

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (KA107)

Implementing mobility projects affected by Covid-19

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Covid-19 in Austria

- Approx. 20.000 confirmed cases
- Escalation of the crisis in spring could be avoided
- Public life almost entirely shut down between March and May
- Higher education sector
 - All institutions closed for public since March
 - Spring semester organized entirely via distance learning
- Increase of infections since re-opening in June
- Stricter measures expected to be taken for the upcoming weeks

Austrian entry/quarantine requirements

- Website [Austrian embassy Tel Aviv](https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/austrian-embassy-tel-aviv/):
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- Immigration policy for **third country residents** outside EU/EWR quite **severe**
- **Entering Austria** from Israel currently **requires**
 - Entering **from** another **Schengen country** (no direct entry from Israel or other third countries possible)
 - Holding a **COVID-Certificate** not older than 4 days
 - Undergoing a mandatory **10 days quarantine**

Erasmus+ Covid-19 regulations

- Project level
 - Extension of project duration (Call 2018 projects until summer 2021)
- Participant level
 - Physical mobility abroad is still the main objective
 - Virtual components are eligible, but no financial support can be granted
 - Austrian NA: physical mobility includes e-learning at the host institution (-> financial support can be granted)
 - Principle of Force majeure can still be invoked (in case of forced early departure)

The Austrian HEIs' approach

- Outgoing participants willing (and assuming the responsibility) to go abroad, **will be supported**
- Incoming participants will be **accepted**
- Method of teaching at Austrian HEIs for upcoming winter semester **not yet defined**
 - Most probable : “**hybrid model**” with **both physical presence** and **distance learning**
 - Certain **risk of HEIs** continuing to **remain closed** during winter semester depending on COVID-19 developments

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