



## **COVID-19: update on the situation under T.I.M.E. Association represented country**

**29 May 2020.** As a continuation of the previously published communiqués, T.I.M.E. ASSOCIATION reports on the latest developments in relation to the measures taken by the authorities and the current situation in each T.I.M.E. Country (according to the information provided by each National Agency and/or information published on official websites to which a link is provided).

The European Commission also provides the following link to the various sources of updated information on COVID-19 in the EU/EEA and the United Kingdom: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/eu-eea-and-uk\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/eu-eea-and-uk_en)

T.I.M.E. ASSOCIATION will continue to update the information on a timely basis and will remain available through the usual communication channels.



COUNTRY	UPDATE	LINK
ARGENTNA	Education minister speculates over August return for classes, but says students would go to school only two or three times a week, with a "dual system" of face-to-face teaching and online learning.	<a href="https://www.batimes.com.ar/news/economy/trotta-believes-that-the-class-would-take-place-in-august.phtml">https://www.batimes.com.ar/news/economy/trotta-believes-that-the-class-would-take-place-in-august.phtml</a>
AUSTRALIA	University of Queensland: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Semester 1 teaching is online.</li><li>• Semester 2 teaching will be online with face-to-face teaching and other learning activities where possible.</li><li>• Staff are working from home where possible.</li></ul> Non-essential gatherings must be limited to ten people.  Events not integral to our teaching or research are cancelled until 30 June 2020.	<a href="https://about.uq.edu.au/coronavirus">https://about.uq.edu.au/coronavirus</a>  <a href="https://about.uq.edu.au/coronavirus/students">https://about.uq.edu.au/coronavirus/students</a>
AUSTRIA	To reduce the number of students in classes and therefore the risk of infection, a shift system is implemented in schools for stages two and three:  <b>Stage 1:</b> from 04/05, students who graduate from secondary schools and all final classes in the field of vocational training return to classes.	<a href="https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/beratung/corona/corona_info/corona_etappenplan.html">https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/beratung/corona/corona_info/corona_etappenplan.html</a>



	<p><b>Stage 2:</b> from 18/05, educational activity begins in Primary Education schools, lower general secondary schools, schools with the new system of middle secondary education, special education schools, as well as in all classes with a shortened year of instruction in middle and upper secondary vocational schools.</p> <p><b>Stage 3:</b> on 03/06, the reopening of all the other classes of the polytechnics, the general secondary schools of the second cycle, the secondary schools of the medium and higher level of vocational training, as well as the transition levels is continued.</p>	
<b>BELGIUM</b>	<p>On 24/04 the Belgian National Security Council took a series of measures as part of the COVID-19 exit strategy for Belgium, divided into a series of phases throughout the month of May and June.</p> <p><b>Universities will remain closed until further notice.</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.belgium.be/en/news/2020/coronavirus">https://www.belgium.be/en/news/2020/coronavirus</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.belgium.be/en/news">https://www.belgium.be/en/news</a>;</p> <p><a href="https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/news/">https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/news/</a></p>
<b>BRAZIL</b>	To be confirmed	
<b>CANADA</b>	<p>Polytechnique Montréal</p> <p><b>RESTRICTED ACCESS</b> Access to Polytechnique buildings and facilities is forbidden at this time, with the exception of specified individuals.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.polymtl.ca/covid19/en">https://www.polymtl.ca/covid19/en</a></p>



	<p><b>EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b> Summer 2020 Semester: Short and Long Summer 2020 Semesters will take place via remote learning. Autumn 2020 Semester: the <a href="#">Autumn 2020 semester will take place via e-learning</a>, unless otherwise noted.</p> <p><b>RESEARCH LABS</b> Only essential activities are currently taking place, with the explicit authorization of lab leaders. A pilot project in certain on-campus labs is currently underway; it will establish the guidelines and procedures required for the progressive resumption of activities in Polytechnique research labs.</p>	
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<p>Classes at all levels of education have been suspended since 11/03. Educational establishments and universities are advised to use online forms of teaching and learning.</p> <p>The government has established a preliminary plan for a reopening of educational institutions. From 20/04, individual meetings and exams are allowed for students in the final years of universities, allowing a maximum of 5 people in one place.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/default.aspx">https://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/default.aspx</a></p>
CHINA	<p><b>Beihang University:</b> “According to the Ministry of Education and the People's Government of Beijing Municipality, colleges and universities in Beijing can have willing Spring 2020 graduates back in batches since June 6, if they receive the</p>	<p><a href="https://ev.buaa.edu.cn/info/1013/2627.htm">https://ev.buaa.edu.cn/info/1013/2627.htm</a></p>



	<p>approval and meet the requirements for campus epidemic prevention and control.”</p> <p>Xi’An Jiaotong University – to be confirmed</p>	
<b>DENMARK</b>	<p>The restrictions will remain in place until phase 4 (according to the plan announced on 08/05), starting in early August for all remaining educational institutions.</p> <p><b>Phase 2 – Expansion 27 May</b></p> <p>Entails a full opening of public research, which requires physical presence. At the same time, higher education will again be able to conduct oral exams physically as well as teaching activities that require physical attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Much of the research has already been reopened. Full reopening of public research requiring physical presence is now underway from 27 May. This applies to all researchers as a starting point, while educational institutions assess the specific need for attendance, taking into account the health professional recommendations.</li><li>• Higher education can conduct oral exams physically as well as teaching activities that require physical attendance. Many exams are still expected to be completed online.</li><li>• All public employees, except in the Capital Region and Region Zealand, can return on 27 May.</li></ul>	<p><a href="https://www.dtu.dk/english/Service/coronavirus/partial-reopening-in-phases">https://www.dtu.dk/english/Service/coronavirus/partial-reopening-in-phases</a></p> <p><a href="https://politi.dk/en/coronavirus-in-denmark/controlled-reopening-of-denmark">https://politi.dk/en/coronavirus-in-denmark/controlled-reopening-of-denmark</a></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full reopening of higher education in phase 4, expected in early August</li></ul> <p><b>Phase 3 – 8 June</b></p> <p>It is premature to say exactly how phase 3 will be implemented for the universities. But DTU expects that the authorities will establish a general framework for how many people must be present at DTU simultaneously, registration and documentation of the number of people present, and new and adjusted guidelines for distance, cleaning, etc.</p> <p><b>Phase 4</b></p> <p>In phase 4 of the reopening, a full opening of all programmes is expected. At present, it is unclear what the framework will be. Finally, both stages 3 and 4 depend on whether the epidemic is under control.</p>	
<b>FINLAND</b>	<p>The National Erasmus+ Agency in Finland provides information on this subject through the following web link: <a href="https://www.oph.fi/en/news">https://www.oph.fi/en/news</a></p> <p>The restrictions on general upper secondary schools, vocational schools, <b>higher education institutions</b> and liberal education have also remained in place until <b>13/05</b>. From 14/05, face-to-face teaching can be resumed in a controlled and gradual manner. However, the government recommends that universities, <b>universities of applied</b></p>	More information: <a href="https://www.oph.fi/en/news/2020/covid-related-restrictions-education-gradually-lifted-finland-1452020">https://www.oph.fi/en/news/2020/covid-related-restrictions-education-gradually-lifted-finland-1452020</a>



	<p><b>sciences</b>, upper secondary schools, vocational training institutes, liberal adult education institutions and basic education for adults to continue distance learning until the end of the semester. Education providers can decide for themselves to what extent they will organize face-to-face teaching as required. In the summer, face-to-face teaching will be organized according to hygiene and physical distance guidelines.</p>	
<b>FRANCE</b>	<p>Regarding Higher Education institutions, the President of France has announced that Higher Education classes will not physically resume until the summer.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus">https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus</a></p>
<b>GERMANY</b>	<p>The German Länder have agreed on a common approach to organising the summer semester 2020. The aim, therefore, is to create the right conditions for universities to carry out teaching and research in the best possible way in the summer semester 2020.</p> <p>Should more far-reaching decisions regarding the design of the summer semester 2020 and the scheduling of the application and admission procedure for the winter semester 2020/2021 become necessary due to developments, the following key points should be taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The dates of the 2020 summer semester will not be postponed.</li><li>• Dates for the application and admission process for</li></ul>	<p><a href="https://www.kmk.org/aktuelles/artikelansicht/kmk-sommersemester-2020-findet-statt.html">https://www.kmk.org/aktuelles/artikelansicht/kmk-sommersemester-2020-findet-statt.html</a></p>



	<p>undergraduate courses will be adjusted for the winter semester 2020/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Classes at universities and universities of applied sciences for the winter semester 2020/2021 will begin on 01/11/2020.</b></li></ul>	
<b>GREECE</b>	<p>The Greek authorities have presented the programme for deconfinement and gradual return to normal in Greece with a timetable divided into four stages</p> <p>On the basis of this deconfinement programme, on an educational level, as of 11/05, students in their final year of secondary education are reinstated in classes; as of 18/05, students in grades 7 to 11 of secondary education are reinstated in classes; and as of 01/06, if the data on the containment of the propagation of COVID-19 allow it, students in infant, primary and other secondary education are reinstated in classes.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Embajadas/ATENAS/es/Noticias/Paginas/Articulos/20200408_NO T1.aspx">http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Embajadas/ATENAS/es/Noticias/Paginas/Articulos/20200408_NO T1.aspx</a></p>
<b>HUNGARY</b>	<p>On 12/03 a state of emergency was decreed and a series of measures were imposed for an indefinite period, higher education institutions have been closed since that date (only online teaching programmes are offered) and all school trips, camps and transnational mobility programmes have been halted.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.kormany.hu/en/the-prime-minister/news/students-cannot-go-to-school-from-monday-ten-task-forces-set-up">https://www.kormany.hu/en/the-prime-minister/news/students-cannot-go-to-school-from-monday-ten-task-forces-set-up</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.kormany.hu/en/the-prime-minister/news/restrictions-on-movement-to-be-imposed-in-hungary">https://www.kormany.hu/en/the-prime-minister/news/restrictions-on-movement-to-be-imposed-in-hungary;</a></p>



	<p>Since Monday 16/03, students are not allowed to attend educational institutions, Prime Minister Viktor Orbán announced. As of that day, a new working procedure is introduced in education, a digital working arrangement outside the classroom.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.kormany.hu/en/the-prime-minister/news/restrictions-on-movement-to-be-extended-indefinitely">https://www.kormany.hu/en/the-prime-minister/news/restrictions-on-movement-to-be-extended-indefinitely</a></p>
<b>ITALY</b>	<p>The Prime Minister of Italy, Giuseppe Conte also announced on 26/04 in an interview with the newspaper <i>La Repubblica</i> that the schools will reopen in September.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.governo.it/it/articolo/intervista-la-repubblica/14517">http://www.governo.it/it/articolo/intervista-la-repubblica/14517</a></p>
<b>JAPAN</b>	<p>Reopening of Campus Facilities in Stages</p>	<p><a href="https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/news/2020/May/27/48-70099/">https://www.keio.ac.jp/en/news/2020/May/27/48-70099/</a></p>
<b>NORWAY</b>	<p>The Norwegian government announced on 08/04 the following measures on the educational level</p> <p>As of 27/04, some students who are at the end of their studies and who depend on the use of facilities and equipment at their educational institution are also allowed to return to their universities, colleges and technical vocational institutions.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/norway-to-lift-covid-19-restrictions-gradually-and-cautiously/id2697060/">https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/norway-to-lift-covid-19-restrictions-gradually-and-cautiously/id2697060/</a> ; <a href="https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/prime-ministers-remarks-at-press-conference-on-changes-to-the-coronavirus-measures2/id2697078/">https://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/prime-ministers-remarks-at-press-conference-on-changes-to-the-coronavirus-measures2/id2697078/</a></p>



<b>POLAND</b>	In the universities, teaching activity can be carried out from 25/05 onwards in classes for senior students and in classes that are not suitable for distance learning.	More information: <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus/temporary-limitations">https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus/temporary-limitations</a>  The most up-to-date information on the status of the coronavirus in Poland can be found on this government website: <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus">https://www.gov.pl/web/coronavirus</a>
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	The Portuguese government has announced that teaching activities in the school are suspended for the third quarter of this academic year 2019/2020: <a href="https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/comunicacao/comunicado?i=suspensao-das-atividades-letivas-presenciais-3-period">https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/comunicacao/comunicado?i=suspensao-das-atividades-letivas-presenciais-3-period</a>	The most up-to-date information: <a href="https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/comunicacao/comunicados">https://www.portugal.gov.pt/pt/gc22/comunicacao/comunicados</a>
<b>ROMANIA</b>	On 27/04 it was announced that schools (almost all levels, including kindergartens) and <b>universities will be closed until September</b> . Students in the last grades before the national exams (8th and 12th grades) will attend school for 2-3 weeks at the beginning of June, before the national exams, which will take place under special safe conditions at the beginning of the summer.	<a href="https://stirioficial.ro/informatii">https://stirioficial.ro/informatii</a>



<b>RUSSIA</b>	In March 2020, 60 percent of Russian universities provided distant learning without major interruptions. Another quarter of higher education institutions offered studying from home, but experienced occasional problems. The country's education ministry recommended all universities to switch to distance learning as a preventive measure against the spread coronavirus (COVID-19).	<a href="https://www.statista.com/statistics/1106140/russia-university-distance-learning-due-to-covid-19/">https://www.statista.com/statistics/1106140/russia-university-distance-learning-due-to-covid-19/</a>
<b>SPAIN</b>	<p><b>The state of alarm</b>, which was first declared on 14/03 throughout the country for 15 calendar days (<a href="#">BOE</a>), <b>is extended until 7 June</b>. In that sense, containment measures in the field of education and training continue to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Classroom-based educational activity is suspended in all centres and in all stages, cycles, grades, courses and levels of education referred to in Article 3 of Organic Law 2/2006, of 3 May, on Education, including university education, as well as any other educational or training activities provided in other public or private centres.</li><li>• During the period of suspension, educational activities will be maintained through the distance and online modalities, whenever possible.</li></ul> <p><b>Ministry of Universities.</b> The <a href="#">web section launched has</a> information on the repercussions of the COVID-19 in relation to the actions and procedures before the Ministry of Universities.</p>	



<b>SWEDEN</b>	<p>Despite concerns about Covid-19, applications from international students seeking to study degree courses in Sweden have increased by 12% on last year's figures. However, uncertainty remains as to whether students will be able to begin their studies in person in autumn.</p>	<p><a href="https://thepienews.com/news/sweden-international-applications-up-12-despite-covid-19-uncertainty/">https://thepienews.com/news/sweden-international-applications-up-12-despite-covid-19-uncertainty/</a></p> <p>KTH: <a href="https://intra.kth.se/en/campus/sakerhet/kris/corona/information-till-studenter-med-anledning-av-coronaviruset-1.965905">https://intra.kth.se/en/campus/sakerhet/kris/corona/information-till-studenter-med-anledning-av-coronaviruset-1.965905</a></p> <p>Lund University: <a href="https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/about/the-universitys-handling-of-the-coronavirus">https://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/about/the-universitys-handling-of-the-coronavirus</a></p>
<b>TURKEY</b>	<p>As a precautionary measure, Turkey cancels trips abroad by students, teachers and staff in the framework of international educational projects, and postpones meetings of these projects in Turkey to a later date.</p> <p><b>All Higher Education institutions have also been closed since 16/03.</b></p> <p>On 29/04 the Minister of National Education, Ziya Selçuk, announced that <b>distance education will continue until 31/05</b> within the framework of the recommendations of the Scientific Committee: <a href="http://www.meb.gov.tr/uzaktan-egitim-31-mayisa-kadar-devam-edecek/haber/20803/tr">http://www.meb.gov.tr/uzaktan-egitim-31-mayisa-kadar-devam-edecek/haber/20803/tr</a></p>	<p>More information on the situation of COVID-19 in Turkey can be read on this government website: <a href="https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/">https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/</a></p>



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