COVID-19 & OLS - Measures Taken to Mitigate the Impact

Many Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps participants have seen their ongoing or planned mobilities interrupted, cancelled, postponed or altered to a virtual mobility due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

To continue to promote language learning and linguistic diversity in these challenging times, OLS is determined to further assist you and your participants.

Several measures have been taken to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on participants' language learning experience and allow them to benefit from OLS language courses, regardless of how their mobilities are impacted by the current situation.

For participants whose mobility has already begun and who already have access to OLS:

• Their access to the OLS language course will be extended by 4 months after the end of their mobility. This will allow them to continue using the OLS language course during the current situation.

For participants whose mobility should have begun but has not and who do not yet have access to OLS:

- It is recommended that, as of now, you invite participants whose mobility should have begun.
- When completing their profile, participants should enter the original dates of their initially planned mobility.
- Their OLS language course will be extended by 4 months after the end of their actual mobility.

For participants whose mobility is upcoming and who do not yet have access to OLS:

- It is recommended that, as of now, you invite participants whose mobility is still upcoming in 2020 so that they can immediately benefit from an OLS language course.
- Should their mobility be delayed or postponed, their licence will be extended so that they can continue to use the language course until their return from their actual mobility.
- If their mobility is ultimately cancelled, they will still have made the most of this language learning experience.
- Should there be any other additional unforeseen changes to your planned mobilities due to the COVID-19 situation in 2020, your National Agency will provide you with the OLS licences required to cover your needs.

A <u>new COVID-19 section</u> has been added to the Support Page. This new section will be continually updated as the situation evolves.

To further enhance the OLS experience and allow all parties to better adapt to these exceptional times, additional tutoring sessions are also planned. More information will follow.

Stay safe. Be well.