

Tübingen, August 8, 2017

# <u>Minutes of the Fourth Management Committee (MC) Meeting of COST</u> <u>Action CA15101 "Comparative Analysis of Conspiracy Theories"</u>

#### Tübingen, Germany July 28, 2017

### 1. Welcome by Action Chair

The meeting is officially convened by the Action Chair at 2:07 pm.

### 2. Quorum Call

Countries present at the meeting: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Cyprus, Greece, Israel, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Hungary, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Spain, Iceland, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Italy

The quorum is reached.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda (Annex 1) is officially adopted by the MC.

### 4. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes are approved unanimously.

### 5. <u>Status of the Action</u>

The Action Vice Chair gives an update of the state of the Action:

- Update on members and inclusiveness targets
- Handbook: Publication with Routledge (negotiations still ongoing): Handbook 40-50 chapters 8000 words each; Book series: 4-6 titles per year

### 6. <u>Reports by the Working Group Chairs</u>

The chairs of the WGs, Clare Birchall, Annika Rabo and Nebojsa Blanusa, report on ongoing and planned activities, Details will be communicated to each WG directly.

### 7. <u>Reports by the Subcommittee Chairs</u>

Stef Aupers, Chair of the Subcommittee on Dissemination, will be contacting everyone soon for lists of media contacts, recent publications, etc. for dissemination purposes.

Karen Douglas, member of the STSMs Subcommittee, reports back on the first STSM application round that took place in May 2017. Update: The next deadline for STSMs applications will be on September 30, 2017.

Peter Kreko, Chair of the Stakeholder Engagement, reports back on stakeholder engagement and the plans to intensify the collaboration.

### 8. <u>Report by Grant Holder</u>

The Grant Holder announces a change in Grant Manager: Janine Schwarz and Annika Thiem will take over from Marina Lieb at the end of September.

### 9. <u>New Members</u>

2 new members were approved by the MC Committee via e-vote.4 Stakeholders were approved by the MC Committee via e-vote.

### 10. Lisbon Meeting

The Grant Holder gives an update on the Lisbon meeting:

- 75 confirmed participants.
- The MC votes unanimously that the hotel rate for Lisbon will be changed from 100€ to 120€

### 11. Places and Dates of Future Meetings

Confirmed future meetings:

- Training School (History & Culture), Tübingen, July 31 August 4, 2017
- MC/WG Meeting, Lisbon, September 22-23, 2017
- MC/WG Meeting, Hotel de Bilderberg, 25-26 May 2018
- MC/WG Meeting, Dubrovnik, 21-22 September 2018

Not yet confirmed future meetings:

- Training School, Kent (PolSci & Psychology), Summer 2018
- MC/WG Meeting, Huelva, autumn 2019
- MC/WG Meeting and Action Conference, Prague, spring 2020
- Brussels stakeholder workshop, February 2020

### 12. Any Other Business

- The Grant Manager gives a short presentation on the Reimbursement Rules.
- Deadline for reimbursement claims for this conference is August 30, 2017.

### 13. Closing

The Action Chair closes the meeting at 3:05 pm.

### Annex A: Agenda

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## Annex B: Attendance List

Signed Attendance