

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, welcomed the Core Group and presented the agenda of the meeting. This Core Group meeting was about:

- The COST Innovators Grant
- The budget of GP4
- The Grants
- The upcoming meetings

2. COST Innovators Grant:

Clarisse shared the news about the COST Innovators Grant. She had a meeting with Laura Downs and Kai Leichsenring, the Executive Director of the European Center for Social Welfare Policy and Research. This European Center is an intergovernmental organisation affiliated to the United Nations. Clarisse explained that they will collaborate in order to apply for the COST Innovators Grant. Kai suggested during their meeting to highlight the impact of the Social Welfare through this collaboration. They usually organise frequent Trainings for NGOs and Social Workers. Therefore, they agreed to plan a Training School with Who cares in Europe if the COST Innovators Grant application is accepted.

3. Budget, Grants and Upcoming meetings:

Ellianna informed the Core Group that the remaining budget after the reallocation from the meetings of Ljubljana, Rome and Florence is 6800€. Clarisse reminded everyone that with this budget we need to launch a call for the VNS Grant of Elena Rizzi as it has been voted in the MC meeting of Ljubljana. Also, the Unpolitical Politics project would like to meet in Paris in the end of March. Karolina Lendak-Kabok wants as well to meet in Belgrade with John-Paul Newman and Hanna Lindberg for their “Ethnic and Social Minorities” project. They will meet at the same time with the Women’s Intellectual History project of Isidora Grubacki. Léa Delmaire and Gabriel Doyle confirmed by email that they will meet in Paris in early July for the “Welfare and the Domestic space” project.

Moreover, Ellianna received some requests from Fabio Giomi and Adriana Zaharijevic and some other members of the COST network for a Dissemination Conference Grant. Clarisse explained that for the first time during the COST project, there is a problem with the budget and maybe not all of the requests could be accepted. We would really like to allocate the budget to all the requests but it’s not easy. Ellianna added that this happens because at the first place the GP4 was supposed to last 6 months. We finally had the extension but not extra budget for the additional 6 months. She suggested that when the next budget reallocation will take place, we could check again the remaining budget. We could try to accept

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Fabio's and Adriana's requests, but we might have to lower the total amount of the Conference Dissemination Grant. Unfortunately, we cannot not know that before early April.

Adriana Zaharijevic took the floor regarding the Conference Dissemination Grant for the participation in Reykjavik. She pointed out that if members of the University of Belgrade and from Eastern Europe are not part of a project, they need to finance from their own pockets any kind of conference they want to attend. She gave more details about her participation for the Reykjavik conference. Their panel is accepted. If COST could fund only a part of these expenses, it would be ideal. Some participants might find other resources to go to Reykjavik.

Anca Dohotariu added that the Elder Care project had a book proposal for the Manchester University Press. Therefore, if it's difficult in the terms of the budget to fund and the meeting in Bucarest and this publication, they will maybe use in the publication the amount of money that it was blocked for the meeting in Bucarest. Pirjo Markkola said that they will also need some funds with Dominika Gruziel for their publication within the frame of the Religion and Welfare in the European Borderlands project. However, if it's too difficult, they will try to figure out this without the COST funds.

In the end, Tamara Prevendar reminded that the approval of the application of Michele Mioni for the Dissemination Conference Grant is still pending. The core group voted unanimously for the application of Michele Mioni. Also, Clarisse thanked Elena Rizzi for the Newsletter and for all of her work as Virtual Networking Coordinator of the COST Action.

4. Next steps calendar and votes:

All the following points were voted and accepted unanimously:

- A meeting for the Unpolitical Politics project will take place in Paris in the end of March
- A meeting of "Welfare and the domestic space" project will take place in Paris in early July
- The Ethnic and Social Minorities project will meet in Belgrade at the same time with the Women's Intellectual History project
- The unspent budget from the meetings will be reallocated to the Grants and Dissemination of the action.
- The DCG application of Michele Mioni has been approved.
- We will send asap the call for the VNS Grant and Elena Rizzi will apply.
- The Action will apply for the COST Innovators Grant.
- Once the next budget reallocation takes place and if it's possible, we will launch a new call for the Conference Dissemination Grant in order to fund at least a part of the expenses for the participation in the conferences of ESSHC and Reykjavik

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5. List of participants:

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

(FR) BERTHEZENE CLARISSE

(RO) DOHOTARIU ANCA

(GR) FARAZI ELLIANNA

(HU) GRUBACKI ISIDORA

(FI) MARKKOLA PIRJO

(CR) PREVENDAR TAMARA

(IT) RIZZI ELENA

(CZ) SUSTROVA RADKA

(NL) VAN DE LEEUWEN MARCO

(RS) ZAHARIJEVIC ADRIANA