

COST Action CA19131: "Europe Through Textiles: Network for an integrated and interdisciplinary Humanities" **Management Committee Meeting Minutes** 23/03/2023 at 15:00:00 CET Virtual, N/A, Poland

Zoom Meeting link:

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1. Welcome to participants, verification of the quorum and adoption of agenda The following 22 countries were present, quorum was verified positively.

💳 Austria [AT], 属 Czech Republic [CZ], 💶 Denmark [DK], 🗺 Estonia [EE], 🔲 France [FR], 🗺 Germany [DE], 🔚 Greece [EL], 🚍 Hungary [HU], 🔚 Iceland [IS], 🚺 Ireland [IE], 🚺 Italy [IT], 🚍 Latvia [LV], Lithuania [LT], Malta [MT], Morth Macedonia [MK], Morway [NO], Poland [PL], Portugal [PT], III Romania [RO], III Serbia [RS], III Slovakia [SK], III Sweden [SE]

Adoption of the agenda — Action chair, Agata Ulanowska [PL] proposed adding the following points: 2.b – Delegation of the decision about the reimbursed participants at meetings to the Core Group 3.f – Adding the discussion of potential follow-ups of EuroWeb Proposal accepted.

- 2. Information to the MC
- a) Recap of the minutes of the last meeting, e-votes and matters arising since the last meeting

Information from the Action Chair:

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted via e-vote; there was a series of other e-votes, including the approval of the new working budget plan for GP3 and the mid-term report; and the approval of the updated Communication, Dissemination and Valorisation Strategy prepared by F.B. Gomes with a useful toolkit for EuroWeb visual representation.

Additionally, the MC voted on the date of the current Meeting and reduction of allowances for the Digital Atlas Vienna Hackathon. This, however, was not necessary, since now e-COST 'remembers' allowance rates from the Working Budget Plan, thus all reduced allowances for this GP were already accepted while accepting the budget.

MC also decided about the request for the top-up budget for this GP, and we have received a positive decision about this request.

b) Core Croup: report from the Core Group on the activities in the last GP.

We are still in the first part of the GP 3, but there were already two meetings: Digital Atlas Vienna Hackathon and Interwoven Societies conference at Lübeck.

Karina Grömer [AT] and Catarina Costeira [PT] reported about Vienna Hackathon, which was very successful. Downloads from Excel sheets have been tested, as well as problem solving for the development of data. Consistency of data could be improved, there are new search options in the Digital Atlas and new types of visualization. COST Association AISBL

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In future, it would be important to organise other meetings like that, since c. 2500 datasets could be uploaded with c. 12–15 participants. During the hackathon, networking took place with other digitisation projects (Thanados - https://thanados.net/).

Angela Huang [DE] reported about the conference *Interwoven Societies* organised by the WG4 at Lübeck. It offered a framework for presenting papers on social and economic developments through textiles, there were 14 presentations; conference was streamed; files shared by and thanks due to Francisco B. Gomes [PT]. Academic content and outreach was a success. There are plans for publication.

Angela Huang also reported on the progress of the Digital Atlas:

It took a long time to build up the Digital Atlas also from the technical point (she thanked Piotr Kasprzyk [PL] for its digital developments). The first phase of the Digital Atlas has been accomplished now with its backend, management of users, guidelines on how to insert data. Now we concentrate on the frontend: user-interface and what can be seen for the users. Digital Atlas was shown to the MC and a demonstration what can be done with it was presented.

Digital Atlas is one of the main deliverables, so it is good to have there as much data as possible. Launch of the Digital Atlas is scheduled in Bucharest (19 May) – at that day Angela will step down as the Digital Atlas leader (Action chair and the MC expressed many THANKS for her work!) and Alina Inacu ([RO] and Caterina Costeira [PT] will take over.

Vote: approved unanimously.

Christina Margarita [EL] presented an update of activities of WG1:

- Meeting Textile Technologies workshop (beginning of June 2022, International Workshop with 80 participants)
- Training school in Copenhagen Analysis, First Aid and Documentation of Excavated Textiles (10 participants), some hands-on practice and theoretical lectures
- Purpurae Vestes VIII conference 19-21 Oct 2022
- Publication of special volume "Advanced Analytical Techniques for Heritage Textiles" (OA *Heritage Science* journal, volume editors: Ch. Margariti, H. Lukesova [NO], F.B.Gomes)
- EuroWeb Anthology: there will be 2 contributions from WG1 to the Anthology

The PV conference will be published.

A new training school is planned on identification, documentation and handling of mineralised textiles – to be held in Pompeii site in the next GP.

b) Delegation of the decision about participants and their reimbursement

A. Ulanowska: Already at the 2nd MC meeting of the 1GP, the MC delegated to the Core Group the approval of reimbursed participants for training schools. Yet, we did not formally extend this delegation to all meetings, now to be approved by voting.

Ad hoc participants are the exception – these are applicants who are not members of our action, but could be invited once in action live for a meeting or a training school, and we think they shall be approved directly by the MC. Vote.

Vote: approved unanimously.

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c) Action Participation: WG membership and applications, New MC members/Observers and provisional substitution.

Since the last MC Meeting and following it e-votes, we have accepted altogether 13 new participants for the WGs (slide 3 of AC presentation). The most active in attracting the new countries seem to be Portugal and Italy.

There are also new, pending applications that can be now voted:

Teresa Rita Pereira (PT, archaeologist and textile tools); **Márcia Oliveira** (PT, gender studies, visual arts, no affiliation, thus not eligible for reimbursement), **Laura Vinas Caron** (DK, proteomics); **Islam Shaheen** (EG, Tutankhamun textiles); **Ergün LAFLI** (TR, class. arch., iconography and military textiles); **Emmanuelle Palermiti** (FR, history and anthropology of religion, no affiliation).

Among the accepted participants, there are people who did not give data about their affiliation (full affiliation data on e-COST is a prerequisite for receiving reimbursement from COST).

There is one participant from Egypt (Islam Shaheen) – COST accepts near neighbouring countries, which Egypt is belonging.

Definition of affiliation is to be found in the Annotated Rules 4.1.1.1. Generally, it is defined as "any form of recognised relationship between the individual and a legal entity". Although there is a lot of flexibility in understanding what is an affiliation, yet, "No personal address shall be provided for the affiliation" and "Upon request by the COST Association, the individual shall provide the requested information proving the nature of his/her affiliation to a legal entity".

Vote: All new applications were approved unanimously.

d) Budget status: additional budget for this GP and summary from the Grant Holder.

A. Ulanowska: Our request for top-up budget, already approved by the MC (slide 4 of AC presentation) is to be implemented now. We actually received 42 000 EUR (with FSAC) and it has to be added to the Budget Working Plan manually. E-COST platform will not be accessible for some time during this procedure.

MC will have to approve it again through e-vote, but Agata has already informed about relocation of number of DCG and ITC grants. After the first call, we already know that there will be leftovers in grants, and due to this change we will be able to award all preliminarily approved applications.

- e) Update from the COST Association (if representative is present)
 No news
 - 3. Follow up and discussion on the
 - a) Implementation of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

No news

b) Grant Awarding by the Action

Riina Rammo [EE] informed about the last grant call results (ended 13th March) – 3 dissemination conference grants were given and 2 inclusiveness grants, but with the new budget more grants can be given. Some applicants were requested to re-submit since their applications would work better with another scheme.

With the new budget working plan, short term scientific mission grants and virtual mobility grants will be added. More information will be sent out in May 2023.

c) Progress of each working group

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Since not much events took place since the beginning of GP 2 and the WG1 updates were already presented, the discussion was opened.

Magdalena Wozniak [PL, WG 2 leader] reminded that the main target now is to get contributions for the Anthology. It has been also observed that it is difficult to keep participants active.

d) Science Communication Plan

Francisco B. Gomes presented an update **to Communication strategy** (https://euroweb.uw.edu.pl/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/EuroWeb-Communication-Plan_2023_LowRes_ForWebsite.pdf); this document is resulting from management experience, feedback from the Team, strategic feedback on sustainable legacy. Depending on how the audiences are defined, the specific activities to involve both academic and non-academic audiences, key messages (messages we want to transfer to a specific stakeholder) are now proposed. It is connected to activities on YouTube and Twitter.

We need **more videos of traditional textile techniques** – the proposal is to look at contents that are already available and make the EuroWeb YouTube a hub for such videos.

Francisco is planning to activate members of WG 5 – call will follow soon.

There is a continuation of *Book corner* and *National takeover* – Portugal and Scandinavia will be the next.

New feature 'EuroWeb Conversations' with interviews is planned, too.

- e) Progress on MoU Objectives, WG tasks, deliverables, and Goals for the current GP No news
 - f) Monitoring scheme for publications and potential follow-ups of EuroWeb.

A. Ulanowska: This is already the 3GP and we indeed need to focus on publishing our results. Publications scheduled in this GP were shown **on slide 5 of the AC presentation.** Furthermore, we are close to the deadline for applications for Anthology – Louise Quillien [FR] confirmed that the fist contributions are submitted. As for the other publications:

- Funerary textiles in Situ is in a good progress (report by M. Woźniak)
- Digital Atlas of European Textile Heritage (multi-media publication launch this May)
- Interwoven threads (to be double-checked, possibly delayed)
- Advanced Analytical Techniques for Textile Heritage (good progress, as reported by Ch. Margariti)

There is also a new publication tool: Open European Research Platform – Francisco presented it during the last MC at Athens, we had also a webinar organised by Ruth Fisher specifically for EuroWeb. She would like to support us, and Agata is convinced that we should indeed use this tool. Thus, **she asked all the Action leaders** to send her an update, based on which we can prepare a publication plan for EORP and possibly receive our own spot. A deadline for this is **April 30**, with first possible submissions this autumn.

Follow-ups: Francisco B. Gomes attended a COST academy about what happens after the COST Action. COST expects the Actions to discuss the follow-ups and presented usual forms of continuation:

- creation of scientific journals
- creation of scientific associations
- creation of periodical venues for dissemination and networking (e.g. conference series)
- applications for Further projects (COST Actions, Horizon Europe funding)...

Disscussion on possible follow-ups and new ideas:

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Angela Huang: it would be good to find something that is really needed, but does not require a huge effort, thus workload and results are balanced.

Karina Grömer: it will be good continuing organisation of workshops and training schools dedicated to young textile researchers

Francisco B. Gomes: also digital infrastructure should go on (Agata: a technical continuation is provided)

Hana Lukesova: the strength of the COST Action is the networking and that we already got to know each other. She proposed to continue mentoring programme.

Ieva Pigozne [LV]: there is a strong focus on archaeology, events that involve historical periods and other disciplines are fewer. Agata agreed and asked the MC participants to be more active in organising more inclusive events.

Eglė Kumpikaitė [LT]: there are possibilities to publish ethnographic and artistic textiles, e.g. the Polish journal *Fibres and Textiles in Eastern Europe* published by the Łódź Polytechnics.

Agata Ulanowska: all grant applications that result from our collaborations shall be reported to Agata (also the ones, which are not successful). We have already one such a project (POLONEZ for Karel Innemée), another one was submitted but now awarded. Agata is currently working on an application for a project within the WEAVE scheme (https://weave-research.net/) dedicated to bilateral and trilateral projects between certain Science Agencies in Europe.

5. Planning

a) Revision of Work and Budget Plan of the current GP (if applicable)

Discussed

- b) Draft plans for the following GP(s).
- b) Upcoming activities

A. Ulanowska:

• **Dino-Lite training school online** – somehow in April – possibly on 26/04 – she believes that an EuroWeb Manual for handling Dino-Lite microscopes in textile analyses can be produces soon and perhaps published on Open Research Europe Platform?

There are also two forthcoming workshops/conferences and one training school:

- 3-5/05 Lisbon, Making, Wearing, Displaying: Textiles and the Body (Organisers: L F.B. Gomes, Audrey Gouy [FR], Elsa Yvanes [DK], M. Woźniak, C. Costeira).
- 17-19/05 Bucharest, Textiles and War in Europe and the Mediterranean from Prehistory to Late Antiquity (Organisers: Liviu lanvu [RO] and Francesco Meo [IT]).
- 3-7/07 Malia, Crete, Training School: Hands-on approach to textile tools: documentation, functionality and use-wear, with textile tools from Bronze Age Malia, Crete as a case study, (Organisers: Maria Emanuela Alberti [IT], A. Ulanowska, and Maia Pomadère [not EuroWeb member]). This school will be recorded for a professional film about EfA activities by Hélène Michel-Béchet, professional film maker. This video may be invoiced to c. 1000 EUR to EuroWeb.

Next MC meeting: 15:30-17:30 19/05/2023, Bucharest, hybrid mode.

6. AOB

None

7. Summary of MC decisions

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8. Closing: 17:12

Minutes by Karina Grömer [AT], Action Vice-Chair.

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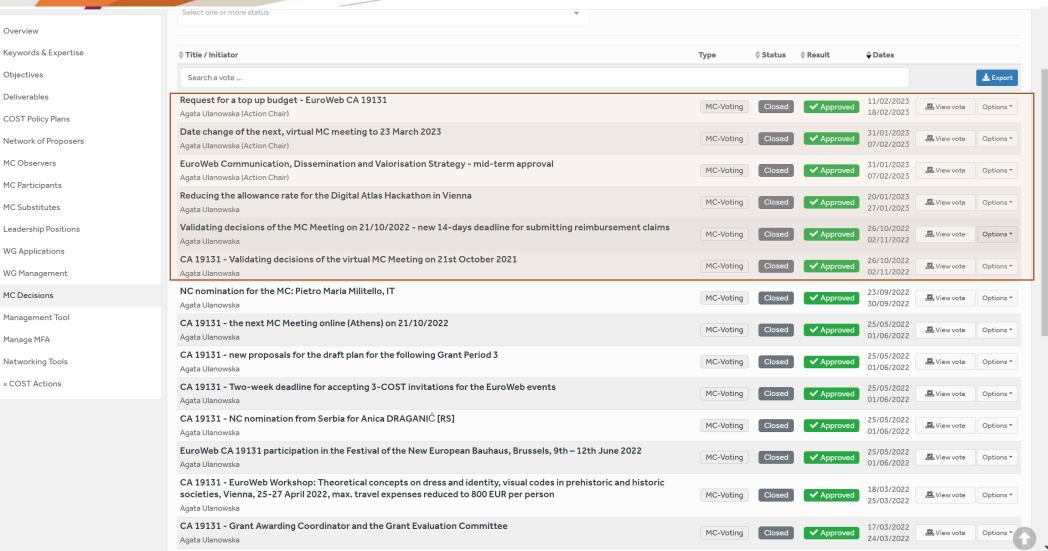
1st Management Committee Meeting Hybrid in the 3nd Grant Period 23rd March 2023

Action Chair: Agata Ulanowska, PL





Recaps: EuroWeb e-votes





Overview

Objectives

Deliverables

MC Observers

MC Participants

MC Substitutes

WG Applications

MC Decisions

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Accepted and pending WG applications

December 2022 and January 2023

No	Applicant	WG
1.	Elisabeth de Campenhout (NL)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
2.	Songül ARAL (TR)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
3.	Veerle van Kersen (BE)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
4	Marco Tomaszewski (DE)	4
5.	Paloma Vidal Matutano (ES)	1
6.	Spyridon Koulocheris (EL)	4
7.	João Teles e Cunha (PT)	2, 4
8.	Bela Dimova (EL)	1
9.	Rida Jbr (IT)	1, 3, 5, 6
10.	Maxim Mordovin (HU)	3, 4

February and March 2023

No.	Applicant	WG
1.	Stephanie Aulsebrook (PL)	1
2.	Melissa Vetters (AT)	1, 4
3.	Gianluca Tagliamonte (IT)	2

Pending

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Funds available to spend globally: EUR 8 345.25

	Grant budget	Expenditure				D-H-	
Total		Actuals (b)	Accruals (c)	Total (d=b+c)	Forecast (e)	Total (f=d+e)	Delta (g=f-a)
Meeting	88 570.00	0.00	17 194.75	17 194.75	63 030.00	80 224.75	-8 345.25
Training School	15 848.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15 848.00	15 848.00	0.00
Short-Term Scientific Mission Grant	6 000.00	0.00	2 000.00	2 000.00	4 000.00	6 000.00	0.00
Virtual Mobility Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference Grant	4 000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4 000.00	4 000.00	0.00
Dissemination Conference Grant	4 000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4 000.00	4 000.00	0.00
Dissemination and Communication Products	16 600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16 600.00	16 600.00	0.00
Other Expenses Related to Scientific Activities (OERSA)	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
Virtual Networking Support Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Networking expenditure	135 218.00	0.00	19 194.75	19 194.75	107 678.00	126 872.75	-8 345.25
Eligible Networking expenditure	135 218.00	0.00	19 194.75	19 194.75	107 678.00	126 872.75	-8 345.25
FSAC 15% of Eligible Networking expenditure	20 282.70	0.00	2 879.21	2 879.21	16 151.70	19 030.91	-1 251.79
Eligible Costs	155 500.70	0.00	22 073.96	22 073.96	123 829.70	145 903.66	-9 597.04

Grant budget - Budget as per Contractual Grant Agreement

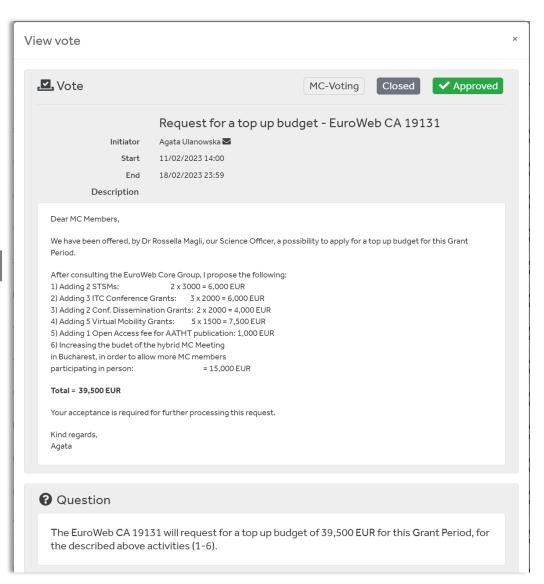
Actuals - expenditure recorded for payment and sent to bank

Accruals - expenditure to be/or claimed pending to be reimbursed

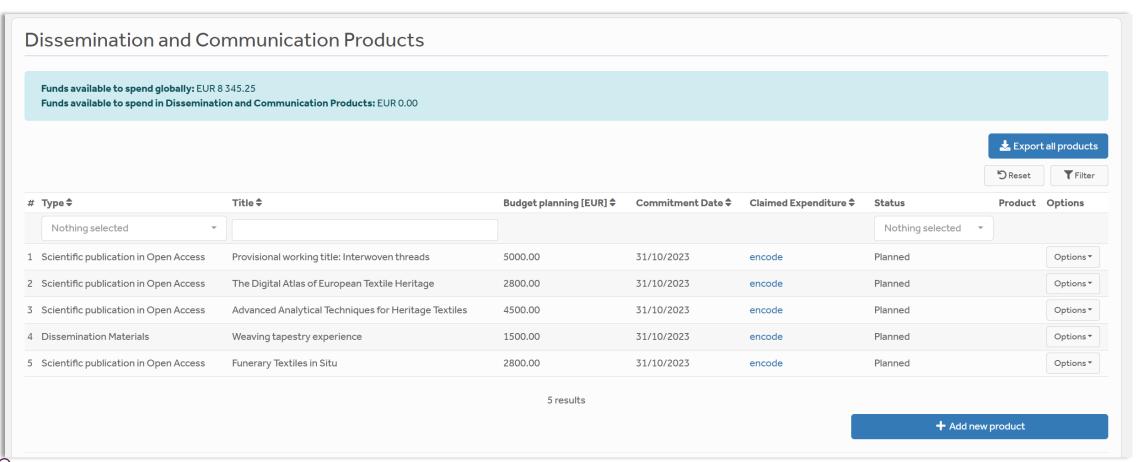
Forecast - value/amount of future activities planned or committed



Work and Budget Plan: top-up budget for GP3



Publication scheme





Next MC Meetinng: Bucharest – hybrid

19th May 2023



