

War in Ukraine and Erasmus+ / European Solidarity Corps (ESC) projects

Frequently Asked Questions

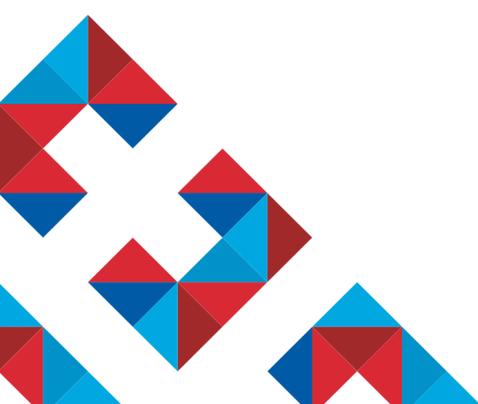
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What should I do if participants (learners, students or staff) are due to go abroad to Ukraine and / or Russia as part of a project?

Please refer to the latest [UK Government foreign travel advice](#). Given the circumstances we appreciate that it may be difficult, or impossible, to progress with your project at the moment. Please bear in mind before arranging travel, accommodation or any other activities that these costs may not be covered by your project contract, for example where the level of risk means it is unrealistic to deliver your project. Organisations may wish to consider 'blended' mobilities, with virtual elements supported by physical mobilities in the future. Moreover you may wish to change project partners, postpone or even cancel project activities. It is important that you email the UK National Agency with any proposed changes and you will be advised as to whether they are possible and if there needs to be an amendment to your contract.

What should I do if I need to make changes to my project as a result of the war in Ukraine?

There are many ways in which the war in Ukraine may have an impact on your project(s). In many cases it may not be necessary to make an amendment to your contract, for example it is possible to delay mobility activities provided that the contract end date is respected. Moreover you may wish to change project partners or even cancel project activities. It is important that you email the UK National Agency with any proposed changes and you will be advised as to whether there needs to



be an amendment to your contract.

What should I do if I need to make changes to my contract as a result of the war in Ukraine?

If the changes you wish to make to your project fall outside of the terms of your contract, or the UK National Agency deems that these changes require a contract amendment, please email the UK National Agency outlining the proposed changes, and you will be advised of the next steps.

In respect of my Erasmus+ or European Solidarity Corps contract, what is force majeure and how does it apply in the case of the war in Ukraine?

If an organisation is unable to fulfil the terms of their contract or would like to make changes to their contract this is sometimes because of a situation beyond their control – force majeure. The war in Ukraine is deemed to be a force majeure, however any changes to an Erasmus+ or European Solidarity Corps contract will need to be approved by the UK National Agency. As stated above please email the UK National Agency outlining the proposed changes, and you will be advised of the next steps.

What if I have incurred additional costs as a result of the war in Ukraine, for example if additional or more costly flights have been purchased?

If you have incurred additional costs as a result of the war in Ukraine you must consult with your insurance provider in the first instance, to ascertain if it's possible to reclaim these costs through an existing policy. If you are unable to claim against your insurance, you may be able to claim the costs as part of your Erasmus+ or European Solidarity Corps grant. Please note that it is not possible to exceed the total amount of funding you have been awarded in accordance with your contract, but it is possible to make other changes to your project. Please email the UK National Agency outlining the proposed changes, and you will be advised of the next steps.

Due to the war in Ukraine some of my Erasmus+ / European solidarity Corps activities need to be delayed, is it possible to extend the project contract accordingly?

If you wish to extend your contract end date you must email the UK National Agency outlining the proposed changes, and you will be advised whether or not it is possible and, if so, of the next steps.

What should I do if participants (learners, students or staff) are abroad, or due to go abroad to countries, that border Ukraine and / or Russia as part of a project and for whom there is a related risk?

It is important that you refer to the latest [UK Government foreign travel advice](#). Please email the UK National Agency if you have specific concerns in relation to your project or if you wish to propose any changes to your project. You will be advised as to whether they are possible and if there needs to be an amendment to your contract.

Contact us

For queries regarding your project and situation, you should contact the organisation which manages your sector.

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