

COST ENTER (CA17119) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

05 OCTOBER 2022, 06:00-07:30 PM (CEST)
VIRTUAL MEETING

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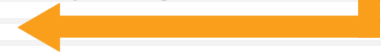
Prof. Michèle Knodt, Action Chair, TU Darmstadt

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Welcome to Participants

Prof. Michèle Knodt, Chair

Prof. Patrick Müller, Co-Chair



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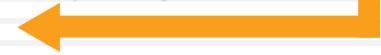
Verification of Representatives

- 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. Michèle Knodt, Chair



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Approval of Minutes and matters arising of last meeting

- Last MC Meeting held on 05/03/2021, digitally
- Minutes circulated via email on 04/10/2022

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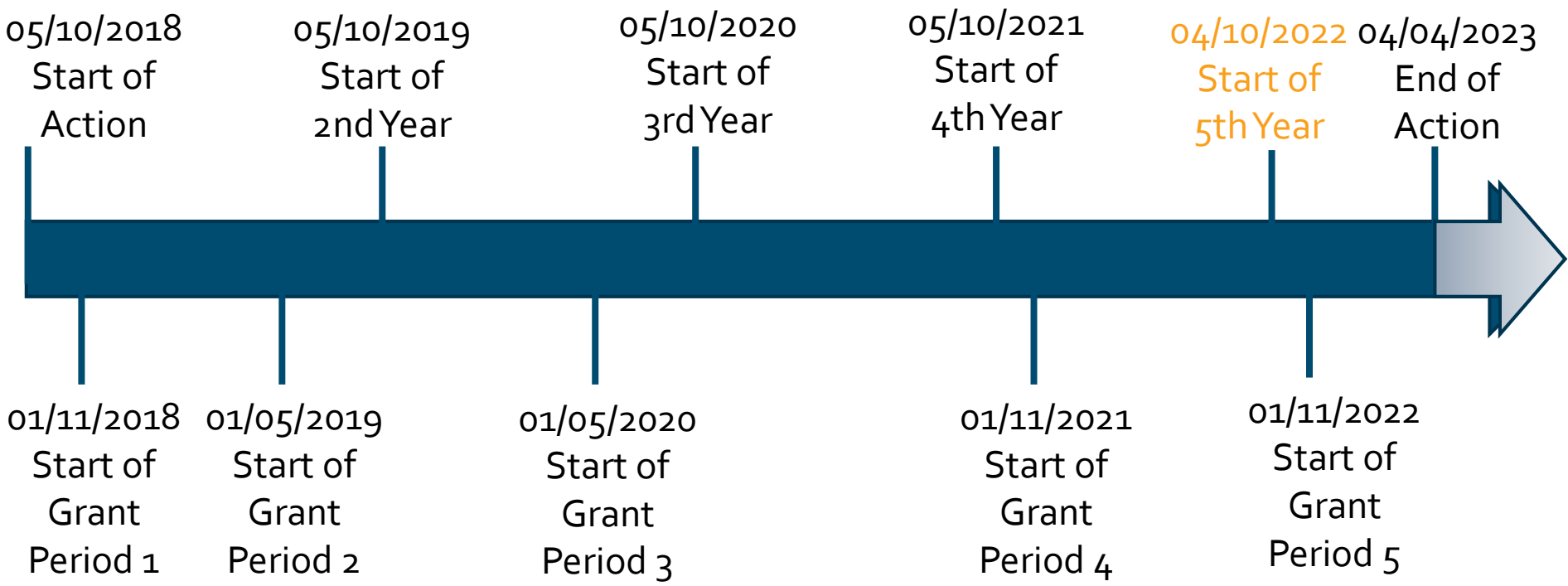
Updates from the Action Chair

Prof. Michèle Knodt, Chair

Status of Action ENTER

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- Start of 5th year: 04/10/2022
- Action end date (+ extension): 04/04/2023



Status of Action ENTER

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- Participating COST countries: 38
- Near Neighbour Countries: 2
 - ▣ Azerbaijan
 - ▣ Kosovo
- New COST Full Members (since 31/03/2022)
 - ▣ Georgia
 - ▣ Ukraine

Gender Balance

- Action Chair female, Vice-Chair male
→ acting as role models for Action
- Successful encouragement of female researchers to participate
- Gender balance as criterion for all events
- ECI-Network and Grants as Networking tool are important instrument for gender balance as well

Overview of ECIN* Activities

- Panels at UACES and ECPR conferences – in line with working groups
- Articles and COST Action ENTER Working Papers by ECIN members – in line with working groups
- Policy-briefs as follow-up to conference or on other current topics related to the themes of the working groups
- 2 workshops (University of Aarhus, 12/11/2019; Jagiellonian University, 15-16/11/2019)
- 2 ECIN meetings (Darmstadt, 12/03/2019; Vienna, 27/02/2020)
- 1 webinar – in collaboration with Virtual Mobility Grant holder (29/09/2021)

*Early Career Investigator Network (ECIN)

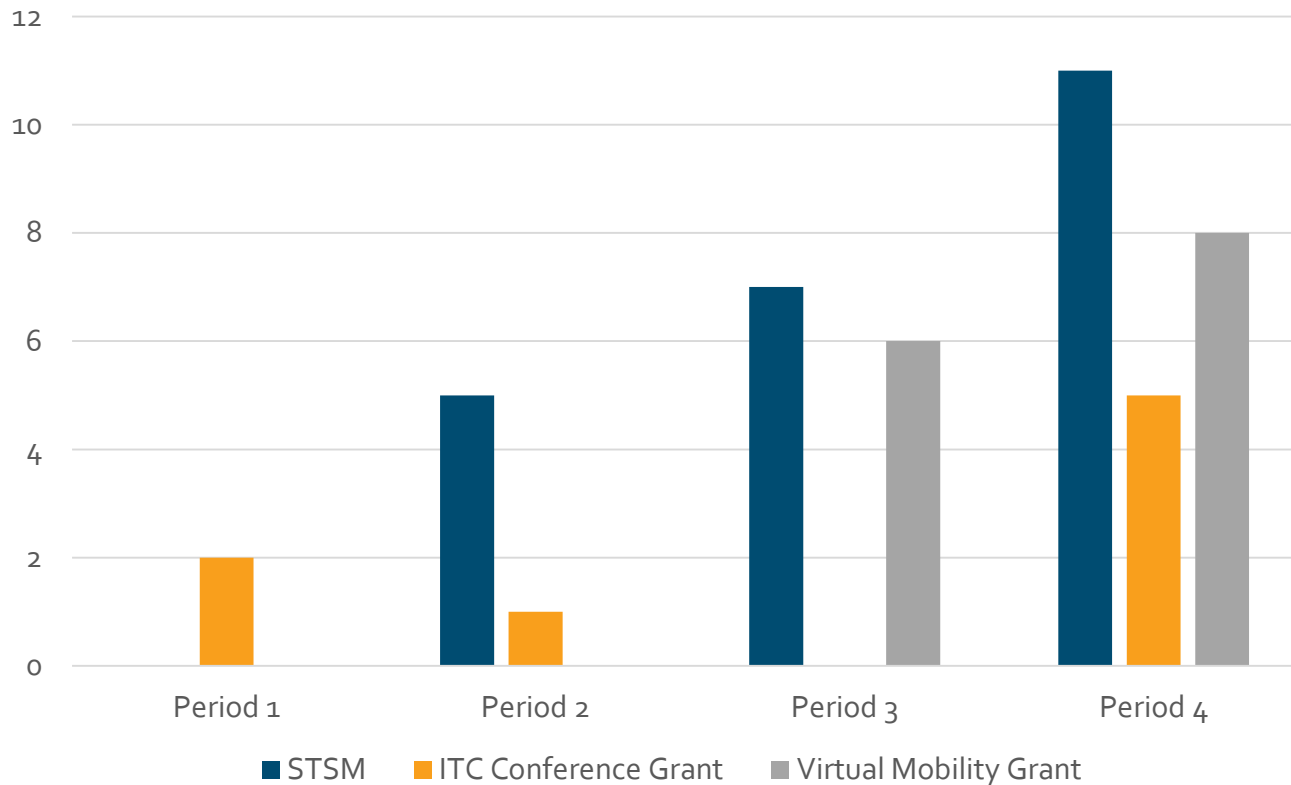
Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC)

- 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

Grant Report (Period 1-4)



Overview Grants

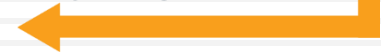


Results for all Grants

- 45 successful candidates
- 31 females, 14 males
- 18 ITCs*
- 31 ECIs**

* COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, and the Republic of North Macedonia

** Early career investigator (ECI) - a researcher whose career spanned less than 8 years between the date of the PhD/doctorate (or similar experience) and the date of involvement in the COST Action.



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Update from the COST Association

Dr. Rossella Magli, Science Officer

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MoU Objectives and Progress Report

Prof. Michèle Knodt, Chair

Progress Report – Year 1

05/10/2018 – 04/10/2019

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

◆ Continuously: Twitter etc.

- ◀▶ 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
- 📖 Academic article in peer-reviewed journal

WG 1

▶ 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

📖 Academic article in peer-reviewed journal

Progress Report – Year 2

05/10/2019 – 04/10/2020

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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 → Webinars

- ▶ 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 Report – Year 3

05/10/2020 – 31/10/2021

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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
- ◀▶ Half-Time-Conf. - ENTER-Week: 04-10/10/2021 (from Year 2)

- 📅 2 STSMs
- 📖 Academic articles in peer-reviewed journal
- ▶ Workshop/Virtual Panel: 07/10/2021

- 📖 Academic articles in peer-reviewed journal
- 📅 2 STSMs (2 STSMs: Postponed in Year 4 due to pandemic)
- Winter school: 15-17/3/2021, Brno (digital)
- ▶ Workshop: 5/10/2021 (digital) + Webtalk 5/10/2021 (digital)
- ◀ European Lounge Talk/ Webtalk: 19/11/2020 (from Year 2)

- 📖 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 (1 STSM: Postponed in Year 4 due to pandemic)
- Training School: Postponed in Year 4 due to pandemic
- ▶ Workshop: 17/01/2022

All

WG 1

WG 2

WG 3

WG 4

Progress Report – Year 4

01/11/2021 – 04/10/2022

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Year	Year 4			
	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
All			✓	✓
WG 1	▶	✓	○	✓
WG 2	✓	✓	✓	✓
WG 3	○	✓	○	○
WG 4	✓	✓	○	○

- MC Meeting: 05/10/2022, Darmstadt/ ◀▶ Final Conf. (digital)
- ☆ 1 ECIN Meeting in Nov 22 ◀ Round Table
- ◆ Report: Final Report to COST
- 📖 Final Contribution: Special issue/ Book

- ✍ Policy Brief No. 6
- ◀ High-level Round Table/ Webtalk: 05/10/2021 (with Dr. Colin Scicluna)
- 📖 2 Working Paper
- ▶ Workshop

- 📖 1 Working Paper
- ✍ Policy Brief No. 7 + No. 8
- ◀ 2 European Lounge Talk (Webinar): Webinar War on Ukraine
- Training School (Spring/Summer): 22-25/06/2022, Mainz/Darmstadt, Germany; counts for WG3 + WG4)

- 📖 2 Working Paper
- ✍ Policy Brief No. 9
- Training School
- ◀ High-level Round Table discussion (or Webinar)

- 📖 2 Working Paper
- ✍ Policy Brief No. 10
- Training School postponed in Year 3
- ◀ Webinar/European lounge talk: 06/10/2020 (digital)
- ◀ High-level Round Table discussion (or Webinar)

◇ Continuously: Twitter etc.

All

WG 1

WG 2

WG 3

WG 4

Adjustments due to COVID-19 pandemic

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- Decrease in number of events, increase in number of publications, increase of Virtual Mobility Grants
 - “Citizen Science” Approaches (iterative learning loops and Open Situation Rooms dedicated to exchanges among researchers and practitioners) cannot be implemented
- Introduction of a special Webinar format (including a Webinar Series on “War against Ukraine and the EU”)

- ❖ 6 Special Issues in high-impact peer-reviewed journals published (2 SI's in review)
- ❖ More than 60 academic articles in peer-reviewed journals published (25 articles in review)
- ❖ 5 sections hosted at international conferences
- ❖ over 20 panels at international conferences
- ❖ COST ENTER Working Paper Series
- ❖ COST ENTER Policy Brief Series

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Scientific Planning

- Prof. Michèle Knodt, Chair

Scientific Planning

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- Continuing focus on
 - ▣ Peer-reviewed journal articles
 - ▣ Working Paper Series
 - ▣ Webinars
- Regular scientific discussion with Working Group members
- Final Contribution/ Final Special issue

Dissemination Planning

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- Overall dissemination of Action is going very well
- Regular updates on Action proceedings via homepage
- Regular updates on members publications on Homepage & Twitter
- 972 Followers on Twitter with overall 215 Tweets made
- Newsletter
 - Opening rate: between 41% and 56%
- Policy brief
 - Opening rate: between 41% and 43%

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Any other business (AOB)

Prof. Michèle Knodt, Chair

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Summary of MC Decisions

Prof. Michèle Knodt, Chair

Summary of MC Decisions

Conducted e-VOTES in Periods 3 and 4:

- **07/05/2021, closed 17/05/2021:** Budget shift within COST Action ENTER for new budget line "Virtual Networking Tools" (adopted unanimously)
- **19/05/2021, closed 29/05/2021:** Virtual Networking Support (VNS) Grant (adopted unanimously)
- **04/06/2021, closed 14/06/2021:** Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants (adopted unanimously)
- **07/07/2021, closed 17/07/2021:** Budget shift within COST Action ENTER from meetings to STSMs (adopted unanimously)
- **27/01/2022, closed 03/02/2022:** Work and Budget Plan for Grant Period 4 (adopted unanimously)
- **11/03/2022, closed 21/03/2022:** Election of new role "Grant Awarding Coordinator" and implementation of Virtual Networking Support (VNS) Grant, (adopted unanimously)
- **16/06/2022, closed 26/06/2022:** 6-month Extension of COST Action ENTER (CA17119), (adopted unanimously)

Summary of MC Decisions

Planned e-VOTES in Periods 4 and 5:

- **10/10/2022, will be closed 20/10/2022:** Budget shift within COST Action ENTER from Meetings to STSMs
- **10/10/2022, will be closed 20/10/2022:** Budget shift within COST Action ENTER from Meetings to ITC Conference Grant
- **Nov/2022:** Work and Budget Plan for Grant Period 5



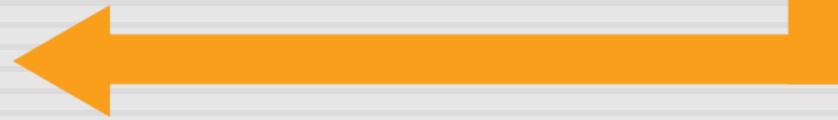
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Closing

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Thank you!