**Minutes of the Fourth Management Committee Meeting of the COST ACTION CA15137:
"European Network for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and the
Humanities (ENRESSH)"**

Podgorica, Montenegro
07/03/2019

1. Welcome to participants

The participants were welcomed by Emanuel Kulczycki, Chair of ENRESSH.

2. Verification of the presence of two-thirds of the Participating COST Countries.

Number of Participating COST Countries present at the meeting: Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

24 of 37 COST Countries attended the meeting and the quorum (2/3 of COST countries participating in the Action) was not reached (one country was missing).

The Chair of ENRESSH informed the MCs that according to the COST regulations all decisions made by the MCs when the quorum is not reach have to be voted again. Jack Spaapen—the vice-chair of ENRESSH—will organize e-vote up to one week after the MC meeting in Podgorica.

3. Adoption of agenda.

The agenda (annex 1) for the 4nd Management Committee (MC) was adopted unanimously.
No additional matters of discussion have been proposed

4. Update from the Action Chair.

The Action chair presented general facts about the Action, following the annexed presentation (annex 2).

a) Status of the Action

CSO approval: October 2015
Start of the Action: 08/04/2016
End of Action: 07/04/2020
Total number of COST Countries having accepted the MoU: 37
Total number of COST Countries intending to accept the MoU: 0

Since the last MC meeting, Albania has joined the Action and signed the MoU.

b) <u>Promotion of gender balance and early career investigators.</u>

The Action presents a good balance in terms of gender and ECI, and has put into place several measures to preserve this balance. See slides 7 to 10 of the general presentation (annex 2).

c) <u>Inclusiveness and excellence.</u>

2 demands for conference grant have been received during the third GP, both of them have been awarded.

The Steering Group has suggested Karolina Lendák-Kabók to the position of the ITC Grant Manager. She is an ECI from an ITC Country. At the end of presentation of the candidate, the MC organised a vote upon to accept the candidate.

Resolution 1. The MC accepts Karolina Lendák-Kabók as the ITC Grant Manager of ENRESSH.

Unanimous approval.

5. Update from the Grant Holder: Action budget status.

Budget execution will be for this GP, around 90% of the budget. 144.728,47 EUR was spent the date of MC meeting.

6. Follow up of MoU objectives: progress report from the working groups.

WG 1 tasks and deliverables were presented by Dr. Michael Ochsner, leader of the WG. During GP3, the group organized Training School with SIG ECI in 7-11.01.2019 in Vilnius (29 participants and 7 teachers from 14 countries; 24 disciplines; 15 men, 21 women), prepared an overview of Peer Review Practices (first draft of report ready, needs refinement) and an overview of Research Evaluation Practices (18 country reports).

WG 2 tasks and deliverables were presented by Prof. Paul Benneworth, leader of the WG. During GP3, the group participated at the Book Evaluation session in Copenhagen (Nov 2018), published the Special Issue of *Research Evaluation* ongoing on evaluating the societal impact of SSH research, launched of the "Careers and Research Evaluation Systems for societal impact" initiative (CARES), organized a panel session on Evaluating SSH Research Impact in Societal Context, for Austrian EU Presidency SSH Impact Conference, 29-30 November 2018 (+ contribution to Vade Mecum).

WG 3 achievements are presented by Dr. Tim Engels, WG leader. During GP3, the group published studies of publication patterns, competed a study regarding SSH journal article publication patterns in seven Europe countries (Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Flanders, Poland, Norway, Slovenia), published a report on the European database for SSH outputs, and designed and conducted a few studies to develop alternative metrics for SSH.

WG4 was presented by Dr. Stefan de Jong, WG leader. The group continued to fulfil its mission, which is to ensure a smooth communication flow inside and outside the Action. During GP3, MCs approved Dr. Stefan de Jong as the Science Communication Manager of the action.

The SIG ECI activities were presented by Dr. Jolanta Sinkuniene, the leader of the SIG. During the GP3, the SIG conducted 59 interviews which have been analysed in GP3 by four groups covering the interview material. Moreover, the SIG manual / policy paper with recommendations for the support

of ECIs is in preparation based on WG1 / SIG ECI training school material and on GP3 STSM in Brussels.

7. Scientific planning.

The Chair reminds the secondary objectives of the Action, then the grant period goals (12 GPG, see slides 84 and 85). These have been elaborated with the WG leaders, and respond to the actual state of the activities, as well as to the need to realise on time the deliverables promised in the MoU.

15 STSMs are planned for the 4rd GP, in two or 3 calls.

The chair announced the locations and dates of future activities
↗   WG meeting, Valencia, 17 and 18 of September 2019
↗   Training school, Poznan, 21-25 October 2019
↗   Final Meeting, Paris, 6 and 7 of February 2020

Resolution 2: The MC adopts the proposed working plan and authorises the MC Chair and steering committee to bring, if necessary, modifications to the WBP (corrections, additions, specifications demanded by COST office).

Unanimous approval

<u>b) Action budget planning</u>

For figures, see slide 91.

Resolution 3: The MC approves a FSAC rate of 15% of the total scientific expenditure.

Unanimous approval.

Resolution 4: The MC adopts the proposed budget. Modifications to the reimbursement rates can be further voted before the meetings in order to allow participation of a maximum of members

Unanimous approval.

8. ENRESSH Fellows.

Prof. Paul Benneworth presented the idea of the 'Fellow of ENRESSH' status.

At the Brussels Steering Committee meeting of February 2019, the Steering Committee agreed to create a new designation within the ENRESSH Network, that of "Fellow of the ENRESSH Network". The purpose of this designation is to distinguish network participants who have made a substantive contribution to the progress of activities within the network without being part of the Steering Committee. The Fellowship is only active for as long as the participant is active within the Network. Any network member may be nominated as a Fellow, either as a self-nomination or by a proposer (who is expected to seek the permission of the candidate). Nominators should provide a brief justification of the proposal, indicating clearly how the proposed candidate has made a substantive contribution to the work of the ENRESSH Network. Proposed candidates will be scrutinised by the Steering Committee and the award will be conferred after the decision by the Steering Committee. The names and

profiles of Fellows will be announced on the website and new awards will be reported at the annual management meeting.

The Chair of ENRESSH informed MCs that the Steering Group has decided to designate ten members as ENRESSH fellows in the first edition.
1.   Marta Wróblewska
2.   Karolina Lendák-Kabók
3.   Rita Faria
4.   Agnė Girkontaitė
5.   Reetta Muhonen
6.   Jorge Mañana-Rodríguez
7.   Dragan Ivanović
8.   Linda Sīle
9.   Marc Vanholsbeeck
10.   Antun Plenković

9. Helsinki Initiative

The chair of ENRESSH asked Janne Pölönen to present the Helsinki Initiative and the list of recommendations.

1. Support dissemination of research results for the full benefit of the society
   ● Make sure it is a merit for researchers to disseminate research results beyond academia and to interact with heritage, culture, and society.
   ● Make sure that equal access to researched knowledge is provided in variety of languages.
2. Protect national infrastructures for publishing locally relevant research
   ● Make sure that not-for-profit journals and book publishers have sufficient resources and support to maintain high standards of quality control and research integrity.
   ● Make sure that transition to open access does not put national journals and book publishers in peril.
3. Promote language diversity in research assessment, evaluation and funding systems
   ● Make sure that in expert-evaluation high quality research is valued regardless of publishing language or publication channel.
   ● Make sure that in metrics-based systems journal and book publications in all languages are adequately taken into account.

During the discussions, it was highlighted that the initiative should present open access rather in a positive way than a danger for scholarly communication.

At the end of presentation of the Helsinki Initiative, the MC organised a vote upon to sign the initiative by ENRESSH as a founding signatory.

Resolution 5: The MC signs the Helsinki Initiative as a founding signatory.

Unanimous approval.

10. ENRESSH Day

Dr. Tim Engels presented the idea of a national ENRESSH day and an example of the day in Belgium. This day aims at disseminating ENRESSH results towards the Belgian community of researchers, stakeholders, and policy makers. It will take place on April 30, 2019 at Université Saint-Louis, an SSH university in Brussels.

Dr. Engels encourages MCs to organize an ENRESSH-day in other countries during GP4 in order to further disseminate our findings and recommendations.

11. Closing

No other matters having to be discussed, the Chair closed the MC meeting at 18h00.