

WHO CARES IN EUROPE?

Minutes of the Core Group Meeting of the COST Action

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1. Introduction:

Presentation and welcome by the Vice Chair. Laura Downs presented the agenda of the Core Group meeting. The main subjects of the agenda were the organization of the next MC meeting, the WG applications, the Upcoming events and the Budget reallocation as well.

2. Organisation of the next MC meeting:

Laura Downs announced the possibility of organizing the next MC meeting of the action in Ljubljana on November or December 2022. The members of the Core Group agreed that Ljubljana is an ideal location for the MC meeting and the earlier we meet, the better it would be. Therefore, this meeting has been provisionally scheduled for on 17-19 November. Isidora Grubacki, our Local Organiser in Ljubljana, will check and confirm these dates (or not). NB: The amazingly efficient Isidora confirmed the 17-19 November dates later that same day.

3. Working Groups membership:

Laura Downs informed the Core Group that we've received 86 (re-)applications thus far for WG membership. Ellianna Farazi explained that we have 140 people on our contact list. However, we need to encourage the members of the action to sign up for the Working Groups. Elena Rizzi added that it will be important as well to remind our members to subscribe to the Website of our action, a very simple, two-step procedure. Marco van de Leeuwen suggested we send everyone a message in order to inform them that they must sign up for a WG if they wish to continue participating in our action's meetings. Ellianna Farazi will send a reminder to our contacts.

4. Upcoming meetings:

Isidora Grubacki took the floor to inform the Core Group about the organization of the upcoming Workshop in Jena. This meeting will take place on 18-19 July and will be about "Intellectual history and public engagement", with a focus on women intellectuals. Not to be outdone, Laura Downs announced the next session of Unpolitical Politics, which will take place in Florence on 7-9 July. Efi Avdela informed the Core Group that one more session of Unpolitical Politics need to be organized in early October, perhaps in Belgrade if it's possible, otherwise in Florence. Adriana Zaharijevic will look into the possibilities at her home university (U of Belgrade) and will let us know very soon whether she can host "Unpolitical Politics" or not in early October.

Efi Avdela also announced Lea Delmaire and Gabriel Doyle's idea for a workshop on Social Housing. This is a great idea, as social housing is a crucial element in social protection, one that our Action has not yet explored. Lea and Gabriel want to hold their workshop in fall 2022.

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They could either do it before 15 October or during the next grant period, which begins on 1 Nov 2022. Efi Avdela suggested we leave them the choice. This item was voted unanimously by the Core Group.

5. Budget reallocation:

Laura Downs informed the Core Group about the proofreading of Casper Gelderblom. Casper will work for the proofreading of several projects of the action but mostly for the Unpolitical Politics project. The Core Group voted unanimously the budget reallocation for the proofreading of Casper Gelderblom. Moreover, Laura announced that we have around 43.000€ left till the end of the current Grant Period (31 October 2022). She suggested we use any budget leftovers for language editing. Ellianna Farazi added that we could also use the unspent budget in order to redistribute some Grants. These items were both approved unanimously by the Core Group. Therefore, Tamara Prevendar will send a new call for applications for some VM, ITC and STSM Grants.

6. Next steps calendar and votes:

Isidora Grubacki announced that a researcher from Belgium is very interested in joining our action. The Core Group voted unanimously to welcome Belgium into our Cost action.

Clarisse Berthezène and Laura Downs will redact the letter for the extension of the action.

All the following points were voted and accepted unanimously:

- Budget reallocation for the organization of the upcoming meetings, the proof reading and language editing
- Budget reallocation for the VM, STSM, and ITC grants
- The deadline for applications for the different grants will be extended till the end of July.
- Ellianna Farazi will send a short, clear reminder about re-signing up for your WG(s) and subscribing to our Action Website, with clear instructions on how to accomplish each of this simple but necessary tasks.

7. List of participants:

Attendance: list of those present (Country & Member: alphabetic order)

Participants:

(GR) AVDELA EFI

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(IT) DOWNS LAURA

(GR) FARAZI ELLIANNA

(HU) GRUBACKI ISIDORA

(NL) H.D van LEEUWEN MARCO

(FI) MARKKOLA PIRJO

(HR) PREVENDAR TAMARA

(IT) RIZZI ELENA MARIA RITA

(RS) ZAHARIJEVIC ADRIANA