

EXPLORATION OF THE SITUATION OF SUMMER CAMPS IN 2020 IN THE OTHER COMMUNITIES OF BELGIUM AND IN EUROPE

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Interventions from the following countries during the videoconference of Youth Ministers on the 19th of May 2020: CZ, DK, EE, ES, HU, LV, SE and BE (8).

	Country	Organisation of summer camps or other initiatives	Foreign participants in domestic summer camps	Camps of foreign groups	Possible alternatives or examples of good practice	Contact details	Other
	European Commission (11/5/2020)	The Commission therefore invites the Schengen Member States and the Schengen Associated States to prolong the application of the travel restriction on non-essential travel from third countries into the EU+ area by another 30 days, until 15 June 2020. Any further prolongation of this period should be assessed in the coming weeks, based on the development of the epidemiological situation, both inside and outside the EU. Com (2020) 222 final					
1	French Community (23/04/2020)	The youth movement sector was informed that decisions on summer camps and other youth activities would not be announced by the National Security Council (NSC) until the third week of May. This to ensure clear, coherent and definitive communication to associations, households, municipalities and campsite owners. A working group brought together 'representatives' of the				(10)(2e) (10)(2e) and (10)(2e) (10)(2e)	

		French and Flemish ministers. A Dutch-language youth task force was gathered by Minister Dalle to consider, together with (10)(2e) of the NSC, the situation of holiday activities for young people (including camps). On that occasion a status report was made. During the next meeting, questions will be asked to provide answers concerning the practical details of the organisation of summer camps, etc. This meeting will take place in late April on the initiative of (10)(2e)					
2	German-speaking Community (21/04/2020)	I consulted Minister Weykmans directly about your question. Her expectation is that it will be decided on Friday whether or not holiday camps can take place. In her opinion, summer camps in the youth sector are clearly linked to decisions regarding education, childcare, sports and tourism and the sector of hotels, restaurants and cafés. Summer camps involve domestic travel and staying in another region for 5 to 10 days, possibly with overnight stays and with offerings such as swimming pools, lakes, parks, forests, etc. If domestic tourism is prohibited and hotels, restaurants and cafés cannot open as a result, the Minister does not see why holiday camps should take place and how they could be organised. No specific relevant working group exists in the German-speaking Community. The Youth Council of the German-speaking Community (RdJ) has already sent its recommendations to the government.				(10)(2e) and (10)(2e) (10)(2e)	
3	Austria (21/04/2020)	Summer is still a bit unpredictable. See today's article: https://orf.at/stories/3162559. There is clarity about the fact that no activities are allowed until the end of June. For July and August, the government has given some general instructions, but wants to provide more clarity (than in the aforementioned article) in mid-May.				(10)(2e) (10)(2e)	

		(10)(2e) announced this in the CNN Interview https://orf.at/stories/3162525 I assume that camps are very unlikely. If they would be organised after all, they would have to take place under circumstances which are hardly practical, e.g. wearing personal protective equipment (masks, etc.) and meeting the social distancing requirement.					
4	Luxembourg (21/04/2020)	Can summer camps take place in Luxembourg in 2020? If so, are there any specific conditions? So far, no instructions have been issued. We know it is an issue and we will have to discuss it with the Ministry of Health which is in charge of the situation. It is, however, not the right time yet to discuss this subject, because it is not a priority at the moment. Can foreign groups also go to summer camps in Luxembourg? What requirements are needed? No instructions have been given in this respect. Would it be possible for foreign groups and/or participants to participate in summer camps organised by Luxembourg youth organisations? The scouting organisations have their summer camps. Caritas has cancelled summer camps until 31 July, but accepts registration for summer camps from 1 August onwards. I have no information about participants from other countries. No relevant guidelines have been put in place as yet.				(10)(2e) (10)(2e) (10)(2e) (10)(2e)	At the same time, we are examining the conditions under which we can reopen our youth centres. Today, we sent an e-mail to several European countries. We would also like your feedback. - Are your youth centres open? - Have

							specific sanitation measures been taken? - Are there restrictions on the number of young people who can be present in the youth centres at the same time ? - Is it even possible to guarantee social distancing between people at the centres ? If your youth centres are still closed, when do you plan to reopen
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							them? As far as Luxembourg is concerned, there are plans to slowly reopen schools in a few weeks' time. Non-formal learning settings are closed for the time being and will not open in the near future.
5	The Netherlands (21/04/2020)	The adapted measures below under the heading 'Sports' suggest that a few more activities will be allowed by that time. However, because it concerns a multiple day stay in those summer camps as well as involves travel, I think at the same time that it will not be possible. For general information: on the site of the Nji (https://www.nji.nl/coronavirus) you can find any information on Corona / children / education / youth. Sports From 29 April, children and young people will have				(10)(2e) (10)(2e) (10)(2e) (10)(2e) (10)(2e)	

		more space for organised outdoor sports and games (no official competitions). • Children aged up to 12 can do outdoor sports together under supervision. • Young people aged 13 through 18 are allowed to engage in outdoor sports together under supervision, but with respect for social distancing (1.5 metres). • Municipalities enter into agreements about this with sports associations and community sports coaches, which may lead to discrepancies between municipalities. • Top athletes can resume training at designated training venues, provided they observe social distancing (1.5 metres). Additional information on 24 April 2020: I have just received the following guideline from our Sports Directorate (contact person (10)(26) (10)(26), see cc): - Do children's camps in the May holidays fall within the scope of group sports activities in the open air for children aged up to 12 which are allowed again? No, children's camps are prohibited up to and including 19 May. Such activities require people to travel a lot, which is precisely what we want to avoid. Camps and activities that are subject to licensing and reporting requirements can in any case not take place until 1 September. - Are young people aged 13 to 18 allowed to do sports in group, outside the context of an association? No, young people aged 13 to 18 are allowed to play sports with a maximum of 2 people outside of the context of organised sports activities. When doing sports, they must respect the social distancing (1.5 metres) rule. They are					
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		allowed, however, to participate as a group in outdoor sports activities organised by the municipality in public spaces or at the sports club. https://www.hartvannederland.nl/nieuws/2020/duidelijkheid-zomerkamp https://jeugdjournaal.nl/artikel/2333785-zorgen-over-zomerkamp-kan-dat-wel-doorgaan.html					
6	Finland (21/04/2020)	Youth work only takes place remotely and online via various digital and social media services. According to the government's instructions, youth facilities are closed and recreational activities as group and local activities are suspended. The current restrictions apply until 13 May, but the government will discuss possible measures on Wednesday 22 April. We expect Finland to follow the example of Norway and Denmark which is to slowly ease lockdown measures and other restrictions, but we will have to wait and see. We are in the process of considering additional calls for government subsidies to support youth organisations, youth centres and youth workshops in their recovery (to cover the loss of income due to the epidemic). The financing will be discussed by the Parliament on 29 April. The concrete measures will have to wait until formal decisions have, hopefully, been taken. That is the current situation. https://valtioneuvosto.fi/en/information-on-coronavirus/current-restrictions				(10)(2e)	Their question to us: "Are we going to examine or research the implications of Corona for young people? If so, with regard to which subjects"?
7	Czech Republic (23/04/2020) & (18/5/2020)	As concerns your questions about summer camps in our country: on the basis of the letter from the chief coordinator of the epidemiological team of the Ministry of Health which was sent to the Czech Council for Children and Youth last week, the organisation of summer camps is still being				(10)(2e) (10)(2e)	

		discussed. The letter reads as follows: "No decision will be reached on summer camps until mid-May. If the current epidemic situation in the country does not deteriorate dramatically and the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport are in agreement, summer camps can be organised in July, August or September already for homogeneous groups, such as the Scouts, up to 50 participants". <u>Summer camps will start on June 27 provided the current epidemic situation in the country is not dramatically aggravated.</u> Such an agreement was reached during negotiations between the president of CZ Youth Council and the Chief Hygienist. Afterwards, the Ministry of Health in cooperation with Advisory Body of the Chief Hygienist issued hygienic measures which were debated with the Czech Youth Council, Association of Youth Workers in Leisure-time Children and Youth Centres, Tourist Office Topinka and Association of Local Municipalities. Proposed hygienic measures do not limit organising summer camps. With regard to the difficult prognosis of the epidemic situation during summer time, the respective measures regarding the maximum number of participants in the summer camp are based on the last order concerning the upper limit of the number of persons gathered in public places effective May 11, which is 100 persons. It is pre-seen to raise the upper limit to 300 persons effective March 25 and to 500 persons effective June 8 provided the epidemic situation continues showing a positive development. In case of • summer events organised in fixed buildings and aimed at recovering activities (for more than 30 participants among which the majority does not reach 15 years of age and which				
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		last more than 5 days), the upper limit 100/300/500 participating persons includes children, youth leaders, youth workers, medics and cleaning and cooking staff. • tented camps, the upper limit of all the participating persons is set down 100/100/100. • travelling camps (participants move from one place to other ones, for example canoeing camps), it is not recommended to organise them at all. Measures on protecting health: State of health: • focus on health filter of all participating persons before starting the summer camp • increased monitoring of the state of health of each participating person during the summer camps • keeping records of state of health of each child and the staff including the health book • informing parents about the state of health of each child at the end of the summer camps Protection in general: • organising initial and continuous training on safety measures at the beginning and throughout the camp sessions • avoiding contacts with other persons outside the summer camps (no visits of parents, avoiding meeting people during excursions) • if anybody infected with Covid-19, the camp has to be cancelled Personal protection: • frequent washing hands and using disinfection • wearing face masks • rules for coughing and sneezing • carrying out controls how the measures are observed Operational protection • enough facilities for personal hygiene of high standard				
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		- thorough disinfection of all the spaces (details provided: what to provide whom, where, how often – for instance disposable towels) - regular airing of rooms - detailed measures for cooking and cleaning staff keeping high standard of personal hygiene including protective equipment - children must not be involved in cleaning with the exception of cleaning their own room/tent - setting one free day between camp sessions for thorough disinfection					
8	Hungary (23/04/2020)	At this stage, we do not see any possibility to organise summer camps in the summer of 2020, neither for national nor for non-national participants in Hungary. After the end of the state of emergency in Hungary, the organisation of camps may be reconsidered, but for the time being this is unlikely.				(10)(2e)	
9	Estonia (23/04/2020)	The Estonian Government Committee working on reducing the spread of coronavirus and tackling public health and economic issues has adopted the exit plan. According to said plan and the main indicators of the strategy, the government is considering to organise summer camps. However, no final decision has been reached yet. If a positive decision is taken, conditions will be put in place, such as personal protective equipment for staff, an obligation to disinfect and a limitation of the number of persons per group (up to 15 persons). There are also general adjustment requirements relating to camp admission, health protection and camp staff, which are not influenced by the coronavirus pandemic. Administrative procedures and other preparations for the coming summer camp season are still ongoing despite the unclear situation.		Foreign groups or individuals can participate in summer camps in Estonia, if the decisions of the Estonian government and other countries allow it, e.g. depending on whether a quarantine		(10)(2e)	

				requirement or other requirements apply upon entry into Estonia, which may hinder participation. In short, our government has currently not taken any final decisions yet, which means the organisation of summer camps for Estonians and foreigners is yet to be confirmed.			
10	UK Mission to the EU (23/04/2020)	Thank you for asking the programme committee about summer camps. I think the most comparable youth initiative in UK-England is the National Citizen Service. This programme normally involves one week of outbound activities, one week of getting life skills and two weeks of developing and running a volunteering campaign in the local community. This first week of the programme is suspended now. The second part will take place in an alternative form. We are developing plans on which activities could take place that meet the social distancing requirement, while also meeting the urgent needs of young people and the wider community.		As for your second question about international participants: this is a domestic scheme which does not involve conventional transnational participation.		(10)(2e)	

		This could be organised digitally, for example.		Our National Agency for E+/ESC is examining how best to implement the transnational elements of both programmes in accordance with the Commission guidelines and as discussed in the Programme Committee.			
11	Portugal (23/04/2020)	In Portugal, the entities organising holiday/summer camps which are licensed to carry out this economic activity can autonomously take this decision, always in strict compliance with the rules issued by the Portuguese Government. However, it is expected that during the summer period, when most holiday camps take place, safety and stability conditions will already have been put in place for holiday/summer camps. With regard to the programmes promoted by the IPDJ which relate to the realisation of holiday/summer camps, the development of the pandemic is monitored on a daily basis together with the health authorities (General Directorate of Health), and the IPDJ complies with the provisions thereof. However, the IPDJ hopes to be able to hold holiday/summer camps under normal conditions by the summer, with respect for government decisions and guidelines, should the situation deteriorate.		Any entity licensed by the IPDJ to carry out the activity of holiday/summer camps may receive young Portuguese or foreign nationals, provided that the reception of foreign participants is included in their articles of association as		(10)(2e) (10)(2e) (10)(2e)	

				well as the conditions for the realisation of the holiday camps. The conditions are those laid down in the specific regulation of each entity. The IPDJ has only one specific programme which allows for foreign nationals to participate, i.e. the International Work Camps programme. The conditions are set out in Regulation No 345/2006 of 11 April 2006.			
12	Poland (24/04/2020)	On behalf of the Polish delegation, I would like to inform you that the organisation of summer camps for young people in the coming months (in 2020), as announced by the Polish Minister of Health, will in all likelihood not be possible.				(10)(2e) (10)(2e)	
13	France (29/04/2020)	As far as the organisation of summer camps is concerned, it is still too early to answer this question. Everything depends on public health developments between now and this summer.				(10)(2e) (10)(2e) (10)(2e)	

		Yesterday (28/4), the French government announced a gradual exit plan from 11 May with a review clause at the end of May. Our youth directorate organises meetings with the organisers of summer camps to formulate proposals for the summer. We will keep you informed as soon as possible.				(10)(2e)	
14	Germany (05/05/2020)	"The German summer (work) camp organisations expect - insofar as current plans are concerned - to organise work camps this summer, but especially for young people from Germany". Young people from the partner countries can contact their partner organisations. Direct registration in Germany is not possible. For Belgium, the contacts are - http://www.scibelgium.be/ - CBB - Compagnons Bâtisseurs Belgique - https://compagnonsbattisseurs.be/ - JAVVA - Jeunes Actifs dans le Volontariat et les Voyages Alternatifs - https://javva.org/				(10)(2e) (10)(2e)	
15	Romania (07/05/2020)	With regard to the questions raised by Belgium concerning the organisation of summer camps, Romania is in a state of emergency until 15 May. After this date, the conditions will be gradually phased out, but it is premature to discuss such activities even at national level. Personally, I doubt that such meetings will still be possible this year.				(10)(2e) (10)(2e)	
16	Cyprus (19/05/2020)	1. Can summer camps take place in 2020 in your country? If so, what specific conditions apply to these activities in response to the corona crisis?				(10)(2e) (10)(2e)	

		No clear answer can be given at this moment since restrictive measures regarding the organization of large scale events are still in place. In the event where large scale events can take place, they should clearly follow the guidelines set by the Ministry of Health. At the same time, even if the government gives the green light for the organization of such events, the organizers should keep in mind that individuals might be hesitant to attend them. So for now, we are still on hold for decision on summer camps. Decisions will be made after the initial stages of de-confinement have passed. 2. Can foreign groups or individuals also take part to a summer camp in your country? If possible, under what conditions? Due to the current travel restrictions that are put in place by many countries, including Cyprus, due to COVID 19, it is not possible to host a transnational camp during the summer period. If the situation permits it, the Youth Board of Cyprus might consider hosting a national summer camp.					