

COST Action CA19131

Action Title: Europe Through Textiles: Network for an integrated and interdisciplinary Humanities

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

**hosted online from the University of Copenhagen, DK-2300 Copenhagen S, Denmark
on June 18, 2021 15:00–17.00**

1. Welcome to participants

2. Verification of the presence of two-thirds of the Participating COST Countries or, if applicable, a quorum

Twenty two out of 32 countries were represented at the Meeting:

 Austria [AT],  Czech Republic [CZ],  Estonia [EE],  Finland [FI],  France [FR],  Germany [DE],  Greece [EL],  Hungary [HU],  Iceland [IS],  Ireland [IE],  Israel [IL],  Italy [IT],  Latvia [LV],  Malta [MT],  Norway [NO],  Poland [PL],  Portugal [PT],  Romania [RO],  Slovakia [SK],  Spain [ES],  Switzerland [CH],  United Kingdom [UK]

3. Adoption of agenda

No adoptions

4. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting, no remarks on the minutes from last time

Approved

5. Update from the Action Chair (by Agata Ulanowska [PL])

- a) Status of Action.
- b) Action budget status

We still experience problems with spending money, however, a few more complex online and hybrid meetings have finally generated some costs, as one can see on the attached presentation (slide 2). One can find there the list of networking tools that have been encoded on e-COST platform, but note that not all of EuroWeb activities are encoded, especially no-cost events are missing (see, slide 3).

Agata is also very pleased to inform the WG 2 has organised a very successful training school online – which was the first official and very successful training school in our action.

We keep on being active and effective in organising the EuroWeb structure and networking. Slide 3 demonstrates the EuroWeb activities undertaken so far, with many events which took place in April and June, so already after the last MC meeting in March. All past activities are marked in black, the ones accepted by the MC meetings and pending are in red, the newly planned ones are in blue. In this last category, you can find the Virtual Networking Tools, which we are going to discuss in more detail in point 9 of today's agenda.

7. Update from the COST Association, if a representative is present

Not present

8. Monitoring of the Action (by the Action Chair – the overview of the activities of the Working Groups have been presented during Session 9 of the CTR Anniversary Conference: *Looking forward: EuroWeb and the Future of Textile Research*, therefore it was not repeated on the MC Meeting)

Updates to the activities planned in the first grant period:

Francesco Meo (WG4 Leader, IT): 7-9 October 2021 Training School and Digital Atlas workshop,
Christina Margariti (WG1 Leader, GR): Workshop and training 'Advanced Analytical Techniques for Textiles' will start on 12 October 2021.

a) Anthology

There were ongoing meetings of the Anthology group and the WG leaders and the first ideas on how to approach the anthology and gather its possible authors have developed within individual WGs.

The suggested topics:

WG1: textile analysis, tools, reconstructions, conservation

WG 2: geographic imprint on technology, non-verbal meanings of dress in motion, texts and iconography, how to study textile and clothing terminology and specific articles on specific terminologies

WG4: textiles and war, death, gifts, gender, social aspects of production.

Christina Margariti: the WG leaders met and asked their working groups what kind of topics the WGs will bring in and which authors will write together. Now we are in task to find co-authors and topics, the feedback will be given in July

Magdalena Wozniak (WG2 Leader, PL): WG2 is collecting proposals

Lousie Quillen (WG3 Leader, FR): WG3 is also collecting shared themes, end line is end of July for a first preliminary list of the themes and authors.

We need a general reminder for the Anthology, but we have to keep in mind that the Anthology is the final deliverable of the EuroWeb Action

b) Contact lists to the participants from individual countries

It will be useful to make lists of participants in each country. There are such lists for AT, PL, PT & RO. Lists should be sent to Agata Ulanowska

c) National Survey on European textile, dress and fashion sectors: industries, businesses, consumers and cultural heritage

Surveys are completed for IT, PT, DE, FR & RO.

Tereza Štolcová [SK]: she wrote to an official source and they do not give the statistic information for free, while it is impossible to find information required by the Survey online.

Agata Ulanowska: just get some basic information on what is possible and make a more brief and general overview. There may be differences among the countries, sometimes information is not available in internet (e.g. Slovakia) but even this is an outcome indicating to country-specific availability of information on textile, dress and fashion sectors.

9. Scientific planning

a) Virtual Networking Tools (by Virtual Networking Committee and Riina Rammo ES)

See slides 5-7 and introduction presented by Riina Rammo. The decisions are to be made on the deadlines, call and evaluation criteria.

Susanna Harris [UK]: what kind of expenses are eligible for the VNS Grant

Riina Rammo and Agata Ulanowska: this is an individual grant and contribution to the activities carried out by the applicants. The grant payment does not require any justification but it is paid against the submission and approval of the required report. Therefore, it is not for buying licenses, nor it is salary.

b) call and selection criteria for the **Virtual Networking Support (VNS) Grant** and decision about the number of **Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants**

Slides 6-7 – presented by Riina Rammo

All applicants must fill in a predefined form on e-COST, the MC has to approve the evaluation criteria as presented on slide 7. The call will open for 3 weeks from the moment of its announcement.

Cristina Margariti: can someone apply for e.g. work for one of the workshops or for Francesco?

Francesco Meo: can someone apply for the grant e.g. to help for virtual workshops (technical)?

Agata: yes, generally the VNS Manager is supposed to support planning online events and to assist the hosts of virtual events in preparation and coordination of these events, including the analysis of technical needs

Riina: the person must have some general idea on how to implement virtual networking tools. The applicant has to be member of the EuroWeb, but not necessarily the member of the MC. Evaluation of the application will be made first by the Virtual Networking Committee and then by MC e-voting.

Catarina Costeira [PT]: Is the payment of this scholarship cumulative with the normal salary or other scholarships?

Agata and Riina: it is a grant awarded to a single person, to be paid after the task is done. In most countries the grantee can hold it while being employed or leading another grant. Yet, each applicant who is employed or leads the grant has to check what is the eligibility for being awarded with one more grant in a specific country, as the regulations are different in different countries.

Susanna Harris: where the call will be published?

Riina: on all possible EuroWeb media channels.

Meghan Kortzen [IS]: what does the “tools” mean in this context of the grant? Is the grantee supposed to create a new IT tool?

Riina: nobody has to develop no IT tool or platform. The idea is that the person knows about already available tools/platforms/strategies, the best IT solutions and can help to implement that.

Accepting the call and selection criteria for the VNS Manager and flexibility in deciding about the number of Virtual Mobility Grants from 4 (decided now) to 6 (decided by e-voting in case there will have still money in the budget).

>>> everyone agrees to that

c) Action Budget Planning:

See slide 8 – presented by Agata. We agreed on the VTS grant manager (4000 €) and the VM grants (6000-9000 € depending on the budget).

>>> agreed with no comments

d) Events planned for the next Grant Period

See slide 9

Exhibition to be organised by the Austrian team will become a part of the workshop ‘Theoretical concepts on dress and identity’.

Tereza Štolcová: is also a Digital Atlas workshop planned for Grant period 2?

Agata: it has not been planned yet.

Everyone who wishes to organise an face-to-face event, is recommended to read the COST Vademecum and rules for reimbursement and Local Organiser Support. The last version of Vademecum will be sent with minutes.

>>preliminary planning accepted for GP 2, but more suggestions for workshops/training schools are expected to come

10. Requests to join the Action from:

A possible request from the Institutions in Near Neighbouring Countries, International Partner Countries, and/or Specific Organisations: EU agencies, European RTD Organisation, International Organisations
None

11. AOB

None

12. Location and date of next meeting:

November 25th 2021, together with the Conference of the WG 4 'From the Household to Factory: Modes and Contexts of Textile Production in Pre-Industrial Societies'

>> agreed

13. Summary of MC decisions

Accepting new events and updated budget for the 1st Grant Period.

Accepting the call and selection criteria for the Virtual Networking Support Manager and flexibility in deciding about the number of Virtual Mobility Grants from 4 (decided now) to 6 (decided by e-voting in case there we will have still money in the budget).

Accepting new networking tools for the 2nd Grant Period.

Agreed on the place and date of the next MC meeting

14. Closing 16:16 CET

Minutes by Karina Grömer [AT], Vice-Chair