

## Notes Leo-Net webinar July 1, 2020

Participants: 18

**TOPIC:** Questions gathered from the members concerning the current or the future E+ programme

Unfortunately LEO-NET was informed that Johannes Gehringer wasn't able to attend the meeting to reply to the questions. So the decision was taken to go through the questions one by one with the members, to clarify them.

### Questions

(relevant comments and concerns from the members during the webinar have been added):

- One of the questions gathered was 'Will Consortia be included in EWP process as a separate actor for the purposes of project implementation and reporting?'

No concrete answer could be given but it was clear that 'like always' Consortia are not fully recognized. It is therefore **important to stress this to the European Commission**.

LEO-NET's suggestion is to provide the Coordinating Partner of the Consortia with a separate PIC for the Consortia for the purposes of reporting, implementation (and also for project applications available to Consortia) as in many cases the regular KA103 mobilities and the KA103 Mobilities actualized within the framework of Consortia are the responsibility of different units - once the EWP will include traineeships.

- What would be the deadline which would be needed for the universities etc. to know if the present programme will be prolonged or the new programme will start as planned?

The DAAD, Turkish and Spanish National Agencies and probably others extended the 2019-2020 and 2020-2022 both with 1 year.

It is reasonable to expect that both programmes will run simultaneously for 1-2 years.

- In the new programme short term mobility will be included. It is **important that we stress to the EC that the calculation of the grants must be done differently for short and longer term mobilities** because the expenses are different E.g. renting a room <-> a hostel, possibilities to cook or not.
- If the **virtual mobility** period counts as part of the max 12 months per cycle and the students won't receive a grant for this period we don't see the benefit for students at all. How can you then promote it / make it attractive?

Reaction: by focusing on the learning outcomes which can be very valuable.

**Maybe a reduced grant for the virtual part would be reasonable** because students can't have a student job next to a fulltime traineeship.

We should **convince the EC to see the benefit of part-time traineeships**. Also because for employers it is often a legal obstacle to hire/pay trainees for virtual mobility. Not only from outside Europe.

The idea came up that for a next webinar we could **invite members to present their best practice/experience** with virtual mobility.

Aim is to **share the experience of our students** who ended up with a virtual traineeship **last semester**.

We pick up the suggestion launched in the webinar by one of the members, to **draft a short survey** on this topic for those students and their companies to **gather their experiences**.

We could apply for a small project (will be a new feature in the future programme); the content would be writing guidelines for a successful virtual mobility.

- The members participating in the webinar approved to have a e.g. **2-monthly virtual member meeting** with some fixed topics and sharing experience.
- On short term LEO-NET will set a date for the Consortium meeting in November. In case travelling is still not possible/desirable we change the meeting into a virtual format.