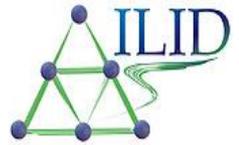




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To whom it may concern

Dear Partners!

On behalf of the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine, Higher Education Reform Experts team, Higher Education Institutions, Youth and other organisations from Ukraine as Partner Country in the EU's Erasmus+ Programme, we would like to extend our gratitude to all support you provided in this challenging time for our country!

We also appreciate the decision and are honoured to become the Candidate Members of the European Union!

It provides us even more strength to continue defending the European Value!

The violation of the European Value by the Russian Aggression is huge and continues growing in spite of the efforts of all the world.

The Chamber of Commerce have announced officially the Force Major Circumstances, please see attached file.

With this particular letter, we are addressing you with a request to consider a Force Major Circumstances for the Erasmus+ Projects.

It is mostly not possible and not safe to implement the Erasmus+ projects activities in Ukraine. However, some team have been performing their activities and even applied to the Jean Monnet actions by March 1st, in between air attacks alarms.

Not all partners have the access to the Internet due to security reasons or destroyed infrastructure, so do not have any opportunity to inform partners about the situation.

As a matter of fact, we would appreciate if you consider this letter as official notification of the Force Major Circumstances for those who failed to inform you accordingly. It is also important to inform the National Agencies and other relevant units of EACEA and coordinating organisations.

Our team has limited access to Internet and unsafety, so we will keep you informed as much as we have the opportunities to do so.

share this letter with all relevant unites EACEA and the National Agencies.

It is difficult to foresee the period of the war and we need any possible stronger support to protect and save human lives, especially kids, young generation and women.

There are many deaths among civil citizens already and wounded people, including kids and students and staff of universities, the infrastructures are destroyed including the one cofounded by the European Commission.



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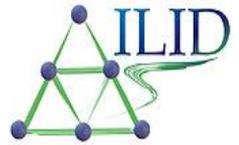
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The staff and students who actively participated in Erasmus and other International Programmes are brave and strong and doing a lot to defend of Ukraine!

At the same time at the cities with the highest level of invasure they were highly recommended by their management for security reasons to be evacuated at the first opportunity, due to their strong position.

The universities management are doing a lot to ensure evacuation of students and staff, however in some Regions, it was not possible from the very first day. We pray, believe and do at most to change the situation at all levels.

Currently, there are cities and towns that are under invasure of the Russian Army, e.g. Kherson Region and the situation there has become critical every day. There are still many civilians, students and staff of the universities remained there and the rectorates are doing at the most to support them and ensure their safety and humanitarian aid and soonest evacuation of civilians who do not agree to live under the new but it is extremely difficult.

We must never allow anybody to kill or wound people, occupy and destroy a peaceful country only because of their nationality and choice to share common European Values! Moreover, in cooperation and with the support of the European Commission we have educated a large cohort of Europeans within Erasmus Generation and have the responsibility to protect them and save them to rebuild our future country.

According to the Programme Guide for all Erasmus+ Actions, European Added Value must be demonstrated but not strangulated!

Considering escalating war, it's time to act and provide strong relevant actions proactive before it's too late.

Thank you for your solidarity, cooperation and support!

Sincerely yours,

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