



Tübingen, April 10, 2017

Minutes of the Third Management Committee Meeting of COST Action CA15101: “Comparative Analysis of Conspiracy Theories”

Turin
March 23, 2017

1. Welcome by Chair

The meeting is officially convened by the Action Chair at 09:30 am.

2. Quorum Call

Countries present at the meeting: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, FYR Macedonia.

NNC: Georgia

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. News from COST

The Action Science Officer Rossella Magli informs MC Members about changes in the COST application procedure and structural changes in the communication process between the COST Association and the Action:

- New open Calls for Actions: Proposals deadline September 7, 2017
- Rules for the open calls have slightly changed, please refer to COST website for more information
- Naming of a direct correspondent for each Action for communication and stronger collaboration with Brussels.

6. Status of the Action

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

- Website is online
- Short report on Stakeholder Workshop on January 25, 2017 in Brussels
- Update on members and inclusiveness targets

7. Reports by the Working Group Chairs

Vice Chair of WG 1 “Manifestations and Media” Massimo Leone: Report writing as the main activity since the previous meeting, report on current state and planned activities.

Chair of WG 2 “Actors and Audiences” Annika Rabo: Report writing as the main activity since the previous meeting, report on current state and planned activities.

Chair of WG 3 “Causes and Consequences” Nebojsa Blanusa: Report writing as the main activity since the previous meeting, report on current state and planned activities.

8. Reports of the Subcommittee Chairs

Karen Douglas, member of the STSM Subcommittee, issues a call for applications.

Deadlines: May 15, 2017 and September 15, 2017.

Michael Butter, substituting for Anca Minescu, reports back on Brussels Workshop and announces future Stakeholder Workshop.

Stef Aupers, Chair of the Subcommittee on Dissemination, gives a brief update on the website (conspiracytheory.eu), future use of Twitter and Facebook to disseminate the work of the Action.

9. Report by Grant Holder

The Grant Holder announces a change in Grant Manager: Marina Lieb takes over from Annika Brunck.

10. New Members

12 new members were approved by the MC Committee via e-vote.

7 Stakeholders were approved by the MC Committee via e-vote.

11. Budget for Year 2

The Grant Holder presents the budget for Year 2 and the Work & Budget Plan that will ensure the financing of the Action activities for Year 2.

- The MC Committee accepts the budget and the Work & Budget plan unanimously.

12. Tübingen Conference

The Grant Holder discusses the upcoming conference in Tübingen from July 28-30, 2017:

- Official invitations will be sent out at the beginning of May
- The MC votes unanimously to set the hotel rate for the Tübingen conference to 90€ per night, breakfast included.

13. Summer School Tübingen 2017

- The Summer School will be held in Tübingen and will last five days from July 31 to August 4.
- The MC votes unanimously that the Action Chair will approve the individual grants per Trainee according to their needs and in accordance with the calculations by the Grant Holder and Grant Manager, and only within the recalculated anticipated budget of **18.328€**.

14. Lisbon Meeting

Further information concerning this conference will follow in Tuebingen and via email.

15. Place and Date for Future Meetings

Confirmed future meetings:

- MC/WG Meeting and Action Conference, Tübingen, July 28-30, 2017
- 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 (Hotel is booked)
- 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, and Stakeholder Training School, Prague, spring 2020
- Brussels stakeholder workshop, February 2020

16. Any Other Business

- Reimbursement claims of this conference are due by April 19.
- Emails with necessary information only once a month to avoid an overflow of emails.
Information to be distributed should be sent to Marina Lieb (marina.lieb@uni-tuebingen.de) by the 1st of every month.

17. Closing

The Action Chair concludes the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Annex A: Agenda



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Annex B: Attendance List



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