**9th Video Conference 23rd September 2021**

The ninth meeting was held via videoconference using the Zoom platform on the above date at 1600 Hrs CET.

This meeting was postponed by ten days from the original date set due to unforeseen circumstances. During this meeting all leading coordinators from all 5 countries were present and were able to speak on a range of pre-set topics.

1. The meeting started with the main coordinator from the Czech Republic referring to the “Mobility Tool” (MT) which for the Czech Republic requires to have completed an Interim Report (IR) by the 30th September 2021. After discussion with the Czech National Agency, there is a possibility for each of the partners to check and see whether they are required to submit an IR themselves. Information as to individual dates for submission are held within each of the partner’s contracts.
2. Next on the agenda was to confirm the extension date required by each of the countries. It was a unanimous decision to extend by one year, meaning the project would end on 31st August 2023. Each of the members of the project also confirmed that they wanted to continue to have 5 physical mobilities. As there had been discussions whether to have physical, partial or virtual mobilities. As a result of this a draft of new dates (see below) for mobilities was explained. These are going to be discussed at the next meeting after all partners have discussed these with their respective project managers. Then these would be confirmed during the next meeting to make sure everyone is available during the stated periods.
   1. Czech Republic – January 2022
   2. Denmark – May 2022
   3. Spain – October 2022
   4. Netherlands – January 2023
   5. Portugal – May 2023
3. Travel was the next item to be discussed. Everyone had to agree on which parameters we can use to allow travel of students between the different countries. With school children starting to be vaccinated in all of the countries, the easiest solution is that all people travelling to another country are vaccinated. But, all countries do have different rules, some will allow student to travel with negative Covid tests. Then the question is who would pay for the tests. Is this something for the project to pay or is it a responsibility of parents. This is information which requires an answer from National Agencies. Also, the question raised is whether the host families need to be vaccinated as well. This is something to be discussed before mobilities as rules might have changed before these take place. Another suggestion was the use of hotels for students instead of host families. This has many problems such as cost, whether budgets can support this method of accommodation and missing out on the cultural differences of living with a host family. This is going to be discussed in more depth at the next meeting.
4. A very brief explanation was given by the Spanish team about the activities of the C3 work to be carried out. There was not much to explain as all the tasks are laid out on the project’s Google Disc. Also, some of the countries have also completed some of the task previously. It was noted that partners are having difficulties with ensuring tasks are completed due to the various rules and regulations about working in groups as a result of lockdown in the countries.
5. All the videoconferences that were planned have now been completed using various applications, so we are up to date and now look forward to completing the next set of conferences in relation to the C3 part of the project. During the next meeting the schedule will be set, as to which countries will be in contact together.
6. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 21st October 2021 at 1600 hrs CET.