

COST ENTER (CA17119) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

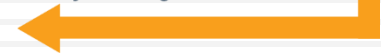
5 MARCH 2021, 10:00-12:00 H
DIGITAL MEETING

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EU Foreign Policy Facing New Realities



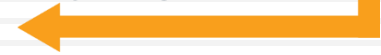
Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt, MC Chair, TU Darmstadt

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Welcome to participants

Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt

Prof. Dr. Patrick Müller



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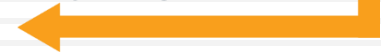
Verification of Representatives

- 2/3 of CA17119 participating COST Full Members and COST Cooperating Members present?
- Current total of CA17119:
38 Parties

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Adoption of Agenda

Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt



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Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting

- Last MC Meeting held on 27/02/2020 in Vienna, Austria
- Minutes & slides circulated via email on 30/03/2020

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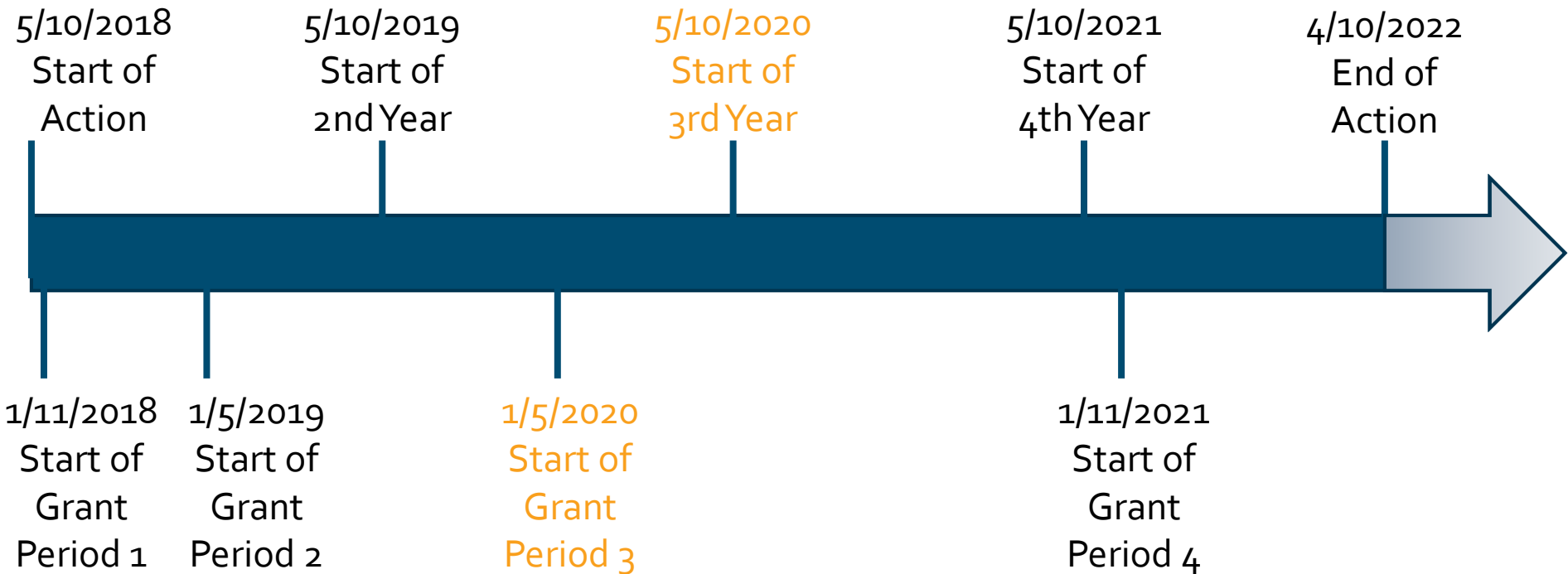
Update from the Action Chair

Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt

Status of Action

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- Start of third year: 5/10/2020
- Action end date: 4/10/2022



Status of Action

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- Participating COST countries: 38
- Near Neighbour Countries: 4
 - Azerbaijan
 - Georgia
 - Kosovo
 - Ukraine

STSM- Report

May 2020 - ongoing

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Dr. Hila Zahavi, STSM Coordinator

Schedule

- March 2020: open call issued
- Open for STSMs ending by mid September 2021

Results

- 7 successful candidates – 2 STSMs have already been successfully completed
- 4 females, 3 males
- 4 ITCs
- 5 ECIs

STSM- Report

May 2020 - ongoing

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Potential hosts

- To be listed on our COST website – to assist applicants
- Any update on potential hosts: hilape@bgu.ac.il

▼ Denmark					
▼ Aarhus University					
Prof.	Knud Erik Jørgensen	Department of Political Science	Aarhus University	https://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/knud-erik-joergensen(db1f8fcd-1f66-4d3e-a937-d2313de08aad).html	kej@ps.au.dk



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Update from the COST Association

Dr. Rossella Magli, Science officer



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Action Monitoring

Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt

Gender/ITC

(overall participation)

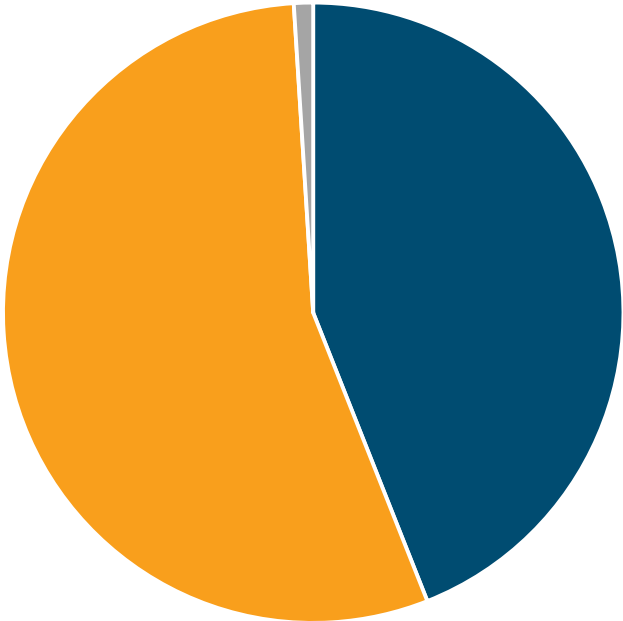


Gender balance



■ male ■ female

Inclusiveness target country involvement



■ ITC ■ non-ITC ■ Near Neighbourhood

9 Implementation of COST policies

Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt

Promotion of gender balance

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- Action Chair female, Vice-Chair male → acting as role models for Action
- Strong encouragement of female researchers to participate
- Gender balance as criterion for all events
- Child care possibilities available upon request
- ECI-Network important instrument for gender balance as well
- Grant holder acting as gender supervisor

- Coordinators
 - Anke Stefanie Schwarzkopf, ARENA Centre for European Studies, Oslo
 - Elodie Thevenin, Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian University, Krakow

Objectives of ECIN

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Elodie Thevenin, ECIN-Coordinator

- ECIN group enhances an inter- and multi-disciplinary network of Early Career Investigators (ECI)
- ECIN group establishes new professional contacts for ECIs
- Aims at: potential future collaborations: e.g. workshops or panels at international academic conferences
- Result: new opportunities for ECI scholars - deepening and widening of skills

ECIN – current activities

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Since launch in October 2018:

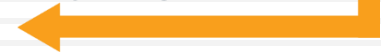
- Panel submission to UACES – in line with working groups of Action
- Policy-briefs as follow-up to conference or on other current topic related to the themes of the working groups of our Action
- Workshop 'Academic Practices for Early Career Researchers' organised at the University of Aarhus on 12/11/2019 (9 participants, all female)
- Workshop 'At the EU Doorstep' organised at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, 15-16/11/2019 (44 MA and PhD students)
- 2 ECIN meetings (Darmstadt, Vienna)

Inclusiveness (ITC)

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- In selection of workshop/training school participants' following open calls ITC included as criterion
- Efforts to advertise ITC Conference Grants
- Additional leadership opportunities within Action (Policy Briefs Editor) – three out of four editors from ITCs

- 4 Special Issues in high-impact peer-reviewed journals published
- More than 30 academic articles in high-impact peer-reviewed journals published
- ➔ Full overview available at <https://foreignpolicynewrealities.eu/publications/>
- 2 sections hosted at international conferences
- overall 12 panels at international conferences
- ➔ More in preparation



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Follow-up of MoU objectives: Progress report of working groups

- Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt
- WG Leaders

Progress – Year 1

05/10/2018 – 04/10/2019

Year	Year 1			
	Quarter 1	2	3	4
All				
WG 1				
WG 2				
WG 3				
WG 4				
WG 5				

- ◀▶ Kick-off Conference: 05/10/2018, Bruxelles
- 🖥 Website: October 2018
- ✈ MC Meeting: 13/03/2019, Darmstadt
- 🕸 ECIN Meeting: 13/03/2019, Darmstadt
- 🕸 ECIN Panel: 01.-04/09/2019 UACES Panel Lisbon
- ◆ Report: 18/10/2019, Interim-Report to COST **All**

- Spring school: 11-14/03/2019, Darmstadt
- ◀ Round Table: Panel Discussion with Danish ambassador, 13/03/2019, Darmstadt
- ◀ Pan-European Conference, 13/09/2019, Sofia **WG 1**
- 📖 Academic article in peer-reviewed journal

- ▶ Workshop: 11-14/03/2019, Darmstadt **WG 2**

- ▶ Workshop: 08-09/07/2019, Porto **WG 3**

- ▶ Workshop: 12-14/03/2019, Darmstadt **WG 4**

- ▶ Workshop: 09-10/07/2019, Porto **WG 5**

◊ Continuously: Twitter etc.

- 📖 Academic article in peer-reviewed journal

Adjustments due to COVID-19 pandemic

- Decrease in number of events, increase in number of publications
 - ➔ Shifting of budget: 50,000.00 EUR from meetings to dissemination (e-Vote of 26/11/2020)
- Format of European Lounge Talks cannot be implemented
 - ➔ Introduction of Webinar-Format

Progress – Year 2

05/10/2019 – 04/10/2020

Year	Year 2			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
All	✓✓			⊠⊠⊠
WG 1	⊠✓		⊠✓	⊠✓
WG 2	⊠✓	⊠✓	⊠⊠	⊠✓
WG 3		⊠✓	⊠✓	
WG 4	⊠✓	⊠✓	⊠✓	⊠✓
WG 5			⊠✓	⊠✓

⊠ Continuously: Twitter etc.

- MC Meeting: 27/02/2020, Vienna
- ⊠ ECIN Workshop: 12/11/2019, Aarhus
- ⊠ ECIN Meeting: 27/02/2020, Vienna
- ◀ Public panel: 27/02/2020, Vienna
- ◆ Report: Interim-Report to COST
- ◀▶ Half-Time-Conf.: Postponed due to COVID 19-Pandemie

- ▶ Workshop: 11-12/11/2019, Aarhus;
- ▶ Workshop: 26-27/02/2020, Vienna
- ✍ Policy Brief No. 2
- 📖 Academic articles in peer-reviewed journal

- Winter school: 11.-14/11/2019, Aarhus
- 📖 Academic articles in peer-reviewed journal
- ✍ Policy Brief No. 4
- ▶ Workshop: 5-6/7/2020, Brno (digital)
- ◀ Public panel: Postponed due to COVID 19-Pandemie → webinar

- ▶ Workshop: 26-27/02/2020, Vienna
- ✍ Policy Brief No. 3
- 📖 Academic article in peer-reviewed journal

- ✍ Policy Brief No. 1
- 📖 Academic article in peer-reviewed journal
- ▶ Workshop: 15-16/6/2020, Brno (digital)
- Winter school: 15-17/3/2021, Brno (digital)

- ▶ Workshop: 27-28/02/2020, Vienna
- 📖 Academic article in peer-reviewed journal

All

WG 1

WG 2

WG 3

WG 4

WG 5

Progress – Year 3

05/10/2020 – 04/10/2021

Year	Year 3			
	Quarter 1	2	3	4
All				
WG 1				
WG 2				
WG 3				
WG 4				

◇ Continuously: Twitter etc.

→ MC Meeting: 05/03/2021, Darmstadt (digital)

☆ ECIN Meeting

◆ Report: Interim-Report to COST

📅 2 STSMs

📖 Academic articles in peer-reviewed journal

▶ Workshop

📖 Academic articles in peer-reviewed journal

📅 3 STSMs

○ Winter school: 15-17/3/2021, Brno (digital)

▶ 2 Workshops

📅 1 STSM

📖 Academic articles in peer-reviewed journal

📅 2 STSMs

▶ Workshop: 5/3/2021, Barcelona (digital)

📖 Academic article in peer-reviewed journal

✍️ Policy Brief No. 5

📅 1 STSM

○ Training School

▶ Workshop

📅 1 STSM

All

WG 1

WG 2

WG 3

WG 4

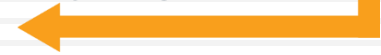
Further MoU Objectives

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Realised STSMs

- Year 3: 5 STSMs
 - ▣ Spain → Belgium
 - ▣ Portugal → Slovenia
 - ▣ Latvia → Belgium
 - ▣ Turkey → Spain
 - ▣ Israel → France

Call is still open



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Working Group 1 (New Realities)

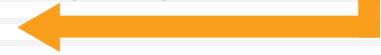
- Assistant Prof Feride Asli Ergul Jorgensen
- Prof Knud Erik Jørgensen

Recent achievements

- Two policy briefs
- Individual publications
- Conference attendance (online)

Outlook

- Forum in Global Affairs
- 2021 workshop in Izmir - “Challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean” (to be scheduled)
- Section **„Reinventing the Mediterranean: Identity, Politics, Security”** with 9 panels and one Roundtable at 14th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, Malta (online)



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Working Group 2 (Perception and Communication)

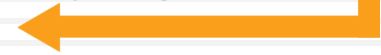
- Dr. Jan Osička
- Prof. Dr. Natalia Chaban
- Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt

Recent achievements

- 11-14/11/2019, **Aarhus: Winter training school** “Images of Europe at Times of Global Challenges: Perceptions of EU (foreign) policy making inside and outside Europe – Theoretical, Methodological and Empirical Reflections” (organized and run by N. Chaban)
- **Special Issue #1:** N. Chaban, J. Osicka, V. Zapletalova and P. Heinrichs (2020), Special Issue “Changing realities, changing narratives? A narrative reading of EU perceptions in a changing Europe”, *Australian and New Zealand Journal of European Studies*, 12(3)[already with attention from media]
- **Special Issue #2:** M. Knodt, J. Schoenefeld (2020), Special Issue „Harder soft governance in European climate and energy policy: exploring a new trend in public policy“, *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*, Vol. 22

Outlook

- N. Chaban and J. Headley “The EU in the Eyes of EU Neighbours” (in progress, for 2021)
- WG leaders in touch with Aarhus winter training school participants
- Edited Volume planned
- Workshop scheduled for 2021
- Round table scheduled for 2021
- Policy brief scheduled for 2021



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Working Group 3 (Contestation)

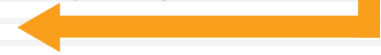
- Dr. Oriol Costa
- Dr. Katja Biedenkopf

In the pipeline

- ❑ Special issue (soon to be) published at *Global Affairs*, co-edited by Franziska Petri, Elodie Thevenin and Lina Liedlbauer, on *Contestation of European Union foreign policy: causes, modes and effects*
- ❑ Special issue under review at *European Security*, co-edited by Katja Biedenkopf, Oriol Costa and Magdalena Góra. *Contestation and Politicization of European Foreign and Security Cooperation: New realities or same old routine?*
- ❑ ECPR General Conference 2021 Section on “The Contestation of EU Foreign Policy”, led by Franziska Petri, Elodie Thevenin, and Michèle Knodt

Outlook

- WG meeting on *Mapping contestation of EU external relations*. In view of possible edited volume (led by Dario Čepo plus other co-editor/s).
- SI or symposium to be planned together with WG4, led by Ana Juncos, Helene Sjursen, Patrick Müller, Oriol Costa



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Working Group 4 (Relations)

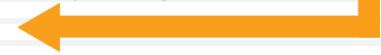
- Prof. Dr. Šarūnas Liekis
- Prof. Dr. Patrick Müller
- Prof. Dr. Michael Smith

Recent achievements

- January 2021, Articles for a Special Issues on de-Europeanization of EU Foreign Policy came back from first round of reviews from the Journal of European Integration.
- February 2021, Panel on De-Europeanization of EU Foreign Policy has been submitted to the 2021 ECPR conference.

Outlook

- Cooperation with WG3 on Contestation
- Preparation of Research Agenda and Workshops



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Scientific planning

- Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt, Action Chair
- Charlott Gebauer, Science Communication Manager

Scientific strategy

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- Enhanced focus on
 - ▣ Peer-reviewed journal articles
 - ▣ Policy briefs
 - ▣ Working paper (new)
 - ▣ Sections and panels in conferences
 - ▣ Webinars
- Regular scientific discussion with working group members

Charlott Gebauer, Science Communication Manager

- Overall dissemination of Action is going very well
- Regular updates on Action proceedings via homepage
- Regular updates on members publications on Homepage & Twitter
- 621 Followers on Twitter with overall 103 Tweets made
- Newsletter
 - Opening rate: between 49% and 65%
 - Click rate: between 2% and 10%
- Policy brief
 - Opening rate: between 49% and 57%
 - Click rate: between 1% and 6%

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Requests to join the Action

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Requests to join the Action

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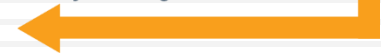
- No requests
- All besides Luxembourg already members



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Any other business (AOB)

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Location and date on next meeting

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Location and date of next meeting

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Zagreb Croatia – date to be announced



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Summary of MC Decisions

Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt

eVOTES on the following items

- 09/04/2020, closed 17/04/2020: Work and Budget Plan for Grant Period 3 (adopted unanimously)
- 09/04/2020, closed 19/04/2020: additional budget for dissemination (adopted unanimously)
- 26/11/2020, closed 06/12/2020: additional budget for dissemination (adopted unanimously)



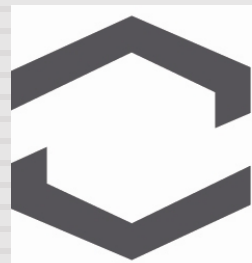
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Closing

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- Prof. Dr. Patrick Müller

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Thank you!