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<u>Références à rappeler</u> : 66/2020

Madam, Sir,

THE Covid-19 pandemic had a lasting effect on our university and the progress of the HRS4R project. Our university was closed from March 15 to June 22nd. Some of our services, in particular the HR dept. had to deal with quite complex issues, with fewer agents. While the situation is slowly coming back to normal, we have lost three months just before the summer break. These months were key to enable the entire university to get deeply involved in the propositions made by the many working groups and their numerous meetings in 2019 and early 2020.

We therefore would be grateful if we could have an extension of three months, and submit our proposal on January 1st, 2021. It would also ensure that this is a joint effort by the entire university, as the spirit of the HRS4R demands. This extension makes no provision for the predicted difficult times ahead in autumn, when the semester begins. We are however confident that the work done before the onset of the confinement was already sufficiently advanced to make the proposed deadline attainable.

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