

AIESEC takes your security very seriously.

We explain how AIESEC is dealing with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and how you can get more information.

COVID-19 Current information

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Background

Together we are monitoring how the situation around COVID-19 develops. Every day there are new developments, but our most important concern remains the health and well-being of our members, employees, customers or partners around the world.

AIESEC responds to the outbreak and ensures that no members, employees, customers or partners are put at risk while involved in AIESEC activities.

Planning a journey or staying abroad is not easy. Even under the best of circumstances it is a challenging and emotional process. We know how stressful this particular situation is and we share your concerns. As your partner for international programmes, we are here to help you make the right decisions; whether it concerns your trip next week or you are just deciding to postpone your trip to a later date. We understand that in these uncertain times, the need for flexibility has grown and if the best decision for you is to postpone your exchange, we are here for you.

The current situation is very dynamic, therefore we kindly ask you to understand that all decisions we have made or will make should help us to manage the future of our exchange participants and partners.

What we do

1. Provide information

In order to guarantee your own safety, it is important that you are always up to date on the effects of the coronavirus:

- Information on the new coronavirus can be found on the website of the [Robert Koch Institute \(in German\)](#) or in the [WHO Web Page \(in English\)](#).

- The [Federal Foreign Office](#) (AA) provides current assessments of the safety of travellers to affected regions.
- In addition, you can find current assessments of the situation on the website of the [World Health Organization](#). AIESEC does not give any recommendations here and does not offer travel medical advice.
- Hotlines for citizens are offered by the Federal Ministry of Health (BMG), the Independent Patient Advice Service Germany, as well as some federal states and health insurance companies.
- Information for citizens, including hygiene tips and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ), is available from the BZgA at www.infektionsschutz.de, as well as in the WHO website.
- We support the BMG's call not to distribute questionable social media information, but to rely only on information provided by the authorities and relevant institutions.
- In addition, our questions and answers section is available at the bottom of the page.

2. Restrictions on internships and volunteer projects

Due to the increasing number of infections, we are taking the following measures:

- We recommend starting projects abroad only from July 2021. Projects and internships can, however, be started before July 2021, as long as the respective travel regulations allow and all parties involved compromise on following the national and international safety and precaution measures.
- In all cases, we strongly advise against travel to risk areas designated by the RKI. The RKI regularly updates the list of risk areas, information can be found [here](#).

3. Information and measures for participants who want to start a project / internship before July 2021

As the number of infections continues to rise, projects or internships that have already been planned may have to be postponed or canceled. In this case, please contact your AIESEC contact person in your city and discuss all options with him / her. The following options are available:

1. Agree to the project / internship postponement and update the new project / internship data together with your buddy on aiesec.org.
2. Find a new project or internship in the same country together with your buddy and update your project / internship data accordingly on aiesec.org.

3. Find a new project or internship in another country together with your buddy and update your project / internship data accordingly on aiesec.org.
4. Cancel the contract together with your buddy.

4. Information and measures for participants who are currently abroad with AIESEC.

Follow local regulations to contain the further COVID-19 outbreak. Your local AIESEC contact person can help you get the latest information and inform you about changes. Make sure to be in constant contact with your contact person and to proactively inform yourself about the applicable regulations in your country.

In addition, the following information sources can be used for further context:

1. Daily updated information from the [Health Service of the Federal Foreign Office](#)
2. Information of the [International Air Transport Association \(IATA\) on entry restrictions of various countries](#)
3. [Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by Johns Hopkins CSSE](#)

The Executive Board of AIESEC Germany monitors the outbreak in all countries and areas where the organization is physically present and ensures that our actions here and on site are taken in accordance with the international advice and precautions of the World Health Organization and federal and local authorities.

We face great challenges. We are encouraged by the impact of intercultural exchange and shared experiences as a central point to the human experience. We strongly believe that the world is recovering - and will emerge stronger - as soon as the situation improves.

Yours,

AIESEC Deutschland

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I still register on aiesec.de for an exchange program?

Yes, you can still register for one of our programs without any obligation. We just recommend that you do not leave the country now, but stay at home and, while you wait for further developments, you can start to plan your future stay abroad, once it is safe again.

Which projects or internships can I apply for?

You can continue to apply for all projects and internships that you can find on our platform. However, we recommend starting your stay abroad after July 2021.

I already have a project that should start before 01.07.2021.

What can and should I do?

If the entry regulations of the destination country permit, you can start your project or internship as planned. If it is not possible to start the project or internship, see point 3 for more information.

Will my project or internship take place?

This depends on your individual case. Basically, however: projects and internships can be started. If your project or internship is postponed or canceled by the project or internship provider, please contact your local AIESEC contact.

How can I protect myself against the coronavirus?

Behaviours are identical to those for protection against influenza viruses:

- [Regularly and sufficiently long hand washing](#) (at least 20 seconds under running water with soap)
- [Proper coughing and sneezing into a disposable handkerchief or into the crook of your arm](#)
- Keep away from people with coughs, colds or fevers; do not shake hands in general
- Keep hands away from face (mucous membranes in mouth and nose as well as eyes)

DOWNLOADS

How can I protect myself from an infection? Download in [German](#) | [English](#) | [Turkish](#) (barrier-free PDF files)

Will my insurance cover the cost of quarantine?

Quarantine for prevention, applies to people that may or may not have been diagnosed with COVID-19 but do not show symptoms and are being quarantined for preventive measures. This is not medical care and therefore not covered.

Quarantine/Isolation, applies to people that show symptoms and need to be diagnosed and/or treated. These patients are being hospitalised in isolation or in a single room in order not to contaminate others. This is medical care (inpatient care) and therefore covered.

Does my insurance cover treatment of COVID-19?

COVID-19 is not excluded from coverage so anyone who gets infected is covered for the required medical treatment as per the plan's terms and conditions.

Is my dream of a year abroad now over? Should I even make plans and book a trip?

First of all, we assume that all trips and programs can take place in countries that have no entry restrictions and that are carried out by our local partners. If the Federal Foreign Office issues a travel warning for a travel destination, we will inform all participants concerned. They then have the option of rebooking their trip to a later date or to another country or program. This means that you can apply for one of our programs or travel abroad with AIESEC without worries and risk.

I wanted to do my project outside of Europe but due to the pandemic it won't be possible in the near future. What can I do?

We also have exciting projects within our partner countries in Europe. However, if you are only interested in projects outside of Europe, you can still be accepted for one of our projects, which is expected to start from July 2021. Although it is currently not certain whether it will then be possible to leave Europe, it is expected that the situation will improve by then. If you are not legally allowed to travel or the project is canceled shortly before the expected start of the project, the best thing to do is to look at the following questions.

In which circumstances are projects canceled?

At AIESEC, the health and safety of our participants always comes first. Therefore, before starting a specific project, we check whether the conditions are met without affecting health and safety. The current declaration of the World Health Organization (WHO) on the situation in the country is taken into account. If these are not met, we will terminate the project and inform all parties involved about the decision. So you can be sure that if your project has not been canceled, you will not be in danger as long as

you comply with the safety measures of the country and the World Health Organization (WHO).

In which situations can I request a refund? What is included and when can I request a refund?

You can only request and receive a refund if the project you were accepted for has been canceled or you are legally prohibited from traveling in the 30 days before your project starts. This means that you can send the official refund request via email within 30 days of the project's expected start date. In these cases, regardless of the situation, the refund only includes the full fee that you paid to AIESEC Germany. In all other cases there will be no reimbursement, but the period of the project can be changed for free if AIESEC has recommended it. This is based on travel guidelines of the World Health Organization or the government.

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