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**REF: VS/2019/0079 “Break up to get back together (Breakback).**

*The impact of unionization through innovative service provision on union membership and industrial relations”.*

**Request for an extension due to Covid 19 crisis in order to implement project activities.**

**The project entitled: “Break up to get back together (Breakback). The impact of unionization through innovative service provision on union membership and industrial relations”– VS/2019/0079” started on 1/03/2019 and is scheduled to end on 28/02/2021.**

**We hereby request an additional period of six months in order to complete the project activities. In this way, the new finishing date would be 31/08/2021.**

**This extension is necessary for the following reasons:**

due to the Covid 19 emergency, some of the project activities envisaged has been severely delayed because:

- it was necessary to postpone the interviews relating to the case studies;
- due to the uncertainty of the resumption of cross-border air flights, it will be quite sure the necessary postponement of the next international project meeting scheduled in Copenhagen (Denmark) at the beginning of September;
- the research activities of the project continue in smart working as all the workplaces of almost all the partners are still closed;
- the slowdown in activities (which are not however completely suspended) is also due to the lesser availability of those who will have to be interviewed in the case studies (trade unions, service providers for workers, bilateral bodies, users etc.) also located mainly in countries very significantly affected by the Covid crisis 19 and lockdown measures.
- It will be included a deepening to our research activities related to the effects of Covid 19 crisis linked to all the services analyzed in the project.

With the reference to the above-mentioned reasons, we are asking for a postponement of the project deadline **from 28th February 2021 to 31st August 2021.**

*It is important to underline, however, that these variations have not in any way changed the operational costs, which will remain the same as the figure calculated in the original project.*

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

**Francesco Lauria**

Cisl Project Manager Vs 2019/0079

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With the reference to the above-mentioned reasons, we are asking for a postponement of the project deadline from 30 June to 30 September 2018.

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We look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards

Cisl General Secretary  
(Annamaria Furlan)

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