COVID-19 MEASURES AND GUIDELINES

The European Forum for Restorative Justice (EFRJ), in cooperation with the Team delle Pratiche di Giustizia Riparativa of the University of Sassari (UNISS), organise a series of events in Sassari during the week of 21-25 June 2022:

— 21-22 June: pre-conference training “Restorative language beyond borders”
— 22 June: Annual General Meeting of the EFRJ membership and European Restorative Justice Award Ceremony
— 23-25 June: 11th international conference “Justice beyond borders: Restorative connections through space and language”, including the public event “The Polarity Party” of the project funded by Perform Europe

These events were originally planned in June 2020 and postponed to 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This situation has greatly affected our daily lives, getting more used to meet in virtual environments and being more careful when meeting in person. Two years later, we still must be flexible and creative, complying to local regulations, but this will allow to finally enable us to meet in Sassari!

COVID-19 measures at the EFRJ

The EFRJ has no specific COVID-19 safety policy. As our offices are located within KU Leuven (Belgium), we follow and implement the general governmental rules in Belgium. Regarding our office work, we follow the KU Leuven internal policies. For more info click here: www.kuleuven.be/coronavirus/english.

Regarding travels, we follow the actual rules required by the destination country. Scroll down to know more about the COVID-19 measures in Italy.

GOOD NEWS FROM ITALY!

Until 31 March 2022, the Green Pass was necessary to travel, to take public transportation, and to access workplaces, schools, universities, healthcare facilities, food service establishments, and hotels. It was also necessary also to participate in some services and participate in numerous cultural, recreational and sports activities.

From 1 April 2022, after more than two years, Italy is out of the state of health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many containment measures will be gradually eased, some starting from 30 April only. These rules apply until 15 June 2022, thus make sure to check regulations few weeks before your trip to Sardinia!

Check the updates on this webpage: https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/homeNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua=english
COVID-19 measures for entry into Italy

About one week before travelling, you may take this Italian survey to establish what rules apply to your individual situation (please note that rules change on a regular basis): https://infocovid.viaggiaresicuri.it/index_en.html

Depending on your country of origin, you may be asked to present a valid digital COVID-19 pass (called Green Pass), i.e. one of these certificates:

- certificate of full vaccination with EMA-authorised vaccine issued less than 9 months ago, or
- certificate of recovery from COVID-19 issued less than 6 months ago recovery, or
- negative molecular swab test result within 72 hours prior to entry into Italy, or
- negative antigenic swab test within 48 hours prior to entry into Italy.

Also, you may be asked to complete a Digital Passenger Locator Form (dPLF), to be filled out before departure and presented it to anyone in charge of border checks. This form concerns all passengers arriving in Italy, by any means of transport, before entering the national territory. Please note that if you fail to present it, you may be denied boarding. The dPLF can be produced in digital or paper format. Follow the instructions on this link: https://app.euplf.eu/#/.

Until 30 April, to get on airplanes, trains and ships you will be asked to wear FFP2 type masks. This may change after this date.

You can find additional information on this webpage:

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- Public transport of local transport - You will no longer be required to show the Green Pass but you will be asked to wear FFP2 type masks.
- Bars and restaurants - The COVID-19 certificate (Green Pass) will be required only for indoor settings and only in its basic version (obtainable with the negative result of a swab). You will no longer be asked to show it to sit at the outdoor tables of bars and restaurants.
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Indoor events, cinemas, theatres, concert halls, gyms and swimming pools – You will be required to show the Super Green Pass and to wear FFP2 type masks.

From 1 April 2022, also the quarantine and isolation rules will change:

— Only those who are infected by COVID-19 will have to isolate and observe quarantine. This does not apply to their close contacts, even if not vaccinated.
— Those who have had close contact with a positive case will have to apply the self-monitoring regime: FFP2 mask for 10 days from the last contact, test at the first appearance of symptoms and, if still symptomatic, on the 5th day from the date of the last contact.

COVID-19 containment within Sassari University

Sassari University complies and implements the general governmental rules in Italy. The new COVID-19 guidelines are available here: www.uniss.it/uniss-comunica/unisspress/avvisi-sul-coronavirus. As mentioned above, these will be in force from 1 April 2022, and valid in part until 30 April and in part until 15 June. At the moment Sassari University cannot give long-term indications that cover also the week of 21-25 June 2022. More information on the pandemic is available here: www.uniss.it/ateneo/il-nostro-ateneo/emergenza-sanitaria

Still, in order to safely attend the EFRJ events in Sassari:

— We rely on your individual responsibility to protect yourself and others during the event and we invite you to apply the self-monitoring regime, especially in case of the appearance of eventual symptoms;
— If possible, we would prefer you to take a COVID self-test in the first day of your attendance (we will not check this);
— We will remind you to always use a face mask (especially if it will still be mandatory for indoor activities in June);
— We will invite you to keep social distance and avoid crowds of people.

Additionally, the EFRJ organising team:

— will provide some FFP2 masks at the registration desk, in case these will be still needed and your forgot yours;
— will provide several containers of sanitary gels in the venue;
— will ensure the ventilation of the rooms and, if still required, the distancing between participants;
— will include a list of recommendations about the nearest pharmacies where you can buy COVID-19 self-tests, FFP2 masks or additional sanitary gel, if needed.

In the unfortunate event of a positive case among the events’ participants, the organising team will follow a contingency plan according to the guidelines of Sassari University and the Italian Minister of Health:

— After a potential positive case is identified (symptoms or self-test), the person will be asked to temporarily self-isolate in the hotel room while a volunteer will organise a swab test to confirm the result;
— After a case is confirmed, we will perform a “contact tracing” for identifying other participants who may have been in close contact with the positive person and invite them to apply the self-monitoring regime;
— After a case is confirmed, the positive person will be asked to follow the recommendations of health professionals and proceed with the mandatory quarantine (minimum 5 days, or until the symptoms are gone) in one of the hotels designated for this purpose; note that the payment of the accommodation is the responsibility of the person who will do the quarantine, thus please foresee COVID-19 travel insurance before travelling.

For more information about the COVID safety rules in Italy please contact the EFRJ at emanuela.biffi@euforumrj.org or Sassari University at patrizi@uniss.it.