

Dear Partner,

We hope that you are doing well and are all in good health and spirit, despite the difficulties of this period and we would like to express our gratitude for your continued efforts for the success of our collaboration.

With this email, we want to let you know more about the organization of student mobility in 2020-2021 (from September 2020). Just like you, we are trying to deal with the prevailing uncertainty. However, we are aware that students are getting in touch with you to organize their mobility exactly as your students are getting in touch with us.

The Haute Ecole Charlemagne has taken a number of actions to limit the impact of this crisis on students and staff. All classes and exams have been moved online this semester, including the degree ceremonies.

As we prepare for the fall intake, we are adapting each program to ensure that courses may begin properly. For the time being we are not sure on how the classes will be organized during the first semester, so we are ready for different situations. In any case, the teaching modalities will be the same for both Erasmus and local students.

We are well equipped with online (distance) synchronous teaching (which will be also recorded to help potential international students and Erasmus). We insist that your students arrive in Liège before September 14th.

Some classes might be blended. If possible, and the health authorities agree, we shall have some classes also in presence, of course maintaining social distancing (1,5 meters between seats).

We hope to be able to give you a more precise information after August 15th.

HECh campuses are well equipped to respect health and hygiene restrictions. Furthermore, the health situation in Belgium is stabilizing and we recently started a new phase of the exit strategy.

However, no one knows how the situation will evolve nor what impact this situation could have on welcoming exchange students at HECh next term.

We are happy to continue receiving your students, even if they need to start classes online, and we will work to ensure that every student has a great experience, despite the situation.

This is why we are accepting nominations at the moment. Your students intending to come to HECh in September 2020 can complete the application form (<https://www.hech.be/fr/nos-services/relations-internationales>). Many have already done so.

We recommend however that, at least for the moment, they do not book any flight accommodations, unless they can recover the full amount.

Social and cultural life may not resume in a normal and usual way in September. Moreover, we know how important this is in the Erasmus experience. To what extent life will be “normal” does not depend on us, but we shall do whatever is in our hands to help students settle well if they decide to come in the first semester. Were they to decide to change semester, we will be happy to host them, by increasing the number of students we accept.

In summary, your students (our incoming students) are welcome, even if the conditions of their academic stay are still uncertain. They are also welcome to change semester if this is possible

in terms of LA, graduation dates etc. With this respect, we shall be very grateful if you could also accommodate possible requests of some of our students to change semester.

Of course, we are happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Best regards,