MT+ KA2 Overview of virtual and blended activities

Relevant for call year 2017 and forward. For KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices, except KA229 - School Exchange Partnerships.

COVID-19 Measures

In light of the exceptional circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Erasmus+ programme is implementing a series of measures for the duration of the exceptional period.

These changes concern Multiplier Events and Learning, Teaching and Training Activities and impact all active projects starting from call year 2017, except KA229.

Beneficiaries will be allowed to organise these activities virtually. Where relevant, it is encouraged to take a blended activity approach, i.e. to start with a virtual activity, and later combine it with a physical activity abroad with the same organisation, while all complying with the specific rules and budget calculations.

By default all multiplier events and Learning, Teaching and Training Activities recorded in Mobility Tool+ before Release 6.3 (September 2020) are marked as physical activities and can be changed.

The current page explains the basics of virtual and blended activities for KA2 except KA229 - School Exchange Partnerships.

1. Virtual and Blended Multiplier Events

Multiplier events can be recorded in Mobility Tool+ as either only physical or only virtual. This is due to technical constraints, therefore the two types of activities cannot be blended in a single event.

If an event is carried out only through online meetings, it is recorded in Mobility Tool+ as a **Virtual event.**

Blended events (where both physical and virtual activities are carried out) should be recorded by creating two events, one physical and one virtual, linked together by name, and recording the specific activities accordingly.

1.1. Specifics of Virtual Multiplier Events

- For virtual multiplier events all the participants must be registered as local, and not depending on their location or organisation.
- Virtual events receive 15% of the grant for local participants and no funding for international participants.
- The total budget allocated for virtual multiplier events carried out within the same project cannot exceed EUR 5000, and the global budget for all multiplier events at project level cannot exceed EUR 30 000.
- If a virtual multiplier event is also flagged as **Force Majeure**, the grants for local and international participants cannot be changed manually, contrary to the classic force majeure scenarios.

1.2. Example

The following graphic shows the changes that occur in a KA205 multiplier event when it is flagged as **Virtual:**

1. The number of local participants is maintained but the grant is reduced as described above
2. All fields related to the international participants are set to zero and
3. The **Total (Calculated)** grant is updated accordingly

Activity

Edit

Event Identification
E5

Virtual Event
☐

Event Title
Multiplier Event 1

Country of Venue (For virtual events, please use the organsier's country.)
Portugal

Budget

+ Create

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	Organisation	Leading?	Country of Organisation	No. of Local Participants	Grant Rate per Local Participant	Total Grant for Local Participants	No. of International Participants	Grant Rate per International Participant	Total Grant for International Participants	Total (Calculated)	
○	Developing Madeira	✔	Portugal	20 ①	100,00 €	2.000,00 €	10 ②	200,00 €	2.000,00 €	4.000,00 € ③	📋 ✏ 🗑
Total				**20**		**2.000,00 €**	**10**		**2.000,00 €**	**4.000,00 €**	

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Total				**20**		**300,00 €**	**0**		**0,00 €**	**300,00 €**	

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2. Learning, Teaching and Training Activities

Learning, Teaching and Training Activities can be either physical, virtual or blended.

Virtual activities are carried out exclusively online, without the physical presence of the participants, while blended activities combine a period of online activity with a period of physical activity.

The specific character of the activity is recorded in the **Participant** details screen of the given activity.

> ⊕ **Important**
>
> **Do not confuse** the blended Learning, Teaching and Training Activities with the *Blended mobility* activity types as defined in the Erasmus Programme Guide. For example, in *KA204 - Strategic Partnerships for adult education* projects, an activity of type *Blended mobility of adult learners* can be carried out exclusively online, due to exceptional circumstances, and will be recorded in Mobility Tool as **Virtual**. If it combines a physical activity with a virtual activity, it is recorded in Mobility Tool as **Blended**.

2.1. Virtual Learning, Teaching and Training Activities

A virtual Learning, Teaching and Training Activity is an activity that takes place exclusively online, without the physical presence of the participant. It is indicated in Mobility Tool+ as **Virtual** and recorded similarly to a physical learning, teaching and training activity, but without the costs that would normally apply to a physical activity.

If a virtual activity is to be combined with a physical activity it should be recorded as a blended activity.

> ⊕ **Important**
>
> By virtual activity is meant an online activity taking place in the home country. The virtual activities where the student is physically present in the destination country must be registered as physical.
>
> All virtual activities are automatically flagged as force majeure and the flag cannot be manually removed.

3. Specifics of virtual Learning, Teaching and Training Activities

3.1. Duration

- The minimum duration that can be recorded for the virtual activity in Mobility Tool+ is of 1 day.
- The maximum duration of a virtual activity is the one applicable to physical activities, as defined in the Programme guide.
- When an activity is recorded as virtual, the physical duration is disabled, as it is not applicable.
- Any duration-related budget items are not funded for virtual activities, except for **Individual Support** (see **Grants** below).

3.2. Grants

- It is possible to request the following grants:
    1. Linguistic Support Grant
    2. Individual Support: 15% of the Individual Support normally applicable to only-physical activities.

3.3. Example

The following graphic shows the changes that occur in a KA204 activity of type *SP-SCHOOL-PUPIL: Long-term study mobility of pupils* when it is flagged as **Virtual.**

1. The **Force Majeure** field is checked and the **Force Majeure Field Explanations** are required.
2. The physical duration dates are disabled.
3. The **Virtual Activity Start Date** and **End Date** are required. Once these dates are filled in, the **Funded Duration (days)** and grant fields will be updated accordingly, as explained above.

Virtual Activity

Physical ▾

- Blended
- Physical
- **Virtual**

Mobility ID

65060-MOB-00004

Virtual Activity

Physical ▾

☐ Non-EU Funded

(1) ☐ Force Majeure ?

This flag is set automatically for Force Majeure mobilities ending in 2020 and whose Force Majeure comment contains the keyword "corona" or "covid"

☐ COVID-19 affected

Duration

Project Duration   01/09/2019 ────────────────────────── 31/08/2021

(2)

Start Date	End Date	Duration Calculated (days) 60 - 360
14/09/2020 📅	29/04/2021 📅	228

Travel days (max 2) 0 - 2	Interruption days (Please justify in comments)	Funded Duration (days)
2	0	230

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Mobility

Mobility ID

65060-MOB-00003

Virtual Activity

Virtual ▾

Force Majeure Explanations
Data collected in Mobility Tool+ should not contain any sensitive information, especially related to participants' racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade-union membership, and information concerning health or sex life.

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value required

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value required	value required	

4. Blended Learning, Teaching and Training Activities

A blended Learning, Teaching and Training Activity combines a period of virtual activity and a period of physical activity. It is indicated in Mobility Tool+ as **Blended** and it includes duration and budget details for both the virtual part and the physical part of the activity.

Blended activities are not flagged as Force Majeure by default.

> ⚠ **Take note**
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> For an activity where some participants meeting physically whereas others could only join virtually, mark the activity blended and then, at the level of the group, you have different fields for entering the number of days for the participants, physical and virtual. Any mix is allowed.

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5. Specifics of blended Learning, Teaching and Training Activities

5.1. Duration and Timing

- The virtual and physical activities can be carried out in any order but cannot overlap.
- There can be a time gap between the two activities.
- The blended activity total duration is the sum of the virtual activity duration and the physical activity duration.
- The minimum and maximum limits of the blended duration are the same as those applicable to physical activities as defined in the Programme Guide.
- For the physical part of the blended activity,, the same rules apply as defined before Release 6.3 for physical activities.
- Any duration-related budget items are not funded for virtual activities, except for **Individual Support** (see **Grants** below):
    1. The virtual duration must be adjusted so that the maximum allowed duration of the blended activity is not exceeded. Otherwise, the blended activity should be flagged as Force Majeure.
    2. If the maximum duration of the blended activity is reached and the physical duration is too short, the blended activity should be flagged as Force Majeure.
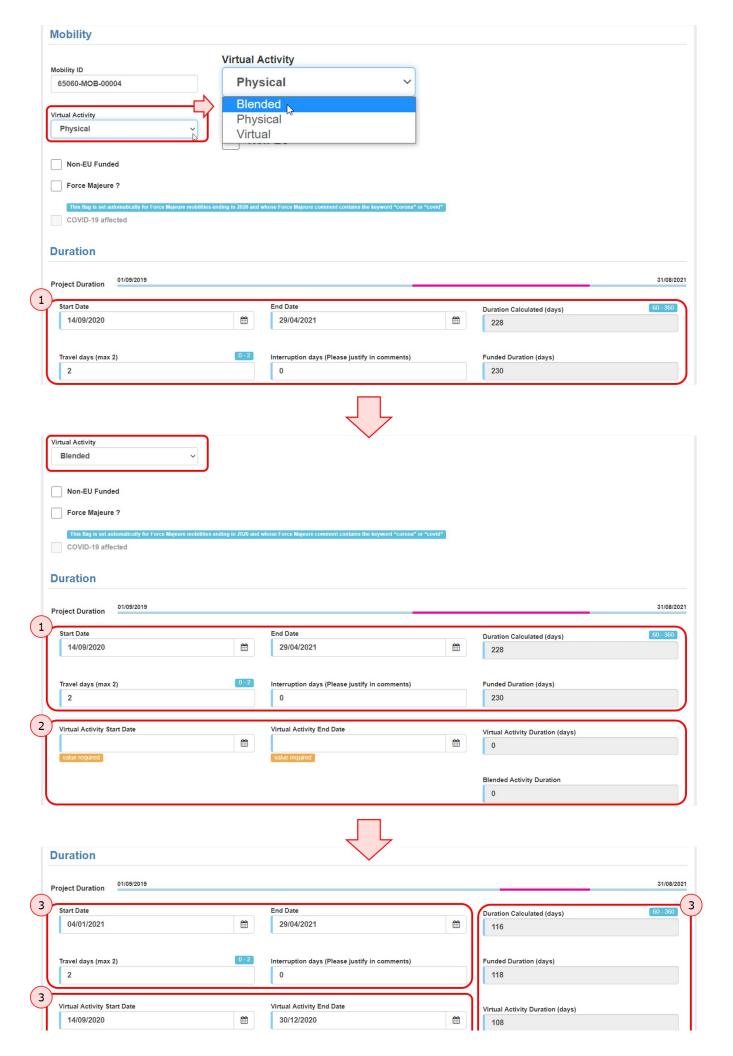
5.2. Grant

- For the physical part of the blended activity, the same rules apply as defined before Release 6.3 for only-physical activities.
- All grant calculations for the blended activity are based purely on the physical part of the blended activity.
  Exception - Individual support:

    1. For the entire physical activity duration, 100% of the individual support is allocated per participant and per day.
    2. For the entire virtual activity duration, 15% of the individual support grant is also allocated per participant and per day.

5.3. Example

The following graphic shows the changes that occur in a KA204 activity of type *SP-SCHOOL-PUPIL : Long-term study mobility of pupils* when it is flagged as **Blended.**

1. The physical activity dates and the **Funded duration (days)** remain unchanged, but they can be modified.
2. The **Virtual Activity Start Date** and **End Date** are required.
3. Once these dates are filled in, the **Virtual Activity Duration (days)** and **Blended Activity Duration** are also updated. The grant fields will be updated accordingly, as explained **above.**
   Note: In this example the physical activity dates have also been changed, therefore the related duration fields have been updated automatically.

Mobility

Mobility ID
65060-MOB-00004

Virtual Activity
Physical ▾

Virtual Activity
Physical ▾

Blended
Physical
Virtual

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Duration

Project Duration 01/09/2019   31/08/2021

1

Start Date
14/09/2020

End Date
29/04/2021

Duration Calculated (days)   60 - 360
228

Travel days (max 2)   0 - 2
2

Interruption days (Please justify in comments)
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Funded Duration (days)
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Virtual Activity
Blended ▾

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Duration

Project Duration 01/09/2019   31/08/2021

1

Start Date
14/09/2020

End Date
29/04/2021

Duration Calculated (days)   60 - 360
228

Travel days (max 2)   0 - 2
2

Interruption days (Please justify in comments)
0

Funded Duration (days)
230

2

Virtual Activity Start Date
value required

Virtual Activity End Date
value required

Virtual Activity Duration (days)
0

Blended Activity Duration
0

Duration

Project Duration 01/09/2019   31/08/2021

3

Start Date
04/01/2021

End Date
29/04/2021

Duration Calculated (days)   60 - 360
116

Travel days (max 2)   0 - 2
2

Interruption days (Please justify in comments)
0

Funded Duration (days)
118

3

Virtual Activity Start Date
14/09/2020

Virtual Activity End Date
30/12/2020

Virtual Activity Duration (days)
108

Blended Activity Duration

226

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