



IRC Meeting 2020

Pre-Conference Seminar II - Crisis Management

Seminar held in presence in Vigo on Thursday 24th September from 11:00 to 12:30 followed by lunch

Seminar held by the IRCs Working Group and chaired by Christofer Fredriksson

Campuses has been closed, but universities have continued. Physical lectures have been replaced by online. Institutions equipped at different degrees. Force majeure and closed borders. Successful or just stressful?

The Covid-19 crisis has challenged us all and thrust IRCs into the spotlight like never.

How did you work before Covid-19, during and what does the short-term and long-term plan look like at your institution? What does your international office communication plan look like? Has it changed during the pandemic? What is the difference between emergency remote teaching and online learning? How is your institution affected by delays and postponement of international cooperation? The list of questions is almost endless...

The aim of the seminar is to identify the basic elements that must be considered when constituting the complete process of crisis management in an organisation. Let's share checklists, best practice examples and experience, thoughts and ideas to help us successfully navigate our students and staff through crisis and the current challenge.

But let us also have an outlook. What could be the opportunities for advancement and innovation? What changes will remain? What changes should remain? What is the students experience - more than online learning? Will the role of the IRCs change? What are the risks and challenges after Covid-19; fewer international students? Will your internationalization strategies be re-examined / reworked to meet society's "new" demands for outstanding and challenging economic, social and political contexts?

What challenges did you discover and how did you manage them? For this in-depth, we would like to have examples of various dilemmas, experiences, and best practises and you are therefore asked to briefly describe and bring them to the seminar. Of course, you can also participate without having your own examples, but you are expected to contribute to the discussions during the seminare.