COVID-19 EMERGENCY – PHASE 2
MEASURES AFFECTING STUDENT MOBILITY

EXCHANGE MOBILITY, SEMP AND ERASMUS STUDY/TRAINEESHIP MOBILITY

ACTIVATED MOBILITIES
Undergoing mobilities can be carried out regularly in agreement with the host institution. Upon official request, the end date can also be postponed and the mobility be prolonged. In particular, for all activated mobilities can be adopted the following measures:

1. SUSPENSION WITH LATER REACTIVATION, for mobilities that started before phase 1 of the emergency and were suspended because of the closure of the host institution. Mobilities under this category can exceptionally be reactivated in order to be completed in their total duration and can end at a later date under the same conditions previously agreed upon (in case of Erasmus or SEMP mobilities, they need to end by 31st May 2021).

2. SUSPENSION OF ATTENDANCE, for mobilities that started before phase 1 of the emergency and were suspended because of the closure of the host institution. Mobilities under this category can exceptionally be carried out by means of distance learning, in case the host institution moved their didactics online (distance learning – blended mobility) or for those traineeship projects that can be carried out at distance with the consent of the supervisor/tutor.

POSTPONED MOBILITIES
This category includes mobilities that were originally planned to start in the months of March, April or May 2020. It will exceptionally be possible, in agreement with the host institution, to postpone the mobility to a later date under the same conditions previously agreed upon (in case of Erasmus or SEMP mobilities, they need to end by 31st May 2021). The mobility can start by means of distance learning, with the consent of the supervisor and the tutor, but it needs to include a period abroad.

INTERRUPTED MOBILITIES
Mobilities under this category cannot be reactivated in any case and the money contribution will be recalculated based on the actual days of stay abroad. Students whose expenses exceeded the amount received are allowed to request a reimbursement; in order to do so, they will need to submit receipts of all the expenses incurred while abroad.

CANCELLED MOBILITIES
This category includes those mobilities that did not start and that cannot or will not be postponed.
MOBILITIES IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

Calls for application to mobility positions abroad have been regularly published, but all positions have been assigned under condition that the situation will allow mobilities abroad. What will prove determinant will be national and European regulations, but also the political decisions taken by partner institutions.

Students who have been assigned a mobility position can agree with the host institution to start their mobility virtually or to postpone it to the second semester. As an exception to the Didactic Regulations, this possibility will also be granted to students who will activate their mobility in the year immediately after the end of their enrolment at the Scuola Normale.

MOBILITY COMMITTEE OF THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES / FACULTY OF SCIENCES / FACULTY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

At the end of the health emergency all the off-site activities of study and research that were previously authorised and then suspended or interrupted will restart and the Committees will meet to evaluate any requests already submitted and not yet authorised, as well as new requests. Committee meetings, that are normally organised monthly for the Faculties of Humanities and Sciences, and thrice per year (in October, February and June) for the Faculty of Political Sciences, will be scheduled by the Committee members based on the situation and the number of requests.

During the emergency, it is still possible to submit a request to participate virtually in a seminar or Summer School that require an enrolment fee for which students intend to ask for a reimbursement. Some issues raised by students include:

- worrying about not being able to postpone the mobility because they are currently enrolled at the last year of their course and they will not have access to the funding after the 31st October. The SNS is considering the possibility to extend the PhD scholarship for all students, regardless of the length of the course (three or four years), and granting them the possibility to keep requesting mobility funds for the whole period of the scholarship;
- worrying about not being able to complete the mobility in the current year of enrolment because they already benefited from a reimbursement of the expenses incurred during the first period of the interrupted mobility and they will thus reach the limit of individual reimbursement allowed by the Committee. All requests and the new conditions of activities that were previously suspended or interrupted because of the emergency will be examined anew by the Committees, that will adopt some flexibility when evaluating the individual limit of expenses. Mobilities postponed to 2021 will not be affected, as the limit of reimbursements is reverted to zero at the beginning of every calendar year.

CO-TUTELLE

The Scuola will have to agree with its partner institutions the new calendar of activities to be performed in the two seats: it is absolutely necessary that the partner university accept the terms of the variations on the new co-tutelle agreement in order to avoid the risk of non-recognition of
the double title because of non-compliance on the SNS part. It is necessary to wait for the evolving of the health emergency before starting to discuss changes to the agreements.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

Italian citizens in study or traineeship mobility within the European Union are covered by their TEAM Card.
Italian citizens involved in an extra-EU mobility or international students who voluntarily registered to the Italian Health Service and activated a mobility outside of Italy need to buy health insurance coverage.
During the lockdown, the Scuola bought a temporary health insurance (valid in case of a pandemic) for all those students in mobility abroad.

**VALIDITY OF RESIDENCE PERMITS**

In occasion of the health emergency, the Italian Government extended the validity of residence permits until 31st August 2020.
The ministerial offices are now starting again to work on the residence practices, but it is evident that the issue of new permits will suffer from an additional delay.
For this reason, the Internationalisation Office is available to evaluate any cases of emergency and to signal them to the immigration authorities in order to ask for a priority procedure.
International students who are planning a mobility abroad will need to pay particular attention to the expiring date and consider postponing their mobilities in light of the above.