

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 Action Chair: Clarisse Berthezène updated the Core Group about the information that we received recently from the COST association. COST invited us to the “Connect event on Ageing in Europe”. This event will take place in Brussels and will give the opportunity to the Action Chairs to present their Action to a selected audience. There were only two spots available per COST Action. Therefore, Clarisse suggested to Anca Dohotariu and Pat Thane to participate to this event as they are experts on this subject.

2. Top-Up Opportunity:

Clarisse also informed the Core Group about the Top Up opportunity that we received. COST had room to support some additional activities for this Grant Period. They give us the opportunity to ask for an extra budget up to 30000€ (the FSAC is included in this amount). We had a 6month extension of the Action but without extra budget. Therefore, is important for the Action to send a request for this Top-Up opportunity. Ellianna prepared a draft of the request and presented the following table to the Core Group:

Proposed Networking Tool(s)	Budget requested (in euros)	Description (E&I policy contribution / Action objective contribution)
Meeting	16486,96€	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Concluding meeting of the Action and transition of <i>Who cares in Europe?</i> to <i>Wecare in Europe</i> (if the CIG is allocated)2. Introduce members from ITC countries and young researchers to the European Centre for Social Welfare and Research with whom we will work on innovation and impact3. Disseminate research results to a broad audience, including policy makers and the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
Dissemination Conference Grant	5600€	Give the opportunity to members from ITC countries to participate and present the work of the Action and their own work as well in the panel for Island Europeanists conference
Virual Networking Support	4000€	

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		Develop a hybrid and virtual collaboration within the research and innovation communities and among the members of the Action.
FSAC	3913,04€	
Total Top Up	30000€	

Efi Avdela asked if we have a list with all the unsatisfied requests of the Grant Period. Clarisse answered that we had the panel for the ESSHC conference. Fabio Giomi confirmed that this panel was cancelled as it wasn't a priority for this Grant Period. Clarisse explained that the request for the Top Up Budget will be focused on a Concluding meeting for the Action, the Conference Dissemination Grants, and the Virtual Networking Support as well.

The Core Group members agreed that it's important to organise a last annual meeting where we could Disseminate the research results of the Action to a broad audience and also meet with the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research. Moreover, concerning the Conference Dissemination Grants it will be significant for the Action to allow to members from ITC countries to participate and present the work of the Action to the Europeanists conference. Additionally, Clarisse and Ellianna suggested to include the VNS Grant in the Top Up as is essential that Elena Rizzi will be paid for her work as a Virtual Networking Support manager.

These items voted unanimously by the Core Group.

3. Upcoming meetings and budget reallocation:

Clarisse announced the upcoming meetings of this period. The Women's intellectual history project will meet in Belgrade with the Ethnic and Social Minorities project on 22-23 March. At the same time, the Unpolitical Politics group will meet in Paris. The Keywords Reader group will meet in Cologne on 11-12 May. The meeting planned in Prague for the Women's Intellectual History project will finally take place online. A new meeting will take place in London instead. This meeting will be about the Dissemination of the action. The Core Group voted unanimously to use the unspent budget of the meetings for the organisation of the new meetings and the allocation of the grants as well.

4. Next steps calendar and votes:

All the following points were voted and accepted unanimously:

- The action will send a request for the Top-Up opportunity
- The meeting of the Women's Intellectual History project in Prague will finally take place online.

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- The unspent budget of this meeting will be allocated for the organization of a new meeting in London and for the Grants as well.

5. Closing:

Laura Downs thanked the Core Group about the application for the COST Innovation Grant. She said that it was fantastic and we all did excellent job about it. Efi Avdela said that in this COST Action it was great that we learned how to work well all together.

6. List of participants:

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

(GR) AVDELA EFI

(FR) BERTHEZENE CLARISSE

(PT) COVA ANNE

(RO) DOHOTARIU ANCA

(IT) DOWNS LAURA

(GR) FARAZI ELLIANNA

(FR) GIOMI FABIO

(HU) GRUBACKI ISIDORA

(FI) MARKKOLA PIRJO

(RS) ZAHARIJEVIC ADRIANA