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Dear partners and friends,

We sincerely believe that you are all safe and healthy, coping well with all the challenges of the COVID-19 newly created reality.

It has been several months of restriction, lock down, safety measures and protocols implemented that reflected in our work and caused postponing, delays and cancelation. Hopefully, we slowly leave that behind and getting back to track.

Here in Volunteers Centre Skopje we have also adapted our work accordingly to the recommendations and safety measures. Like all, we had to postpone the majority of our projects and mobility, as the activities went mostly online and on local level. However, our team, the staff and ESC volunteers, is continuing the work from office, respecting all the safety and health protocols.

Regarding the sensitivity of the situation, to keep our members and partners safe we are taking all the necessary steps to create secure and positive working environment. Luckily, from the beginning our team is healthy, well and motivated as we constantly implement some internal safety measures accordingly to the current situation:

1. **Training:** To avoid risky exposure and keep safe and healthy working environment our team is having weekly meetings and trainings with practical presentation and info on the prevention, update of the new measures, protocols and recommendation of the authorities.
2. **Office safety measures:** We continue our work in shifts and online when possible. The priority is having safety mask in direct contacts, disinfection of the working area and surfaces, respecting social distance.
3. **New content:** To stay up to date with the situation and the specifics we added new content and info preparatory workshops regarding actual and future pre-departure, on-arrival, visit of institutions and meetings. It refers to the desired social behavior, local and international protocols, travelling plans.
4. **COVID-19 medical test on-demand:** When necessary we perform testing in case of possible exposure, doubts or when required. As the test is valid 72 hours, we provide it on-demand for our team, volunteers and collaborators in official institutions.

We truly want to believe that the general situation will improve very soon and will continue our collaboration and share of best practices, with international mobility as the most valuable tool in our non-formal education methodology.

For additional info, questions and proposals please feel free to contact us.

Stay safe and positive!

Sincerely,

Nikola Stankoski
Director

