



MSCA reporting in the time of Covid-19

MSCA online Audit Event

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General principles

- Acting in the **researchers' best interests**, and **offer flexibility** wherever possible
- **Telework permitted** (exc. RISE secondments)
- Running **projects can continue** to run, even when **researchers cannot conduct their research** (e.g. due to lab closures, impossibility to travel, etc.)
- **Researchers receive their normal allowances**, even if prevented from working normally

General principles

- Maximum **EU contribution cannot be increased** (i.e. paid extensions not possible)
- Options: Delayed start dates, suspensions, part-time, etc. all possible on a **case-by-case basis** (with researcher's and REA's agreement)
- Flexibility in terms of reallocating (unspent) **institutional funds to help support researchers** during periods of suspension, or after project end (no time limits)
- Project extensions possible (exc. IF)

Project Reporting

- **Communication is important!** Let us know when you are experiencing delays or difficulties
- Discuss solutions on a **case-by-case basis with your PO**
- **Acceptance of unavoidable delays** regarding deliverables, milestones and reporting deadlines, etc. (missing documents can be submitted in the next reporting period)
- Project implementation may be (heavily) impacted by pandemic: **understanding that projects will not always be completed** within the normal GA duration
- **Maximum flexibility** that the rules will allow

Thank you