

Dear students,

In our International Office update from April, we informed you on the current situation and possible scenario's regarding your upcoming fall exchange.

Unfortunately, since this update, more and more partner schools have cancelled the inbound exchange completely, or only offer the remote exchange.

At current, we are still waiting for some more final decisions of partner schools. This may take up to mid-June. These late decisions are often a result of their government updates.

Any update or final decision from partner schools are immediately shared with those students concerned. We deeply regret when we need to share any "bad" news with you and moreover that we cannot offer you an alternative like deferring your exchange to Spring 2021, a Sandwich Track or Add-On Track.

We fully understand that receiving such news is hard to process and that it raises a lot of creative questions among you. We have inventoried all your questions and creative solutions and thoroughly discussed these with (I)BA programme management.

By means of the FAQ below, we hope that we can respond to all of these.

My fall exchange has been cancelled; can I still do a Sandwich Track?

No, unfortunately the Sandwich Track for 2020-2021 is no longer an option, see also the [current students page](#).

Can I do the Add-On Track and go on exchange during that track?

During an Add-On Track you can never do an exchange, an exchange always need to take place in your 3rd Bachelor year, see again [current students page](#).

Can I keep my current exchange spot and make use of it in fall 2021?

The International Office is not able to reserve your exchange spot for next academic year. We are not in the position to send more students than exchange spots previously negotiated on with the partner school. Extra spots would mean a huge impact on the partner schools' facilities, think of capacity in courses/class, accommodation, and administrative processes.

The partner school I was selected for, cancelled the fall exchange. Can I change my exchange destination to one which is likely to open for exchanges in fall 2020?

No, the International Office is not able to arrange you an exchange destination at a different partner school. Nomination and application deadlines have already expired some time ago. Furthermore, also at these schools there is still the risk that they cancel the inbound exchange in the end.

Can I defer my fall 2020 exchange to spring 2021 or even fall 2021?

No, this is due to the [transition](#) to our new bachelor programme. The academic year 2020-21 will be the last year during which the “old” 3rd year bachelor programme is offered and you are required to graduate according to the examination programme that you started. For this reason, you cannot switch to the new bachelor programme if you started in academic year 2018-2019 or before. Following courses of the new bachelor programme do not count towards your diploma!

Last, exchange spots are reserved for the current B1 students who will apply in the selection round starting in November 2020.

What are my alternatives?

Alternative options offered by partner school

Some partner schools cancel the physical exchange but offer remote exchanges.

If no travel restrictions, you can do a remote exchange in the host country or do the remote exchange from home.

Or you start with a remote exchange and if the situation improves at your host country, you can arrive at the partner school at a later stage in the fall term.

However, all options differ per partner school and if they do offer such alternatives. We need to respect each schools’ policy.

If you are offered an alternative, there are several things to keep in mind before you decide.

- In all cases, make sure the International Office is informed on any of your decisions. Some schools have given you a deadline, if not, feel free to ask them how much time you have to consider the alternative.
- Whatever solution you would like to make use of, the minimum workload remains 20 EC.
- When applying for scholarships, like Erasmus+, check all conditions! Erasmus+ e.g. will require you to be physically be in the host country for at least 3 months. A remote exchange in the Netherlands or in your home country does count as “study abroad” and you will not be eligible for this scholarship.

Alternatives for trimester 7 at RSM/EUR: internship or minor

Internship: please check the [RSM Career Portal](#) or contact [RSM’s Career Centre](#) to discuss the options.

Minor: if a minor will be your alternative in case the exchange will be cancelled, we advise you to register your Minor preferences in Osiris now! Registration for the minors is possible until May 31, 2020. In case, your exchange plans change, you can deregister yourself in Osiris between June 15-30. After June 30 June you can deregister by contacting the Minor Coordination. You can also change/register your minor preferences in the period of June 15-30; however, you can only choose the minors that still have places available after the lottery from 31 May. For more information on minors please see this page: <https://www.eur.nl/en/education/minors/eur-students>

Besides obtaining credits, you might be interested in helping out or joining organizations like e.g. STAR and ESN. [STAR](#) is e.g. looking for committee members and [ESN](#) is looking for buddies.

Master Exchange Programme at RSM

After your bachelor programme you might consider doing an exchange in the Master programme at RSM. When selecting students for the master exchange and you qualify, the International Office **will give priority to those students of which the exchange has been cancelled by the partner school only**. There is, unfortunately no guarantee that you will be offered the same spot as in your bachelor exchange programme as the network of partner schools is not the same for both exchange programmes and selection criteria differ at master level.

See for more information on the master exchange programme: [RSM Master Exchange Programme](#)

What to do, when you are not sure yet whether your exchange will continue as planned?

Continuation of exchange preparations

If you are hoping for the best to start your exchange, like the partner school, please continue with your exchange (application) preparations and stick to the partner schools' deadlines. We expect that the partner school will keep you up to date. In case we receive any information, we will contact you at your Eur student email.

Do I continue with the preparations as soon as costs are involved?

A month ago, we advised you to continue with the application process at the partner school until the time comes when costs are involved (visa, housing, flight tickets). In a lot of cases schools inform students not to buy a ticket yet. It is more difficult to advise students whether to start the visa application or not. In a lot of countries, you can start the process and apply (for which you need to pay) but at the same time, the visa process for new applications has not started, because government rules do not allow them. But if you wait, will your application be processed in time for your arrival at the partner school? Unfortunately, we cannot help you with this decision and is therefore up to you. It will be your own responsibility and risk if you decide to go ahead with these payments.

Should I start the process of the Exchange Study Plan?

Yes, that is one thing that you can do for sure. As long as you know what courses are on offer at the partner school, go ahead with this process as described on our Canvas page.

Our International Office will continue to keep you updated on any developments regarding your exchange programme. This can either be on an individual basis or through a document like this.

We thank you for your patience and flexibility and hope this document answers most of your urgent questions.

All the best, stay safe and healthy - RSM International Office

All general questions (for papers to get signed /send to partner schools: intoffice@rsm.nl)

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