

Core Group Meeting Minutes

Online, hosted by the Faculty of Archaeology, University of Warsaw, Poland

March 17th, 2022 11.00-12:34 CET

Minutes: Karina Grömer, Natural History Museum Vienna

Participants:

Agata Ulanowska (PL), Karina Grömer (AT),
Maria Emanuela Alberti (IT), Francisco B. Gomes (PT); Izabela Gregorczyk (PL); Hana Lukesowa (NO), Paula Nabais (PT), Mikkel Nortorft (DK), Marie-Louise Nosch (DK), Christina Margariti (EL), Francesco Meo (IT), Louise Quillien (FR), Irina Petroviciu (RO), Riina Rammo (EE), Nathalie Rudolph (DE), Kalliope Sarri (EL), Joana Sequeira (PT), Magdalena Wozniak (PL).

- **Ukraine and the COST**

The COST issued a statement on Ukraine, which is available here: <https://www.cost.eu/statement-ukraine/>

We would like to inform all potential participants or contacts from Ukraine that Ukrainians are eligible to apply for STSMs, Virtual Networking Tools, and join any Working Group via an easy online procedure in any COST Action that fits their research field. Eligibility to receive COST funding applies to WG members and ad-hoc participants.

Marie-Louise Nosch and Agata shared links with helpful information about grants and other offers dedicated to the Ukrainian scholars and students:

<https://www.royalacademy.dk/da/Om-selskabet/Medlemmer/Initiativer-for-Ukraine>

<https://www.archeologia.uw.edu.pl/category/aktualnosci/ukraina/>

Marie Louise suggested that we can add into our Anthology a chapter about dress in Ukraine – she will manage and coordinate it; it will be nice to find Ukrainian co-authors. This proposal has been enthusiastically accepted.

- **New format for WG applications and the EuroWeb Action decision on how to proceed them**

All new members and members who did not yet choose the Working Group should apply via e-COST. Agata apologised all those members who received yesterday several automatic COST notifications about WGs they belong to – this was due to manual adding the participants via the WG Management facility on e-COST.

Online applications for the Working Groups require approval of the MC. Agata has suggested that while the MC nominations by the National COST Coordinators have to be always accepted by the entire MC, evaluation of applications for WGs could be delegated to the Core Group comprising all WG leaders and the Chair and then accepted by the MC. All agreed to submit this proposal for e-vote.

Agata recommended that all organisers and participants of the Action events should get familiar with the **new annotated rules**. Since the rules can be subjected to further changes, the online-version of the rules has always to be checked

<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/02/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-2022-02-15.pdf>

- **Grant Coordinator position and new grants - our decision on how to adjust the present structure of the EuroWeb action to the new regulations**

According to the Annotated Rules, there is a new leadership position of the Grant Awarding Coordinator who should take the responsibility of coordinating and approving all types of the available grants, on behalf of the Management Committee. Grant types comprise:

- Short Time Scientific Missions (formerly coordinated by the STSM Coordinator)
- Virtual Mobility grants
- Virtual Networking Support grants
- Dissemination Conference grant
- ITC Conference grants (formerly coordinated by the ITC Conference Grants Coordinator)

Agata reminded that the inclusiveness policy that promoted Early Career Scholars is now focused on Young Researchers and Innovators – i.e. individuals under the age of 4, regardless if they hold a PhD or not.

Agata suggested that we should keep the collaborative approach to coordinating Grant awards. She proposed to establish a Grant Evaluation Committee, suggesting its members: Riina Rammo who agreed to act as the Grant Awarding Coordinator (focus on ITC conference grants), Cécile Michel who agreed via email to act as the Vice-Grant Awarding Coordinator (focus on STSMs), Hana Lukesova (focus on Virtual Mobility and Networking Support grants) and Maria Emanuela Alberti and Agata Ulanowska as members.

All agreed to submit this proposal for e-vote.

- **Tips for event organisers and participants from the Grant Holder, Iza Gregorczyk-Stasiak**

Iza has prepared the short summary of the new rules and requirements that is attached to the minutes.

Agata reminded that COST offers exclusively reimbursement for the already organized events: money has to be spent first and only then the application for the reimbursement can follow. It is necessary to keep and upload the bills!

Travel: participants should choose the most economical means of transport, but booking class is no longer considered. It is possible to suggest reducing of the max. travel costs for the event and we agreed to set the limit of max. 800 € for travel cost per person for the workshop in April in Vienna, and submit it for e-voting.

V.A.T can never be paid by COST money.

For online and hybrid event, the Zoom generated lists of the participants online have to be uploaded on e-COST! For face to face events, a list of participants per each day have to be provided and submitted one-COST.

The Local Organiser Support Grant is now calculated by the flat rate is based on the number of participants and days and the mode of the meeting (Annotated rules, p. 93).

Participants of events have to be affiliated in a legal entity in a member country but they do not need to be affiliated to an academic institution.

There was a question about how many meetings can be reimbursed for an individual action member per year? There are no explicit restrictions on this, yet we have to remember that EuroWeb has many participants.

MC meetings – only one MC meeting in person per Grant Period to be more economic, the next one will accompany the conference in Muro Leccese (19.-21.5.2022), organized by Francesco Meo and Francisco B. Gomez.

- **Any other businesses**

Anthology

Karina Grömer: how to involve people more and how to enhance them to join the Anthology?

On the conferences and workshops that will be face to face, the Anthology should be a specific point in the agenda – to join forces

Francisco B. Gomez suggests that we can organize a specific Anthology Event. Specifically to connect around topics and decide on common contributions for the Anthology.

Magda Woźniak – a lot of members in WG 3 are quite silent

Francisco B. Gomez: Update to the Iron Age Textiles conference in Muro Leccese. Not many proposals, some participants cannot travel. Thus the conference will be organized hybrid and most likely as a shorter, perhaps 2-days event.

Francisco also informed about a new event: **The Festival of the New European Bauhaus in June 2023** (<https://new-european-bauhaus-festival.eu/join/>). Main topic sustainability, aesthetics, inclusion – perhaps someone might wish to join the conference to represent EuroWeb (can be in-person or digitally)?

Paula Nabais, Louise Quillen, Christina Margarity are interested

https://new-european-bauhaus-festival.eu/docs/factsheets/EN-NEB_Festival_Guidelines_FAIR.pdf

But there is also an option to prepare a video with contributions by different people? On creativity and sustainability?

Specific activities

Dye-experiments with high schools - Marie-Louise reports on the project; the recorded documenting videos will be published on the CTR channel and on the EuroWeb Slack and can be disseminated using other EuroWeb social media

Atlas-Team report

Mikkel Nortoft informed that the Atlas team is experimenting with mass-upload of mass data (from excel sheets), Maxim uploaded the cloth seals – seems to be working well

The Atlas is a dissemination tool and there is still the discussion, who is the audience, the target group. They are working on an official launch

National Reports

Marie-Louise: some are still missing – she is writing to the representatives of the countries

Paula Nabais will help to compile them

Marie-Louise has offered to provide mentoring for the ECI/Young researchers – practical details are to be agreed later.

Closing

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Minutes by Karina Grömer