



Horizon 2020

EURATOM projects (SANDA) in the COVID-19 crisis

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The COVID-19 crisis has produced different types of effects on the EURATOM projects :

- Effects on the health and availability of the participants on the projects (+family)
- Delay experimental activities because closure or limited access to laboratories
 - Detector tests and developments, preparation of samples
 - Measurements
- Delay the upgrade to the facilities
- Delay other actions requiring direct access to all kind of equipment
- Delay the administrative activities
 - procurements procedures for material
 - recruiting personnel procedures
- Delay / change of format for meetings
- Delay mobility actions between collaborating institutions
- Delay / change format for the training actions
- Delay events for dissemination and information to the Members States
- Delay and change format on the preparation of Horizon Europe
- New models of work (not always more efficient)

The EU officer has already been informed that the sanitary crisis will have some impacts and could generate delays or the need of extension in SANDA.

Different impact and management depending on whether project is starting or at its end.

First action: Evaluate the impact and inform (letter) to EU project officers:

As many of our countries are progressively moving to **the new normality** we can start to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the EURATOM projects and to plan how to handle it.

- ***Request, by e-mail, information and opinion from the project partners in the coming weeks and consult with the Executive Committee.***
- **Delay on the general progress of the project:** (6?) months
- Delay on Deliverables and milestones:
 - **Delay on MS and DV of the first 18 months:** (<6?) months
 - **Delay on later MS and DV :** hopefully progressively less
- **Specific DVs with significant impact** (linked to long planning events – n_TOF availab?)
- Possible change of **format for meetings at least till 2021**
- Delay mobility actions between collaborating institutions?
- **Delay , change format or maintain?** the education/training actions
- **Delay or change format?** of the events for dissemination and information to the Members States
- **Possible actions to recover part of the delay along the project**
- Risk of the need for an extension of the project duration
- Risk of further delays in case of new waves in the health crisis

Near term actions to manage the COVID-19 crisis on the EUATOM projects (SANDA):

- *Evaluate the impact and write a letter to EU project officers*
- Update the schedule for the project, if needed
- Organize a remote annual meeting before the end of year (in September/October?)
- Promote remote Workpackage meetings and ExCom meeting
- Exchange experience on new formats for the training and dissemination actions
- Explore alternatives for information events to the Members States
- Identify possible actions to recover part of the delay along the project