

Dear Mrs. Ladňáková,

Following the current situation of spreading coronavirus (2019-nCoV) the National Agency draws attention to the need for careful mobility planning to affected areas.

Based on the opinion of the European Commission of 31 January 2020 and 25 February 2020 it is the decision of the participating organizations and individual participants in the program, how to implement the planned activities, or move if necessary possible trips planned to areas affected by the disease.

We also recommend that you:

- Adequately manage project activities (eg. communicate with partner organization on security issues, change the scheduled date of mobility, etc.)
- monitor the travel recommendations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic,
- monitor the evolution of the situation continuously and evaluate it in a timely manner, so that you can take action in good time (examples are provided below)
- communicate regularly with partner organizations in order to respond more flexibly to the situation,
- take appropriate steps in the field of security and inform participants about them, in particular on hygiene rules,
- ensure adequate travel insurance (eg air tickets),
- find contact details of the Slovak Embassy in given country (if there is no Slovak embassy in that country, than in the nearest country).

The National Agency may apply the Force Majeure Institute for Mobility planned to / from areas that would indicate the presence of coronavirus.

The National Agency will assess all the applications individually and will require from the recipient of the grant:

- Demonstration of objective and irreversible obstacles, which have led or could lead to non-compliance (e.g. screenshots of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, written information from Partner Organization)
- demonstration of all preventive steps and efforts they have made in order to avoid circumstances leading to non-compliance conditions or to minimize impacts on the implementation of activities.

Such steps aim to prevent or minimize damage may include:

- Change of deadline for mobility, transnational meetings, etc. (in rare cases, change of contract duration),
- changing the destination country where possible,
- The selection of appropriate travel insurance covering at least a part of costs
- Purchase of cancellation tickets
- Reservation of accommodation with the possibility of cancellation etc.

Please note that the National Agency has no competences to comment on the degree of risk of contagion or threat in the individual countries. You can find this information at:

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WHO - World Health Organization:

<https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>  
<https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

ECDC - European Center for Disease Prevention and Control:

<<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/cases-2019-ncov-eueea>>  
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At the same time, we ask you to inform the National Agency without delay of: any changes in your project in this respect.

Sincerely

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