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Dear project partners,

It was our duty, as a co-ordinating country of the Erasmus + project named Travelling Raises an Inclusive Partnership (reference n° 2019-1-SK01-KA229-060651), to communicate the potential impacts of the situation in Italy in order to organize the Learning/Teaching/ Training Event for pupils in Naples. The situation got complicated because of Corona virus that affected all the European Union.

We, Private Vocational School Pro scholaris in Žilina, as co-ordinating country of the Erasmus + of the Learning/Teaching/ Training Event have to communicate you our attitude towards the following activity.

We asked Ms. Maria Ferrara from the hosting school Istituto Tecnico Statale Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa for her opinion. On 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 she sent us the official e-mail informing us about the situation in Italy.

Following the tracks of the current situation in Italy due to Corona virus emergency and embracing the option suggested by all the co-ordinators during the multiple videoconference:

1. Considered the guidelines due to COVID 19 of the Italian National Agency ( Italian NA website , news <http://www.erasmusplus.it/indicazioni-dellagenzia-erasmus-indire-per-la-gestione-dellemergenza-covid-19/>)
2. Considering the official communication of school closure from 5th to 15th March for all Italian schools and universities to contain the spread of the epidemy <http://www.governo.it/it/articolo/coronavirus-firmato-il-dpcm-4-marzo-2020/14241>
3. Considering the unforeseeable evolvement of the situation and the potential risk of the spreading of the virus to the south of Italy as well as the health restrictions from European governments linked to the world scenario;
4. Taking into consideration the risk of an overall and sudden drop from all the project partners and families;

they see as a solution the postponing of the Italian mobility due from 8th to 14th March for teachers and students, **to the 25th of September to 1st October** .

In connection with the spread of respiratory disease caused by the new coronavirus COVID-19, the Central Crisis Staff in Slovakia met on 6th March 2020 and adopted several new measures and bans. On the basis of the above adopted measures, the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the SR issues the 2nd Guideline on Coronavirus Dissemination for Schools, School Facilities, Education Department Employees and Sports Associations as follows:

CANCEL:

1. with immediate effect, all tours, excursions and study visits of pupils and students abroad,
2. visits to re-education facilities until further notice.

It is strongly recommended not to travel to countries where coronavirus has appeared, especially to Italy.<sup>1</sup>

On 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, based on the instructions, the Slovak Nation Agency has sent us the following information in respect to our planned activities:

“All tours, excursions and study visits of pupils and students abroad” are cancelled immediately. This also applies to school staffs. For this reason, the Erasmus National Agency will apply the Force Majeure Institute for those projects that are planning mobility / activities for the duration of this Guideline.“

Our National Agency also recommends and we still have the obligation to:

- inform the relevant National Agency in a timely manner of project changes in this context; organization on issues of planned activities change, including possible change of contract), etc.<sup>2</sup>

Conclusion after the analysis of the situation

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.minedu.sk/ministerstvo-skolstva-vydalo-druhe-usmernenie-v-suvvislosti-so-sirenim-koronavirusu/>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.erasmusplus.sk/kniznica/media/2020/TS\\_Korona\\_virus\\_aktualizovane.pdf](https://www.erasmusplus.sk/kniznica/media/2020/TS_Korona_virus_aktualizovane.pdf)

1. Thanks to the video chat on 24th of February 2020, all the partners agreed with postponing the organization of the Learning/Teaching/ Training Event in Italy at the end of September 2020. The date was clarified via video chat and the partners will change the date of their flights, if it is possible. In case that the flights are not refundable or changeable, the financial losses will be covered by project management and implementation part of the budget.
2. After the analysis of all the information, we decided that the mobility in Italy will be realized in September 2020. The following Learning/Teaching/ Training Event for pupils will take place in Lithuania from 24<sup>th</sup> until 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2020. In fact, the Lithuanian Learning/Teaching/ Training Event will be focused on Sport and Adventure Tourism as planned, but the professional guide topic will be changed because of succession of the project development and it will be the Topographic preparation. The topic of Italian Learning/Teaching/ Training Event will be the Recreational tourism and Itinerary of a Tour. The guide topic is under the patronage of the Slovak coordinator, so it will not be a problem to change the order of this part. We will carefully watch the situation with respect to Corona virus in Italy and all over the world. In case of dramatic worsening, we will find other solutions.
3. If the situation gets worse we will make a decision with respect to circumstance. We decided that the mobility in Italy will be blocked for the duration of this Guideline. We will carefully monitor the situation with respect to Corona virus in European Union and all over the world. After the situation gets better and our superiors and government give permission to organizing the Learning/Teaching/ Training Event, we will realize all the planned activities.

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