

WHO CARES IN EUROPE?

Minutes of the Core Group Meeting of the COST Action

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1. Introduction:

The action Chair, Clarisse Berthezene, opened the session and presented the agenda of the meeting.

2. Grants GP4:

The Grants Awarding Coordinator, Tamara Prevendar took the floor in order to present the Grants Applications. We have announced:

- 2 ITC conference grants up to 1,700 € and 1 dissemination conference grant - up to 1.400,00€
- 3 STSMs to be awarded up to 2,000 € each
- 3 VM of 1500 € each

We received the following applications:

- 3 STSM → Danijel Baturina (1912€), Isidora Grubacki (1715€), Jelena Ceriman (2000€)
- 1 DGC → Michele Mioni (984,86€)
- 1 ITC → Deona Cali (1600€)
- 1 VM → Karolina Lendak-Kabok (1500€)

The Core Group approved the STSM applications and the VM application. Marco van de Leeuwen abstained from the process (by email) as Michele Mioni and Deona Cali are part of his COST transversal projects. Moreover, the Core Group didn't approve the ITC application of Deona Cali.

Tamara Prevedar clarified that for this round of applications, the amount for the STSM grant has exceptionally been reduced to 2000€ instead of 4000€ per grant. She suggested that we could announce more STSM grants during 2023 with the total amount of 4000€ per grant.

Anca Dohotariu added that this makes sense as before the pandemics travelling was more expensive than now. Therefore, it's logic to reduce the total amount of the grant.

Also Clarisse Berthezene suggested to give some feedback to Deona Cali and inform her why her application is rejected. We could explain that the field of her research is not related to our COST. However, we would be happy to fund something related to Who cares in Europe. Therefore, we will encourage her to apply for another grant with a subject more related to this COST action.

Clarisse added that Michele Mioni will do an excellent job with the Conference Dissemination Grant. Tamara will send Michele's application to the Core Group by email.

Elianna Farazi informed Tamara that after the budget reallocation from the meetings of Rome and Florence, we have enough budget for the Virtual Networking Support Grant. She also reminded to the CG that according to the MC meeting of Ljubljana, Elena Rizzi will continue as a Virtual Networking Support Manager of the action for GP4. Therefore, Tamara will send us very soon the call for the VNS and will ask Elena Rizzi to apply.

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3. COST Innovators Grant:

Clarisse Berthezene informed the Core Group about the COST Innovators Grant. It will be a 6-page proposal for one year of funding, starting on November 1st 2023. The proposal has to be about an impact with the industry and the society. One of the possibilities would be to contact a think tank in Vienna. It's the European Center for Social Welfare Policy and Research.

Laura Downs presented the think tank. She suggested that we could present a long term history of social policy, social protection and social action in different parts of Europe within the frame of the particular sections of mixed economies of Welfare and also of the families as actors. She will write very soon to the Director of the think tank in order to organize the proposal for the COST Innovators Grant.

4. Next steps calendar and votes:

All the following points were voted and accepted unanimously:

- The unspent budget from the meeting of Florence and Rome will be reallocated to the Grants and Dissemination of the action.
- The STSM, DCG, and VM applications have been approved.
- The ITC application have been rejected.
- Tamara Prevendar will create soon the call for the VNS Grant and Elena Rizzi will apply.
- The Action will apply for the COST Innovators Grant. Several meetings will follow during January for the organization of the proposal.

5. List of participants:

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

(FR) BERTHEZENE CLARISSE

(PT) COVA ANNE

(RO) DOHOTARIU ANCA

(IT) DOWNS LAURA

(GR) FARAZI ELLIANNA

(HU) GRUBACKI ISIDORA

(FI) MARKKOLA PIRJO

(CR) PREVENDAR TAMARA

(RS) ZAHARIJEVIC ADRIANA