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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE ERASMUS+ AND EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS NA DIRECTORS

Subject: Brexit – Continuation of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps and Implementation of Contingency Measures

In my email to National Agencies' Directors from 25 March 2019, I presented an overview of the legal framework applicable to Erasmus+ and the Solidarity Corps under different Brexit scenarios. In the meantime, as you know, the European Council decided¹ on 11 April 2019, in agreement with the United Kingdom, to extend further the period under Article 50(3) TEU until 31 October 2019.² It follows that **the United Kingdom remains a Member State until 31 October 2019, with all rights and obligations**. We would like to remind National Agencies that this also means that **the United Kingdom continues to participate fully in the Erasmus+ programme and the Solidarity Corps**. Furthermore, in case the Withdrawal Agreement³ is ratified before 31 October 2019, the United Kingdom will continue to be eligible under the Erasmus+ programme and the Solidarity Corps.

In case the United Kingdom withdraws from the Union without a withdrawal agreement, the Erasmus+ contingency Regulation⁴ establishes that **Key Action 1 mobilities that are ongoing when the UK withdraws from the EU do not have to be interrupted, even in the no deal scenario**. The Regulation applies to mobility activities starting at the latest on the date of withdrawal (31 October 2019) and which take place in the United Kingdom or involve entities or participants from the United Kingdom. The Regulation is already in force, but will only apply if the United Kingdom leaves the Union without a withdrawal agreement. In that case, it will apply to all National Agencies and beneficiaries from the date following that on which the Treaties cease to apply to and in the United Kingdom, i.e. from 1 November 2019.

This means that the future withdrawal of the United Kingdom cannot be invoked as a justification to cancel a Key Action 1 mobility started (or planned to be started) while the United Kingdom is still a Member State. Please communicate this clearly to beneficiaries so that they are fully aware of the legal

¹ European Council Decision (EU) 2019/584 taken in agreement with the United Kingdom of 11 April 2019 extending the period under Article 50(3) TEU, OJ L 101, 11.4.2019, p. 1–3

² Without prejudice to earlier ratification of the Withdrawal Agreement by the UK, or unanimous decision by the Council to extend this period.

³ Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, OJ, C 144I, 25.4.2019, p. 1.

⁴ [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/499](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 March 2019 laying down provisions for the continuation of ongoing learning mobility activities under the Erasmus+ programme.

requirement to **continue grant payments to participants involved in learning mobility activities which take place in the United Kingdom or involve entities or participants from the United Kingdom and which have started (or are planned to start) by the withdrawal date.**

We will continue to monitor events closely and update the [Brexit FAQs](#) on our website as new information becomes available.

For further information or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact us via your Desk Officer or by sending an email to EAC-NA-coordination@ec.europa.eu.

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