any days spent on placement abroad and for those days spent studying your host university courses online while back in the UK/your home country). Students who have returned to the UK/their home country may also be eligible to apply for funding to cover some of the additional costs incurred as detailed in our previous email. We are still working through the details of the additional costs eligibility criteria and process and will provide an update as soon as we understand more about this.

We have also been advised that students undertaking Erasmus+ work placements who are currently working remotely either in their host country or in the UK/their home country will be considered in line with study placement students (i.e. you will receive funding as normal for the days you worked both in person and those days completed remotely irrespective of whether the remote working is done in your host or home country).

To summarise:

**Students still abroad**
If you are still in your host country and continuing your study or work placement either in person or online (through remote learning or working from home) then there will be no changes to your Erasmus+ funding or requirements. You will receive funding for all the days that you are studying/working.

**Students back in the UK/their home country**
If you are continuing your study or work placement online (through remote learning or working from home) then there will be no changes to your Erasmus+ funding or requirements. You will receive funding for all the days that you are studying/working.

If your placement has ended then you will receive funding for the days that you were on placement and you should submit your end of placement documentation as normal, where possible.

I have tried to make this information as clear as possible but appreciate that Erasmus+ can be very complicated at the best of times. If you have any questions about how this relates to your circumstances or if you feel your situation is not covered here then please do get in touch and I will do my best to advise you.

I understand that it is very difficult for you to understand how your funding may be affected when the advice keeps changing and appreciate that the most important thing for you all at the moment is clarity. I’m sure you can appreciate that the current situation is moving very quickly and is also completely unprecedented. The Commission is adapting their guidance as the situation evolves and is also listening to feedback from Universities across Europe. This feedback does seem to be influencing their decisions and causing some advice to be revised. The changes to the advice so far have all been very positive and seek to better support students affected. We will ensure that you are kept up to date whenever we receive further or updated advice and will feed back to the
Commission wherever there is a lack of clarity to ensure that the information we are passing on to you is unambiguous and correct at time of issue.

Best wishes,

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