

Odense/Amsterdam/Trondheim September 21, 2015

Minutes of the 4th Management Committee (MC) Meeting

Wednesday 26 August 2015, 09:00-10:00

**The University of Southern Denmark
Centre for Journalism, Dept. of Political Science**

Agenda

1. Welcome to participants (Toril Aalberg & David Nicolas Hopmann)
2. Adoption of the agenda (Toril Aalberg)
3. Approval of minutes
4. Presentation of the delegations
5. Status of the COST Action (Toril Aalberg)
6. General orientation of the Work and Budget Plan (Toril Aalberg)
7. Orientation on book progress (Toril Aalberg)
8. Orientation of future work in the Action (Frank Esser & Jesper Strömbäck)
9. Communication strategy & work (Linda Bos)
10. STSMs (Peter van Aelst)
11. Call for Summer School Applications Year 3 (Peter van Aelst & Toril Aalberg)
12. Cracow 2016 (Agnieszka Hess & Agnieszka Stepinska)
13. Place and date of future meetings (Toril Aalberg)
14. AOB (Toril Aalberg)
15. Closing

Minutes

Participants:

Chair: Toril AALBERG
Austria: Jörg MATTHES
Belgium: Peter VAN AELST
Bosnia and Herzegovina: Nedzma DZANANOVIC
Bulgaria: Lilia RAYCHEVA & Dobrinka PEICHEVA
Croatia: Ivan HRSTIC (substitute)
Czech Republic: Vaclav STETKA
Denmark: David HOPMANN
Finland: Cristian NOROCEL
France: Gaël VILLENEUVE
Germany: Nayla FAWZI
Greece: Ioannis ANDREADIS (substitute)
Hungary: Norocel MERKOVITY & Istvan HEGEDUS (substitute)
Iceland: Eirikur BERGMANN
Israel: Keren TENENBOIM-WEINBLATT
Italy: Giuliano BOBBA
Lithuania: Gintaras ALEKNONIS
Netherlands: Claes DE VREESE & Linda BOS
Norway: Signe RINGDAL
Poland: Agnieszka STEPINSKA & Agnieszka HESS
Portugal: Susana SALGADO & António COSTA PINTO (substitute)
Romania: Delia Cristina (Balaban) BALAS & Nicoleta CORBU
Serbia: Dusan SPASOJEVIC & Milena DRAGICEVIC SESIC
Slovenia: Igor VOBIC & Boris MANCE (substitute)
Spain: Rosa BERGANZA & Karen SANDERS
Sweden: Jesper STRÖMBÄCK
Switzerland: Frank ESSER
United Kingdom: James STANYER & Lone SORENSEN (substitute)

Observer:

Grant Holder Manager: Karin EKBERG

Excused:

Austria: Hajo BOOMGAAARDEN
Belgium: Benjamin DE CLEEN
Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sinisa MARCIC
Croatia: Ivan BALABANIC & Marko MUSTAPIC
Czech Republic: Ondřej CISAŘ
France: Nicolas HUBÉ
FYR Macedonia: Senka ANASTASOVA & Solza GRCEVA
Germany: Carsten REINEMANN
Greece: Stylianos PAPATHANASSOPOULOS & Liza TSALIKI
Hungary: Peter CSIGO
Ireland: Jane SUITER
Israel: Tamir SHEAFER

Italy: Guido LEGNANTE
Lithuania: Renata MATKEVICIENE
Norway: Elisabeth IVARSFLATEN
Portugal: Ana BELCHIOR
Slovenia: Slavko SPLICHAL
Sweden: Stefan DAHLBERG
United Kingdom: Cristina ARCHETTI

1. Welcome (Toril Aalberg & David Nicolas Hopmann)

The 4th MC meeting opened at 09:10 and Chair Toril Aalberg welcomed the participants to the meeting in Odense, reminding all that only MC members (or their substitutes) are included in the meeting. The members were reminded to sign the attendance list.

2. Adoption of the agenda (Toril Aalberg)

The draft agenda of the meeting was approved without changes or additions by the members of the MC.

3. Approval of minutes

Approval of minute taker Action Vice Chair Claes de Vreese

4. Presentation of the delegations

Short country delegation introductions. Quorum was present (27/29).

5. Status of the COST Action (Toril Aalberg)

The Chair gave an overview of the Action. She reminded the MC about the principles for accepting new Action members. *An MC vote approved two new applications from the new COST country Montenegro: Prof. Janko Ljumovic and Mr. Edin Jasarovic was.* The MC also expressed a concern about accepting too many new action members from now on, as the work in the action is well underway.

The members were reminded to carefully fill in the claims for reimbursement according to COST rules. For the Odense travel, train to and from Odense should be listed as Long distance travel, and not local travel.

The Action Chair gave a general orientation of the Work and Budget Plan. The first budget year is completed, with a slight under-spending (preliminary from meetings). A surplus will not be forwarded to next year as per COST rules.

The Chair also gave an orientation on the progress according to MoU and the WG plans.

6. General orientation of the Work and Budget Plan (Toril Aalberg)

The Chair gave an orientation of the WG plans for the upcoming year, including Action Workshop planned for spring 2016 (Cracow). The Chair presented the Work and Budget Plan for Year 2, which had been approved by the MC via written procedure on May 15, 2015. The Budget for year two is 169 999,90€ (3000€ more than year 1).

7. Orientation on book progress (Toril Aalberg)

The book editors (Core-Group) and vice chairs met in Munich in June to discuss and review the country chapters. The Book Proposal has been evaluated by Routledge, and has received positive signals. More information about the book and the next steps was to be presented in the joint WG meeting.

8. Orientation of future work in the Action (Frank Esser & Jesper Strömbäck)

The next step will be to move towards templates for comparative research, to be addressed in the WG meetings.

9. Communication strategy & work (Linda Bos)

The Chair reminded the MC that the Communication Group (CG) consists of Jane Suiter, Nicolas Hubé, Linda Bos and Nayla Fawzi. The CG-report at the MC meeting was presented by Linda Bos. The MC complimented the CG for having produced a very professional looking newsletter. The MC was encouraged to disseminate the Action Newsletter and to contribute to Facebook and Twitter. It was stressed that input from members is needed. The Action needs to show the magnitude of current work on populism by the members also on the Action website. The CG will send out instructions on where to send input for website and future newsletters.

10. STSMs (Peter van Aelst)

The STSM chair presented the status of STSMs conducted in the Action. 8 STSMs have taken place during the first year period. The STSM for the 2nd period has been announced. In the 2nd period there will be 3 deadline moments 15/8 (0 application), next 15/12-2015, finally 12/3-2016.

11. Call for Summer School Applications Year 3 (Peter van Aelst & Toril Aalberg)

Y3 Training School: a template has been distributed for applications to host the Y3 Training School. The application deadline is October 1, 2015.

12. Cracow 2016 (Agnieszka Hess & Agnieszka Stepinska)

The next meeting will take place in Cracow, Poland, April 7-9, 2016. In Cracow there will be an MC meeting, WG meetings and an Action Workshop. On behalf of the local organizers Agnieszka Stepinska gave a presentation with a focus on the practical preparations. The Local Organizers encouraged timely bookings (respectively September and October 2015 for the hotels).

13. Place and date of future meetings (Toril Aalberg)

A tentative list of meeting locations for future main events was presented:

Fall 2016: Prague (7-8 November), Spring 2017: Paris, Fall 2017: Sarajevo, Spring 2018: Madrid. There were no objections to the above plan.

14. AOB (Toril Aalberg)

There was no other business.

The Meeting adjourned at 10.06.