

tropEd Network, temporary measures due to SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic, extension

Dear members of the tropEd network,

As the SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic is continuing to affect all member countries, we have decided in the EC to extend the temporary measures initially taken in 2020. The effects of the pandemic will influence operations of our institutions, student and staff mobility, and also participation in the following GAs. The EC has decided to enforce the following measures (renewed and modified in November 2020 and again in November 2021):

Course Accreditation

All troped courses that are running out of accreditation in the course of the year 2022 will have to be re-accredited again in a regular fashion at one of the General Assemblies in the course of the year 2022. For this purpose tropEd will conduct 3 General Assemblies in 2022. The first GA will take place entirely online; the second and third GA will take place as hybrid assemblies, hence allowing also accreditations with course representatives linked in online.

All tropEd accredited courses that have been accredited as face-to-face courses or as blended learning courses can increase their proportion of online-deliverable content, up to a full online course, in order to meet challenges of mobility by COVID-19, for now and further until 31 December 2022. These changes have to be indicated on the tropEd course accreditation form in track-change-mode, and submitted to troped secretariat. The changes can be submitted until 31 December 2022, and format changes will be accepted for any courses running until 31 December 2022. If SIT/ ECTS will be reduced as part of this measure, this also has to be indicated in the accreditation form.

All temporary measures will automatically run out after 31 December 2022. Hence non-accredited non-renewed courses will lose their accreditation, and courses that were changed in mode of presentation and/or SIT/ECTS will automatically be reset to their former presentation.

TropEd Recognition

For tropEd recognitions, all courses (online, face-to-face or blended) taken from 01 January 2020 until 31 December 2022 will be counted as fully equivalent to face-to-face courses.

All temporary measures may be prolonged by simple majority decision of the EC for another 12-months period, if deemed necessary.

Students interested in following any course at one of the member institutions should contact the respective institutions directly about details on course delivery through the provided contacts in the members or course repository.

With best regards,

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