



# EUROPEAN UNION SUPPORT TO HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE ASEAN REGION

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## **SHARE Programme Announcement on COVID-19**

The Support to Higher Education in the ASEAN Region (SHARE) Programme would like to wish all our partners, colleagues, participants and friends the very best of health at this difficult time for our community.

The SHARE Programme is continuing to operate and is responding to the COVID-19 virus with the health and wellbeing of our community and the communities of which we are part as our first priority. Therefore, all SHARE consortium members have taken the decision to institute a 'work from home' policy and other 'social distancing' measures as advocated by the World Health Organisation.

As of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, we would like to make partners and colleagues aware of the following key decisions taken by the SHARE Programme:

- In line with advice from ASEAN governments, all SHARE Programme travel is suspended until further notice
- We are ready to start communications and subsequent intake for Batch 6 of the SHARE Scholarship, but have put this on hold until further notice
- Meetings of key stakeholders will be held online where possible

We are in regular contact with colleagues at the European Commission and the ASEAN Secretariat amongst other partner organisations and we are aligning on our approach to this on a case by case basis. We will continue to update our community with further information as the situation develops. Regular updates will be posted on all SHARE social media channels.

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the SHARE Programme and look forward to continuing our cooperation.

We wish you, your family, friends and colleagues health and safety in the weeks to come.

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