



Circle: MC Members
Date: 22-09-2015
Time: 13:30 CET
Location: Room 5 CICG, Geneva
Participants: Listed in Appendix A

Minutes of 2nd MC Meeting

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Topic 1 - **Opening by Prof. Dr. José Matos, Chair of the Action (13:30 CET)**

- Tour de Table and Establishment of Quorum
- Short Overview of Reimbursement Policies
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting

Topic 2 - **Update from the Action Chair**

- Status of Action, including participating countries, [link to presentation](#)
- Action budget status
- STSM status and new applications
- Promotion of gender balance and Early Stage Researchers (ESR)

Topic 3 - **Update from the Grant Holder**

- Facts & Figures on gender and institutional participation, [link to presentation](#)
- Two STSMs are so far submitted by:
 - Ivan Zambon, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (AT)
 - Nikola Tanasic, Faculty of Civil Engineering at University of Belgrade, Belgrade (RS)

Topic 4 - **Update from the COST Association**

- The Committee of Senior Officials has decided in its 194th CSO meeting held on 12-13 May 2015 in Stockholm to include Montenegro as the 36th COST Member Country (inclusiveness target country).
- COST Key documents - <http://www.cost.eu/participate>
- Due to the new COST H2020 SGA (Specific Grant Agreement), resulting from changing the FP7 framework to HORIZON 2020, the 1st Grant Period will finalize on the 30-04-2016 (initially 31-05-2016);
- In the EFSI (European Fund for Strategic Investment) context, strong concerns regarding a potential budget cut of 7% for COST;
- “Engaging for COST”: online petition can be signed at <https://forms.cost.eu/petition>;
- K4 European Innovation Summit. Those that have a SME, with relevant developments in the COST Action field, can participate (please inform the Action Chair);
- Fraudulent sales offensive on COST Actions (costactionhub), please inform the legal department to legal@cost.eu.

Topic 5 - **Follow-up of MoU objectives**

- Progress report of working groups, link to presentation

Topic 6 - **Scientific planning**

- Scientific strategy
- Action Budget Planning
- Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future activities)
- Dissemination planning (Publications and outreach activities)

Topic 7 - **Requests for new members**

- Turkey – 25/06/2015 - and (Montenegro – 31-08-2015) joined the Action !
- Romania. Some contacts were already established with Romania but, until now, no decision was taken. If the decision to accept the MoU is after CSO approval, 13-11-2014, then they also need to be approved by the MC.

Topic 8 - **Non-COST applications to the Action**

- Albania. An application to MC Observer of a colleague from Albania was introduced, but not finished. An email will be sent, in order inform this colleague about such issue;
- Libya. An intention to participate as MC Observer, or eventually as WG member (tentative registration), was sent to Prof. J. Matos by a colleague from Zawia University, Libya.

Topic 9 - **Location and date of next meeting**

- The next MC meeting will take 2 hours and will be in Belgrade, Serbia, on the 31-03-2016 (afternoon). The workshop will run on the 31-03-2016 and 01-04-2016.

Topic 10 - **Summary of MC decisions & Closing (16:30 CET)**

- Designation of Delft, the Netherlands as the Integrated 3rd WG Workshop, 2nd Grant Period, and both IABMAS 2016 and fib 2016 as official Dissemination Meetings (other meetings are welcome);
- Decision Regarding Libya and Albania (NNC). The MC considers that, due to the MC size, it is better to only accept NNC applications to WG members;
- A limit is set to 5 MC Observers, one per continent (representative), with the remaining IPC colleagues invited for WG or as Keynoters (LOS);
- The Core Group should: (i) Nominate 5 members from Industry / Owners / Operators for the Advisory Board; (ii) Readjust the WBP, considering the change in the end date of the 1st Grant Period (only minor change, considering the month of May 2016); (iii) Readjust the Budapest meeting (eventually reduce in size) and the Belgrade meeting (in terms of WG + MC meeting and Workshop days/hours).

Appendix A - Attendance list (Country Code, First Name and Surname)

MC Meeting

AT	Alfred Strauss
HR	Ana Mandić Ivanković
FR	André Orcesi
IL	Amir Kedar
UK	David A Smith
UK	David Cleland
LT	Donatas Jatulis
MK	Elena Dumova-Jovanoska
CH	Eleni Chatzi
ES	Filipe Pedrosa
NL	Giel Klanker
IT	Giuseppe Carlo Marano
MK	Goran Markovski
IS	Guðmundur Valur Guðmundsson
BE	Guido De Roeck
EL	Yiannis Xenidis
NL	Irina Stipanovic
PL	Jan Bien
ES	Joan Casas
PT	João Amado
NO	Jochen Köhler
PT	Jose Matos
IE	Kenneth Gavin
FI	Markku Leivo
SI	Matej Kusar
CL	Matias Valenzuela
JP	Mitsuyoshi Akiyama
BA	Naida Ademović
CH	Niels Peter Høj
CZ	Pavel Ryjacek
DK	Poul Linneberg
PT	Sérgio Fernandes
DE	Volkmar Zabel
PL	Wojciech Karwowski