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To whom it may concern

**HEIs male staff mobility specifics and recent changes in the legislation
related to crossing the border for male students participants in international (credit) mobility**

Dear partners,

On behalf of the National Erasmus+ Community – Ukraine, we thank you for your care, support and solidarity with Ukraine during these years of challenges and consequences of war! We value it and it makes us stronger together!

As you know during martial law in Ukraine, caused by russian invasion to Ukraine, the limitations to cross the border for the males students and staff aged on 18-60 years old as well as young people had been established for the martial law period introduced in 2022. It provides the barriers and challenges for the males participation in the Erasmus+ Programme projects mobility for exchanges and project activities abroad.

However, we would like to highlight that due to the fact that the EU's Erasmus+ Programme is implemented in Ukraine based on the International Agreement between EU and Ukraine, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine provides a specific request letter to the State Border Guard Services of Ukraine to consider the possibility for the **Ukrainian HEIs staff** to cross the border for participation in the Erasmus+ projects' related events and activities, including International Mobility and CBHE, KA220, others cooperation projects that are officially registered in Ukraine.

In order to organise such the mobility possible, the Ukrainian institution should provide a specific request letter and the relevant documents to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. The relevant staff or project coordinator should contact home and host university international relation offices or other relevant contacts for details on the preparation of the required documents well beforehand of the mobility (*e.g. invitation/enrolment/nomination letter, agenda, interinstitutional, mobility, grant or other agreements, project registration card (if relevant), docs from military services centers, etc.*). The communication between home and host institutions/project coordinating institution is a must to apply official procedures for mobility according to the Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the Right on the Academic Mobility. The Ukrainian HEIs are well aware of the procedures.

NEO – Ukraine team is in constant communication with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and Ukrainian HEIs. The decision on the permission from the State Border Guard Services of Ukraine should be checked by home university via [their contacts](#). In 2024 there were positive decisions from the State Border Guard Services so far on HEIs staff for their short-term mobility for Erasmus+ projects related activities (maximum duration: up to 3 weeks).

As for the Students mobility, crossing the border is limited with exclusions for the specific groups (e.g. for over 2 kids fathers, peoples with disabilities, etc.).

Moreover, the **recent changes on the legislation** during martial law on the specifics for the male students crossing the border have been adopted **on April 2nd, 2024 – Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine 02.04.2024 p. N 366**.

The Regulation stipulates that male student will be able to cross the border during martial law for international mobility if he:

- is aged from **18 to 22** years old and is a **full-time student of a Bachelor' degree** (Master's degree in Medicine, Pharmacy or Veterinary) programme **at state or communal higher education institution of Ukraine**;
- is participant of **international academic (credit) mobility**;
- goes to short-term mobility to foreign higher education institution for **1 semester** only.

To cross the border for the purpose of study on international academic mobility programmes, a student must have:

- an official letter from a higher education institution of Ukraine confirming his participation in the academic (credit) mobility programme for a short-term study at a foreign higher education institution, indicating (*specify all relevant details concerning the below in the official letter):
 - information about agreements of cooperation (*Inter-Institutional Agreement),
 - period of the academic semester abroad,
 - lack of negative grades and facts of retaking tests and exams based on the results of the last two semesters (half a year),
 - confirmation of the relevant level of knowledge of the foreign language required for his study during the mobility (*relevant certificate as required by the host university);
- a copy of the academic mobility agreement (*Learning/Internship Agreement) issued by host HEI, certified by the higher educational institution of Ukraine;
- e-card of a student of Ukrainian HEI verified by the governmental official portal – DIIA (*ДІЯ);
- military service registration documents with the appropriate stamps of district, city territorial center for procurement and social support (*ТЦК).

For information. Academic mobility is an opportunity for students to temporarily go abroad for study or internship in order to gain new knowledge and experience. For universities, it is also an instrument to strengthen partnerships with foreign institutions.

Source: [Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine](#)

[*comments from NEO – Ukraine team related to the specifics and the documents available under Erasmus+ Programme](#)

The communication between home and host institutions is a must to discuss all specifics and apply official procedures for mobility according to the requirements of the Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the Right on the Academic Mobility and based on the institutional regulations during martial law.

We would appreciate if you share this information with the relevant agencies and institutions about the specifics on the international mobility for male students and staff from Ukraine during martial law.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you very much for your support, understanding and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



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