

# WHO CARES IN EUROPE?

Minutes of the Core Group Meeting of the COST Action

**CA18119 – Who Cares in Europe?**

Meeting in Paris

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## 1. Introduction:

Clarisse Berthezène, Chair, and Laura Downs, Vice Chair, welcomed the participants and presented the agenda of the Core Group meeting. The main topics of the agenda were: The organization of meetings and workshops from March through October 2022, The STSM, ITC, VMS and VM grants, the Budget Reallocation, the Publications and the Action Dissemination as well. All participants agreed on the importance of organizing face to face meetings despite the Covid pandemic. Moreover, all face to face participants who came to Paris were very happy to be in the conference room together and see each other after a long time.

## 2. Meetings Organization and Budget Reallocation:

Efi Avdela, Working Group's 4 co-Leader, took the floor in order to confirm the organization of the Workshop: "Meeting children's needs, worrying for the young, caring for the old: intersecting historical approaches of age-based welfare in twentieth century Europe", This meeting will take place in Athens on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. Adriana Zaharijevic, Working Group's 1 co-leader, confirmed as well the organization of the meeting in Belgrade. All Core Group members agreed to reallocate the budget for the organisation of the meeting in Belgrade and for the organization of other meetings as well. Adriana will send us the details about the meeting in Belgrade. Meeting organisation is very complicated due to Covid, which is why we would like to reallocate the funds.

Laura Downs announced the organisation of a meeting in Florence from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2022. This meeting will be about the transversal project "Right Wing Women", with approximately 15 participants. Moreover, the members of Working Group 3 Stefano Petrungaro and Michele Mioni confirmed the organisation of the meeting in Venice, with about 12 participants. Fabio Giomi, Working Group's 2 co-leader, also presented the Aix-en-Provence meeting, which will be organised by Antoine Perrier (member of Working Group 2). Antoine Perrier will host the third and last workshop of the Archive Project in Aix en Provence (a closed workshop) alongside the first meeting of a group that is studying social protection in the Maghreb and the Mashriq.

Then, Pirjo Markkola, Working Group's 4 co-leader, confirmed the Workshop in Bern on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2022. This Workshop will be co-organised with Sonja Matter (member of Working Group 3) and will be about "Gender in the welfare state (mixed economy on welfare)" with approximately 8 participants. Pirjo Markkola, announced as well that the meeting planned for Finland in late September 2022 could instead take place in Florence. This meeting is scheduled from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2022 and will be a continuation of the Workshop "Religion, Gender and Mixed Economy" with about 15 participants.

After the presentation of all the upcoming meetings, the Core Group members agreed that a specific process must be defined for the creation and for every change of the program of the meetings. After an invitation is sent, all changes or modifications have to be voted first by the Core Group, either during a Core Group meeting or by E-Vote in the E-COST. Changes or modifications will be no longer accepted by e-mail. Mickael Pero, COST's science officer,

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confirmed that this is the right way to operate. Laura Downs asked Mickael Pero if we can reallocate the funding not spent from the Paris meeting to other meetings and to scientific publications. Mickael Pero answered that we can easily reallocate the budget in the E-COST by introducing a “new networking tool” (that is, a new meeting) into the system. The new Work and Budget Plan should also be approved by the MC by E-Vote. Therefore, the budget reallocation for the meetings and the new specific process for the eventually change of a meeting were accepted unanimously.

### 3. STSM, ITC, VNS, VM Grants:

The Core Group moved on to the agenda items relating to the STSM, ITC, VNS and VM grants. Adriana Zaharijevic, Working Group’s 1 co-leader, stated that the members of the action often don’t know exactly the possibilities of these grants. Adriana Zaharijevic also thinks that is important to better advertise these grants in the network. She suggested to introduce the call of the grants to everyone through Elena Rizzi (Virtual Networking Support manager). Therefore, a better communication would be necessary, especially during the pandemic. Mickael Pero, suggested to present the grants during the Core Group meeting. A timeline for the applications and an explanation of the grant in question would be needed as well.

All the Core Group members agreed to disseminate the information about the grants during the Management Committee meeting. They also agreed to reallocate the Work and Budget plan if we realize that we won’t use all the Grants. Mickael Pero confirmed that we can easily do that by E-Vote. Laura Downs announced a preference for the STSM Grants as the STSM are connected to the ongoing publication projects. Mickael Pero explained that with the new annotated COST rules, there is only one “Grant Awarding Coordinator” position. This position will be for the coordinator of all the STSMs, ITCs and VM Grants. Tamara Prevendar (member of Working Groups 3 and 4) applied for this position. The Core Group members voted unanimously for the nomination of Tamara Prevendar as the Grant Awarding Coordinator of the action.

Tamara Prevendar suggested to set a timeline for the grant applications. For example, all members could apply for the March 31<sup>st</sup>. We would gather a number of applications and decide then. The Core Group members agreed to the deadline of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Concerning the VM and VNS grants, Elena Rizzi applied for the VNS. Adriana Zaharijevic, Anca Dohotariu (Working Group 1 co-leader) and Joanna Wawrzyniak (member of Working Group 4) applied for the VM grants. Their applications were accepted unanimously by the Core Group.

### 4. Action Dissemination:

Clarisse Berthezène thanked Elena Rizzi for her work on the Website of the action. The Core Group members agreed that Elena updated the “Who cares in Europe website and made it more usable. She created the program and the poster for the meeting in Paris as well. Elena Rizzi asked what would be our needs for the Website during GP3. It could be a sharing folders

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system. Mickael Pero confirmed that it would be possible to calculate a shared folder system in the GP3 and especially during the time that we will have more publications.

Pirjo Markkola, added that we have to prioritize the publications. She stated that it would be very important to reallocate the rest of the meeting's budget for publications and proof-reader's payments. Pirjo's Markkola suggestion was voted unanimously by the Core Group.

### 5. Next steps calendar and votes:

All the following points were voted and accepted unanimously:

- Budget reallocation for the unspent budget from the Paris meeting to other meetings, scientific publications and proofreading.
- Add a meeting in Belgrade and a meeting in Florence.
- The meeting planned in Finland for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of September will take place in Florence instead.
- After having already sent the invitations to a meeting, changes or modifications will no longer be accepted by e-mail. Any change or modification after the invitation is sent has to be voted during a Core Group or by E-Vote.
- Reallocate to the WBP the STSM, ITC, VNS, VM grants if we won't use them.
- Tamara Prevendar is officially the new Grant Awarding Coordinator of the action.
- Timeline for the applications of the Grants till March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Elena Rizzi applied for the VNS grant. Her application is already accepted by the CG.
- Adriana Zaharijevic, Anca Dohotariu and Joana Wawrzyniak applied for the VM grants. Their applications are already accepted by the CG.

### 6. List of participants:

**Attendance:** list of the attendance (Country & Member: alphabetic order)

Participants:

(GR) AVDELA EFI

(FR) BERTHEZENE CLARISSE

(PT) COVA ANNE

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(FI) MARKKOLA PIRJO

(CR) PREVENDAR TAMARA

(IT) RIZZI ELENA MARIA RITA

(CZ) SUSTROVA RADKA

(SB) ZAHARIJEVIC ADRIANA