

Cracow/Amsterdam/Trondheim May 12 2016

Minutes of the 5th Management Committee (MC) Meeting

Thursday 7 April 2016, 14.00–16.00

Jagiellonian University, Cracow, Poland

Agenda

1. Welcome to participants (Toril Aalberg, Agnieszka Stępińska & Agnieszka Hess)
2. Adoption of the agenda (Toril Aalberg)
3. Approval of minutes
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5. Status of the COST Action (Toril Aalberg & Karin Ekberg)
6. General orientation of the Work and Budget Plan (Toril Aalberg)
7. Communication strategy and work (Jane Suiter)
8. STSMs (Peter van Aelst)
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10. ESR Think Thank (Sven Engesser)
11. Prague 2016 (Václav Štětka)
12. Future work in the action (Jesper Strömbäck, Frank Esser & Carsten Reinemann)
13. Place and date of future meetings (Toril Aalberg)
14. AOB (Toril Aalberg)
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Minutes

Participants:

Chair: Toril AALBERG

Austria: Jörg MATTHES

Belgium: Peter VAN AELST

Bulgaria: Lilia RAYCHEVA & Dobrinka PEICHEVA

Croatia: Marko MUSTAPIC

Czech Republic: Ondrej CISAR & Vaclav STETKA

Denmark: David HOPMANN

Finland: Cristian NOROCEL

France: Nicolas HUBÉ & Gaël VILLENEUVE

Germany: Nayla FAWZI & Carsten REINEMANN

Greece: Stylianos PAPATHANASSOPOULOS & Ioannis ANDREADIS (substitute)

Hungary: Peter CSIGO & Norocel MERKOVITY

Ireland: Jane SUITER

Israel: Tamir SHEAFER & Keren TENENBOIM-WEINBLATT

Italy: Giuliano BOBBA & Guido LEGNANTE

Lithuania: Gintaras ALEKNONIS & Renata MATKEVICIENE

Montenegro: Edin JASAROVIC

Netherlands: Claes DE VREESE & Linda BOS

Norway: Bente KALSNES (substitute)

Poland: Agnieszka HESS & Agnieszka STEPINSKA

Portugal: Susana SALGADO

Romania: Nicoleta CORBU & Elena NEGREA-BUSUIOC (substitute)

Serbia: Dusan SPASOJEVIC & Ana MILOJEVIC (substitute)

Spain: Karen SANDERS

Sweden: Jesper STRÖMBÄCK

Switzerland: Sven ENGESSER & Frank ESSER

United Kingdom: James STANYER & Lone SORENSEN (substitute)

Observers:

Albania (NNC): Blerjana BINO

Grant Holder Manager: Karin EKBERG

Excused :

Austria: Hajo BOOMGAAARDEN

Belgium: Benjamin DE CLEEN

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sinisa MARCIC & Nedzma DZANANOVIC

Croatia: Ivan BALABANIC

fYR Macedonia: Senka ANASTASOVA & Solza GRCEVA

Greece: Liza TSALIKI

Iceland: Eirikur BERGMANN
Montenegro: Janko LJUMOVIC
Norway: Elisabeth IVARSFLATEN & Signe RINGDAL
Portugal: Ana BELCHIOR
Romania: Delia Cristina (Balaban) BALAS
Serbia: Milena Dragicevic SESIC
Slovenia: Slavko SPLICHAL & Igor VOBIC
Spania: Rosa BERGANZA
Sweden: Stefan DAHLBERG
United Kingdom: Cristina ARCHETTI

1. Welcome to participants (Toril Aalberg, Agnieszka Stępińska & Agnieszka Hess)

The 5th MC meeting opened at 14.00 and Chair Toril Aalberg welcomed the participants to the meeting in Cracow. The members were reminded to sign the attendance list. Quorum was present (26/30).

2. Adoption of the agenda (Toril Aalberg)

The draft agenda of the meeting was approved.

3. Approval of minutes

Minute takers Claes de Vreese & Karin Ekberg were approved.

4. Presentation of the delegations

N/A

5. Status of the COST Action (Toril Aalberg & Karin Ekberg)

Summary: The action now comprises 30 countries, since the last MC meeting Montenegro has joined the Action: Edin Jasarovic, one of the two new Montenegrin members present in Cracow, was welcomed. The MC has also approved a request from Gökay Özerim, Turkey to join the Action. We are awaiting national approval and nomination.

Total number of members: 94.

End of the action is 06.04.2018. As the first MC meeting took place in Brussels on 7 April 2014, we are now mid way.

All were reminded to show a restrictive strategy vis-à-vis new members (as also mentioned at the Odense MC meeting).

Toril summarized the COST reimbursement rules.

Reimbursement in e-COST: The members were reminded to keep all receipts until 31.5.2019. It is the responsibility of current and new members to keep updated on COST rules.

The adjusted budget for Y2, already accepted by e-vote on 19.2.2016, was summarized by Toril.

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

The objectives in MoU: the level of achievement is going well.

The Progress Report was evaluated by an Action Rapporteur who concluded that the action had “done everything promised and is ‘ahead of schedule’”.

The Action was reported “Excellent” on all parameters, except ‘Outreach to Stakeholders’. We will be using the Routledge book to disseminate results to stakeholders, key persons should be identified by the Action members.

Y3:

We should be making progress on the key targets of the MoU, major progress to be made during the Cracow meeting.

The Work Plan per Working Group was presented.

Budget Y3:

1 MC and WG meeting in Paris April 2017 (Due to reduced budget only 1 MC meeting during in Y3.)

1 WG meeting in Prague November 2016.

10 STSMs.

Multi-media content for education kit to schools; ‘explainables’; knowledge clip.

The Budget was approved.

General comments on the budget cut: It will be harder to find room for smaller meetings in the future. We should continue to deliver what we have promised to do, while keeping an eye on travel expenses. Invitation to future meetings to those who have been active so far.

7. Communication strategy and work (Jane Suiter)

An overview was given by the communication group chair. A newsletter no. 2 is to come around 30 April. The members were reminded to use Twitter and Facebook, and to post/email any updates on publications, blogs, media appearances on populism.

8. STSMs (Peter van Aelst)

Y2: 2 STSMs took place

Y3: (applications are in); requests are now in for 9/16K. The members were reminded to be early with applications (principle of selection: first in, first served). An additional Call will take place.

9. 2017 Bucharest Training School (Nicoleta Corbu)

Y4 event: May 8-12, 2017. Workshops with trainers. Participation and papers by some of the Action members.

Deadline of submission still TBA



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10. ESR Think Thank (Sven Engesser)

ICA preconference to take place on June 9

Special issue of *Information, Communication & Society* on "Populist Online Communication", is almost accepted, then open Call for Papers.

Guest editors: Nayla Fawzi & Sven Engesser

11. Prague 2016 (Václav Štětka)

Local organizer Vaclav Stetka gave a brief presentation of the upcoming meeting venue in Prague, November 8-9, 2016, from Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday lunch.

Recommended hotels for COST: see ECREA website.

12. Future work in the action (Jesper Strömbäck, Frank Esser & Carsten Reinemann)

Frank: Conduct interviews with specialists and politicians to write an op-ed per country; collect these as a report on COST website, outreach activity.

Empirical research:

WG2: PhD student will help coordinate content analysis (UZ); codebook for media analysis is well developed; WG1 considers using this for party communication coding; optional to join in; also possible to work on other projects;

WG3: Cross-national experiments in the make; possible still to opt-in for experiments.

WG1: Codebook largely modeled on WG3 codebook for consistency.

Op-ed template on the book in the make; will be made available to all country teams.

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

Prague 8-9 November, 2016 (no MC meeting, working group meetings only)

Paris France, 23-25/3 or 30/3-1/4 2017

Sarajevo, Fall 2017

Madrid, Spring 2018

14. AOB (Toril Aalberg)

Comments about stakeholders by Nicoleta: discussion of encouraging of stake holder reach out, non-academics;

Karen suggested that we send info to action email account about small events to record; record URLs to 'prove' activities.

15. Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 15.44.