

## Information on dealing with the spread of COVID-19

Due to the spread of COVID-19 caused by the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the organization of the project and the execution of the study trip organized by the Deutsche Gesellschaft e. V. may be subject to change without notice:

1. The health of participants and all people involved in the project is of the highest priority for the Deutsche Gesellschaft e. V. We are **in permanent contact with the German Federal Foreign Office and the German Embassy in Kiev/Donetsk** to evaluate the current situation. Significant for us are the entry requirements of the Federal Foreign Office to Ukraine, the recommendations of the German Federal Government, and the evaluations of our Ukrainian partner organisation Gender Z. **Changes of the program, including a medium- to short-term cancellation of the study trip, may be possible** if the Deutsche Gesellschaft e. V. and our partners conclude that we cannot guarantee the necessary measures for health prevention to ensure a safe study trip without increased risks of infection.
2. In case of a medium-term cancellation (before September 2020) we are working on a **digital concept** – including online workshops, lectures, and discussions with local actors – to achieve the substantive goals of the project. Should this situation arise, our partner organisation Gender Z offers to help you find local interview partners. Also, in the case of a cancellation of the study trip, we expect the submission of a journalistic article in English which we would like to publish on the website of our partner organisation Gender Z. **With your application for the project, we assume that you are willing to participate in the digital program offered in the case of the cancellation of the trip.** We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.
3. In case of cancellation the Deutsche Gesellschaft e. V. **will not be able to bear any financial compensations**, including, among other things, loss of income, travel costs to and from the airport and costs for further individually planned trips.
4. The study trip will be approved as **educational leave** by the Senate of Berlin. In consultation with your employer, you can make use of educational leave for this study trip. In case of the cancellation of the trip, please contact your employer, also regarding questions about the **leave of absence and leave days**.
5. The project ends on December 31, 2020. Based on current information we will **not be able to rerun the study trip next year** in the event of a cancellation. You also have no claim for participating again in the planned events.