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To whom it may concern at the European  
Commission Services and EACEA Units

## Dear Partners!

On behalf of the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine, we would like to express our gratitude for all care and support you provided in this challenging time for our country!

We value and salute the decision and are honoured to become the Candidate Members of the European Union!

Erasmus+ Community demonstrates the strong solidarity, care and support to Ukrainian partners. Within Ukraine the Erasmus partner Universities have also become united and support each other.

Such solidarity provides even more strength and inspiration to continue defending the European Values in Ukraine!

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

The Chamber of Commerce has announced officially the Force Majour Circumstances, please see attached file.

With this particular letter, as a National Erasmus+ Office – Ukraine, we are addressing you with the request to consider a Force Majour Circumstances for the current 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 1<sup>st</sup>, in between air attacks alarms, some failed, thinking of the soonest victory.

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 Majour Circumstances for those who failed to inform you accordingly. It is also important to inform the National Agencies and other relevant EACEA units and to contact coordinating organisations where relevant.

Our team has limited access to Internet and faces safety issues but continue working at best possible way and we will keep you informed as much as we have the possibility to do so.

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.



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There are many deaths among civil citizens already and wounded people, including kids and students and staff of universities, the infrastructure is destroyed including the one co-funded by the European Commission.

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, in the cities with the highest level of invasion it was highly recommended for security reasons to be evacuated at the first opportunity, due to their strong position.

The universities' managements 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.

We must never allow anybody to kill or wound people, make them suffer, 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 Values must be demonstrated but not strangled!

Considering escalating war and that our Ukrainian Armed Forces and all citizens have been defending Ukraine all over the borders for 7 days and nights without any breaks under air attacks, it's critical time to act and provide strong relevant actions proactively before it's too late.

Thank you for your solidarity, cooperation and support!

Sincerely yours,

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