



International Admissions Team

2nd Pre-Arrival Webinar

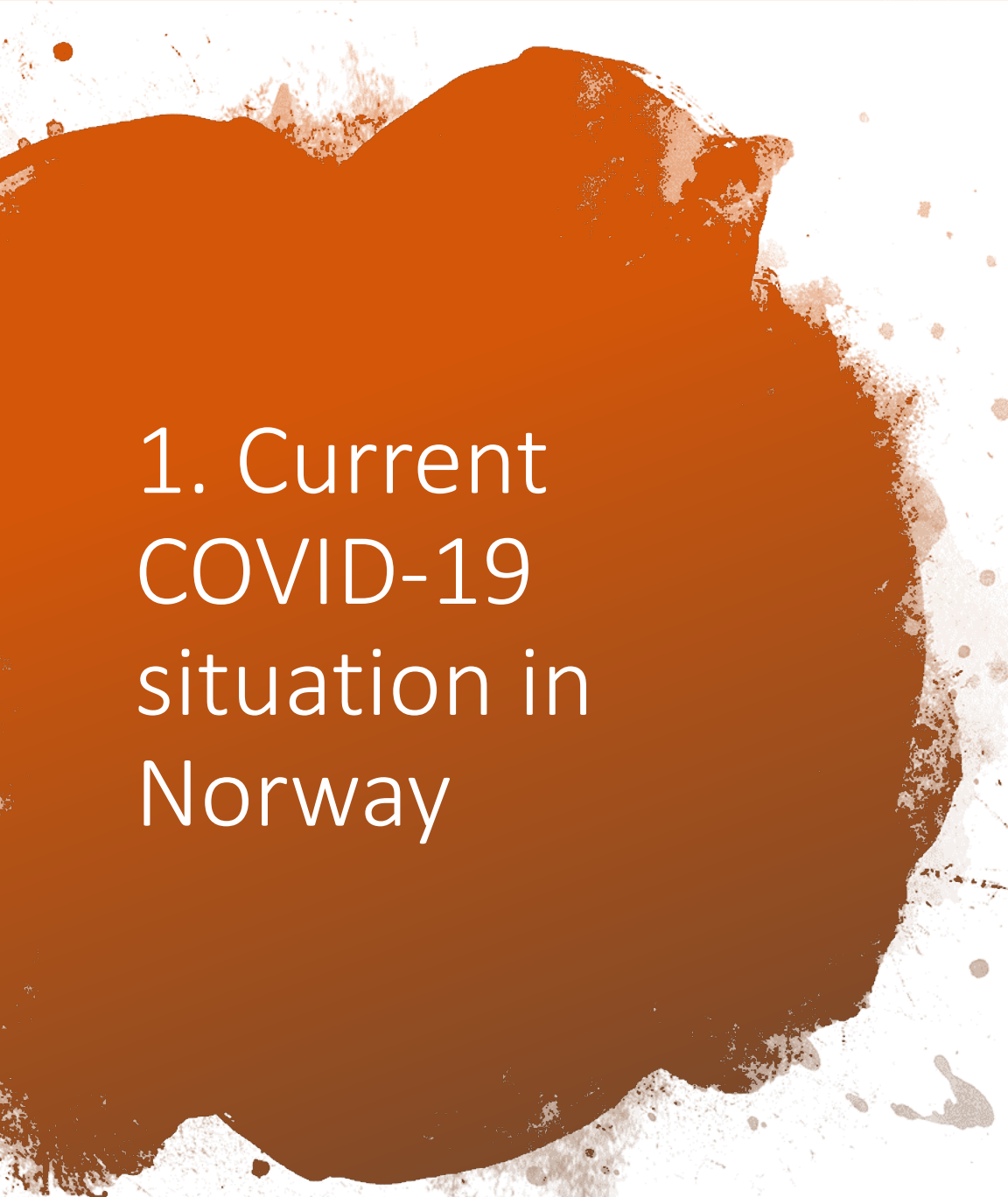
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Today's Agenda:

1. **Current COVID-19 situation in Norway**
2. **Autumn Semester 2021 (Aug – Dec)**
3. **Study permit (visa)**
4. **Information from SiS Housing**
5. **Quarantine**
6. **Next Webinar**
7. **Questions**



1. Current COVID-19 situation in Norway

- Cases are still low compared to other countries.
- Personal contact is limited.
- Borders at this time are closed.
- The Norwegian government has a 4-phase plan for reopening of the Norwegian Society (this plan is not based on a specific date but on the development of the COVID-19 situation).
- From 27th of May we are entering in the 2nd phase.
- The Norwegian government is considering to open its borders for international students in the 3rd phase.
- The 3rd phase is expected to be evaluated in 3-weeks time (mid June).
- However, there may be some entry restrictions for specific countries.
- You will find updated information about the border restrictions at the UDI's website:
www.udi.no/en/about-the-corona-situation



2. Autumn Semester 2021 (Aug - Dec)

We are planning for a hybrid semester.

- A mixture of classes on campus and online.
- All compulsory courses during the first semester will be given online for students who are not able to come to Stavanger before 15th of September.
- The last date of entry for students who need a study permit in Norway will be 15th of September.
- If you cannot come before 15th of September, you will need to complete the first semester from your home country and come to Stavanger in the end of December/beginning of January.
- The Hybrid semester is a temporary measure only for the Autumn Semester 2021.
- All students must prepare to come to Stavanger for the Spring Semester 2022.
- NB! This does not apply to music students at the Faculty of Performing Arts. If you cannot arrive in Stavanger and start your studies by 1st September, please contact music-dance@uis.no.



2. Autumn Semester 2021 (Aug - Dec)

If a hybrid semester is not possible,

- All teaching will be given online.
- This plan could be taken into consideration if the COVID-19 situation does not improve.
- More information will be given to the admitted students if we finally decide to go for this option.
- **Deferment will not be an option.**

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3. Study permit – Current Situation

- Borders are currently closed for all students (EU + non-EU).
- UDI is not processing study permits for non-EU citizens.
- You can wait with the study permit application until the borders open.
- The Norwegian government will reevaluate the border restrictions to international students in the middle of June.

3. Study permit - Deadlines

- **The deadline for transferring the deposit is extended for all non-EU students until 20th of June.**
- UDI guarantees that all students that have their appointment with Norwegian Embassy/VFS center before **1st of July** receives an answer to their study permit application before the semester start.
- If you are not able to transfer the deposit within 20th of June OR If the Norwegian Embassy/VFS center is still closed OR If the Norwegian borders remain closed, the very last deadline to transfer the deposit will be **1st of August.**
- If you transfer the deposit between 20th of June and 1st of August, you will most likely not get the study permit in time, and therefore must complete the first semester from your home country.
- **If you do not transfer the deposit within 1st of August, you will lose your study place.**
- If you are a non-EU citizen already living in Norway, please send us a copy of your residence card to admissions@uis.no



3. Study permit

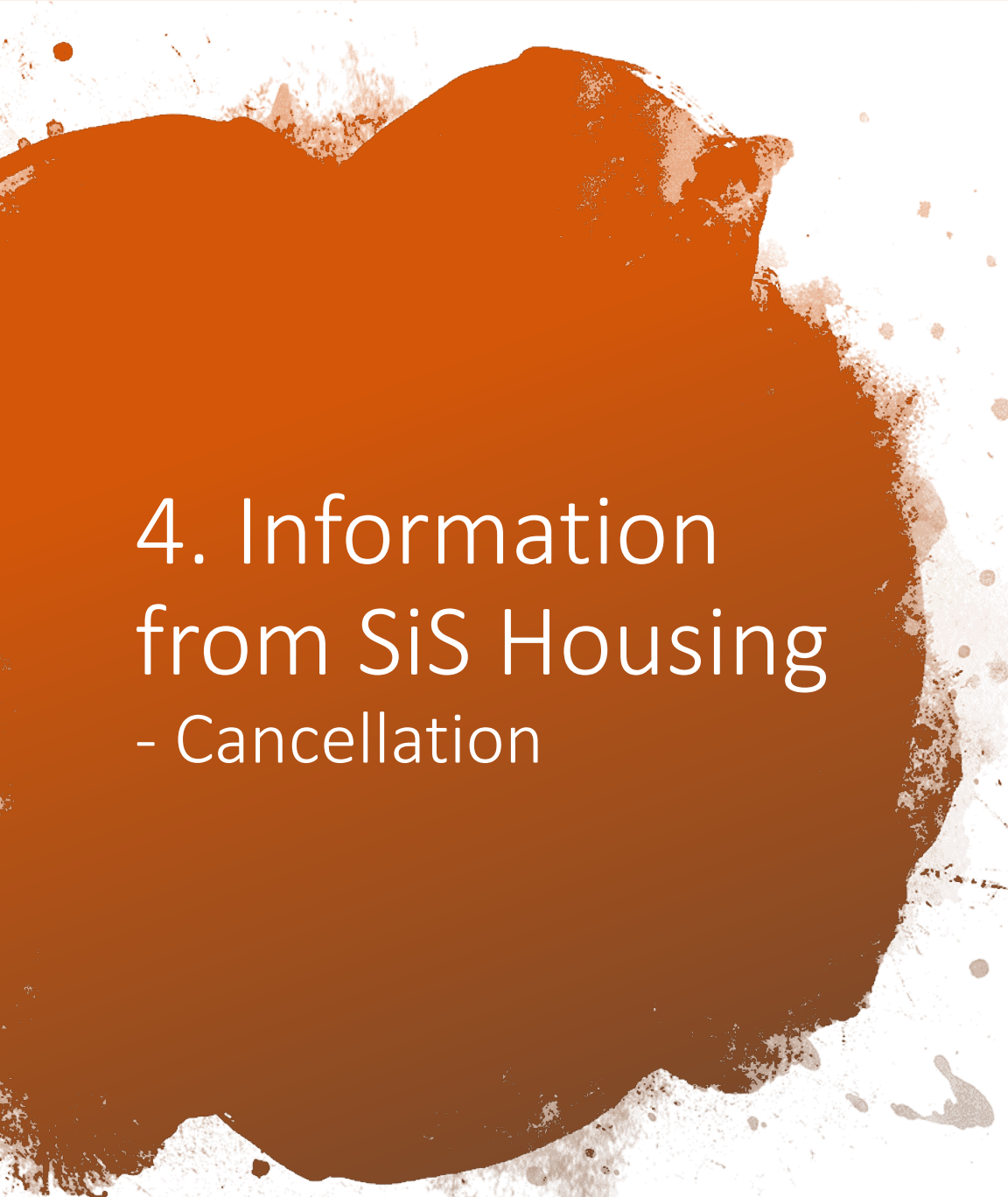
- Deposit Iranians

- We are aware that UDI does not require Iranian students to transfer the deposit for the study permit application, due to the economic sanctions against Iran. Because of this, it is **not mandatory for Iranian students to transfer the deposit to UiS.**
- Iranian students who have applied for a study permit and are planning to come to Stavanger for the Autumn Semester 2021 must send us a confirmation of their visa application before 1st of August.
- Iranian students who are planning to come for the Spring Semester 2022 must inform us about it.



4. Information from SiS Housing

- **SiS Housing (SiS Bolig) does not send contracts before 15th of June.**
- If your housing application is “under consideration”, you just need to wait.
- Need to sign within 7 days
- Contract duration is from 1st of August 2021 to 30th of June 2022
- It is not possible to terminate the contract with SiS Housing during the first 5 months of the contract.
- You will receive only one offer. If you reject it, you must make your own arrangement.
- There are no family apartments available for international students with children. It is not allowed to live with children in single room apartments.
- Use the automatic confirmation you receive via email after applying for housing in your study permit application.



4. Information from SiS Housing - Cancellation

- If you need to cancel your housing contract, please email to SiS Housing sis@studentensbeste.no and the Admission Office admissions@uis.no, **no later than 22nd of July**
- Cancellation before 22nd of July – no cost
- Cancellation after 22nd of July - need to pay 2 months rent

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Private housing market

- www.hybel.no
- www.finn.no



5. Quarantine

- Quarantine rules and entry requirements changes rapidly and therefore we do not have information for August.
- We still do not know if international students will be required to quarantine in a hotel in August.
- However, in such case, UiS is discussing to cover the minimum cost of quarantine at a hotel. **We have not concluded yet from which date it would be possible to get the cost covered.**
- UiS only covers the cost for first-year master/postgraduate students who arrive in Norway for the first time.
- UiS does not cover the cost of quarantine for any family members of a student.
- **We recommend not to purchase flight tickets before a final decision has been made.**



6. Next Webinar

Date: Mid June

Agenda:

- Border restrictions and entry requirements
- Quarantine
- Semester start
- Semester fee payment
- Activation of IT user account



Questions?