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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL AGENCIES

Subject: Situation in Ukraine

Dear colleagues,

In the context of the alarming situation in Ukraine, National Agencies are invited to inform the concerned participating organisations and instruct them to contact the individual participants who are currently in Ukraine or Russia, or who are planning to leave to these countries within the coming weeks to explore available options.

Please be reminded that National Agencies may apply the force majeure clause for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps mobility activities taking place in Ukraine and Russia, such as International Credit Mobility activities or others, as foreseen in the template of the grant agreement between National Agencies and the beneficiaries and as defined in the programme guide and other contractual documents. Beneficiaries may thereby cancel, postpone or move activities planned in both countries in the most flexible way, notwithstanding the respect of the general legal framework applying to Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps. Given the exceptional circumstances, the same principles can be applied also to incoming mobility.

More specifically:

- On ongoing outgoing Erasmus+ and European Solidarity mobility to Ukraine or Russia involving participants from Member States or third countries associated to the programmes: As explained above, the force majeure clause may be evoked for an earlier termination of activities taking place in Ukraine or in Russia. All National Agencies should make sure that participating organisations are well aware of the national guidelines for the repatriation of citizens and should be encouraged to keep you updated on these developments. Returning participants should be fully reintegrated in the sending organisation whilst the possibility to continue activities in a virtual modality with host institution/organisation should be explored. Justified repatriation costs will be accepted as exceptional costs, whereas normal reporting requirements apply. In case, exceptional costs are not

an option, participating organisations could opt for the use of Organisational Support funds or a flexible use of regional funds (Regions 2 and 4 for Heading 4).

- On ongoing incoming Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps mobility to Member States and third countries associated to the programmes and involving Ukrainian participants: For all Ukrainian participants currently in one of your countries, beneficiaries are encouraged to explore possibilities to prolong their stay within the programme's rules. National Agencies are also encouraged to stay in contact with national authorities to be able to advise beneficiaries further.
- On planned Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps activities to Ukraine: National Agencies should encourage all beneficiaries with planned outgoing mobilities to Ukraine to check alternative options (e.g. for H2 mobility, change of destination country), or if the action allows switching them into incoming mobilities (e.g. hosting Ukrainian participants) or alternatively in international actions to use the available Heading 4 budget for activities to other Eastern Partnership countries (Region 2). For international mobility, priority should be to maintain people-to-people links with Ukraine (maintaining some levels of incoming mobility) over budget transfers to other Eastern Partnership countries.

We will keep you informed on further guidance and decisions in this context and remain at your disposal for any necessary clarification.

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