

Taking courses in countries outside Europe during semester 2 of the AY 2021-2022 is not yet possible. If a country is on the EU list of '[Epidemiologically Safe Countries](#)', see below, it is possible to get permission to do internships and (graduation) research projects in countries outside Europe, **under strict conditions and guidelines**. These requirements - and the requirements that apply to travel within or outside Europe - are detailed in the [FAQ](#). An overview can also be found in this [infographic](#). For more information you are advised to contact the Exchange Coordinator of your department.

The Executive Board decided that the final decision to allow physical mobility to do an internship / graduation project outside Europe will be taken 10 weeks before the start of the quartile in which your internship or (graduation) research projects will start:

- 29 November 2021 for a start during Q3,
- 21 February 2022 for a start during Q4.

Please note that if the situation changes for the worst after the final decision date, you are not allowed to travel abroad for an internship or graduation project.

If the situation changes for the better after the final decision date, the initial decision will not change into a positive advice to go abroad.

The most accurate information about the COVID-19 situation and applicable color code and travel advice and restrictions in countries outside Europe that are on the list below (18 November) can be found on the [website](#) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

'Epidemiologically Safe Countries'

The EU Council's list of epidemiologically safe third countries is a list of non-EU/EEA countries that are considered safe amid the Coronavirus pandemic, due to the low rates of infections. The 'safe list' is reviewed periodically and adjusted depending on the latest Coronavirus developments in each country.

Warning; Given the rapidly changing situation in the world surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the recent outbreak of a new virus mutation in African countries, this EU safe list will be updated periodically. The countries mentioned below are from the EU safe list of November 18th. Due to the consequences of the new virus variant Omicron and the increasing infections in various countries, this list will probably be amended. If this is the case, the new list will be communicated and serve as the starting point.

Decision Q3, based on the list of November 18, 2021

The European Union's Council has added Indonesia to its list of epidemiologically safe third countries after the country marked a drop in the number of Coronavirus cases in its territory. Council's decision means that now the Member States are advised to remove the entry ban on the residents of Indonesia, both vaccinated and non-vaccinated, as soon as possible.

Thus, starting from the same date, the countries in the EU's list of safe third countries, for which the Member States should remove entry restrictions for non-essential trips and for unvaccinated travellers as well, consists of the following.

1. Argentina
2. Australia
3. Bahrain
4. Canada
5. Chile
6. Colombia

7. Indonesia
8. Jordan
9. Kuwait
10. Namibia
11. New Zealand
12. Peru
13. Qatar
14. Rwanda
15. Saudi Arabia
16. South Korea
17. The United Arab Emirates
18. Uruguay
19. China (subject to confirmation of reciprocity)

“Travel restrictions should also be gradually lifted for the special administrative regions of China Hong Kong and Macao. Under the category of entities and territorial authorities that are not recognized as states by at least one member state, travel restrictions for Taiwan should also be gradually lifted,”
the EU Council notes.