

## Objection proceedings Nuffic for Erasmus+, NFP, NICHE, KOP, VIOS and IPV

### Notice of objection

Nuffic and the National Erasmus+ Agency manage various grant programmes and make various decisions in this context. You can submit an objection by letter if you do not agree with a decision taken by Nuffic or the National Erasmus+ Agency within the context of these programmes.

You are recommended to get in touch with your contact person at Nuffic or the National Erasmus+ Agency before submitting a notice of objection. Your objection may be based on ambiguities that can be immediately cleared up following an explanation.

A notice of objection can only be submitted against a **decision**, i.e. a legal act under public law with legal effect (for example a rejection of a grant application or a change to or withdrawal of a grant application) by an **affected party**, which is a legal entity or natural person who is directly affected by the decision.

### Admissibility

A notice of objection has to satisfy the statutory requirements in order for it to be possible to take the notice of objection into consideration. Your objection must:

- be submitted within six weeks after the contested decision was made (date of the decision);
- include the full name and address of the affected party (and possibly an authorisation in the event of representation by a third party);
- include the date on which you write the notice of objection;
- include a description of the decision against which the objection is directed and preferably a copy of the contested decision;
- describe the grounds for the objection (why do you disagree with the decision?);
- include a translation in the Dutch language if you have written the notice of objection in a different language;
- be signed.

### Submitting a notice of objection

You can find the information on how to submit the notice of objection at the bottom of the letter announcing the decision (objection clause). You can send the notice of objection to:

<p><u>NICHE, NFP, KOP, VIOS, IPV and other grant programmes:</u></p> <p>Nuffic Chairman Stating Notice of objection PO Box 29777 2502 LT The Hague The Netherlands</p>	<p><u>Erasmus+ programme:</u></p> <p>National Erasmus+ Agency Director National Agency Stating Notice of objection PO Box 29777 2502 LT The Hague The Netherlands</p>
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### Handling the notice of objection

Receipt of your notice of objection will be confirmed as soon as possible. Your notice of objection will be taken into consideration if the objection is admissible (satisfies all legal requirements). You may be requested to provide additional documents or information. You may also be invited to be heard and explain your notice of objection. An Nuffic or National Agency employee may attend in order to explain the contested decision.

### Withdrawing a notice of objection

If you change your mind and would like to withdraw your objection, you can do so in writing.

### Decision on the objection

The Chairman of Nuffic or the Director of the National Agency will make the final *decision on the objection*. This decision on the objection comprises a reassessment of the contested decision on the basis of all relevant facts and circumstances. Various outcomes are possible in the case of a decision on the objection:

- Inadmissible: This means that your objection does not satisfy the statutory requirements and therefore cannot be taken into consideration.
- Founded: This means that your objection is successful and that the contested decision will be revised.
- Unfounded: The contested decision is maintained.

A decision on the objection is made within six weeks after the end of the period for submitting objections. It is possible that this period is extended by six weeks.

### You do not agree to the decision on the objection

If you do not agree to the decision on the objection, you can file an appeal against this decision within six weeks after the date of the decision on the objection. An explanation of how to do this is provided at the bottom of the decision on the objection.