



COST

Minutes of 11th Steering Committee Meeting

COST Action IS1104 The EU in the new complex geography of economic systems: models, tools and policy evaluation

Meeting, 11.FEbruary.2016

1. Communications from the Chair

The Chair (Pasquale Commendatore) verified that COST has extended the deadline for the final report till September 2016.

2. Publications: Final Action Dissemination (FAD) grant request).

The Chair suggested that in addition to the final report it would be useful to publish a volume reflecting the Action's work over its 4 year duration.

The suggestion was followed by a round-table discussion relating three issues: (a) the preparation of final report, (b) the above mentioned volume, and (c) future applications for funds. The committee agreed that it would be productive when preparing drafting the chapters for the volume to consider what lies ahead in terms of future projects that can provide a framework for drafting new applications.

The committee thought that it would be a good idea to organize the final volume according to the three main areas of research that the Action addressed; namely, (a) economic geography and international trade, (b) financial markets, and (c) industrial organization. It was also suggested that the volume should reflect the progress that has been made in applying new tools: spatial econometrics, dynamical systems, networks, agent-based modelling.

It was also decided that the discussion of these proposals should be continued at the Management Committee meeting that was going to take place later on that day.

The committee also decided to ask the MC to vote on obtaining additional funds to promote open-access publication of the final volume.

3. Addressing of 4th year research:

- WG-Units attached to the MC meeting in Vienna;
- Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs);





The Chair noted that all funds for group meetings and STSMs have now been exhausted.

4. Proposals for new additions;

There are no more additions to be approved. In the final year no new countries can be added.

5. 4th year events - discussion of the Scientific Committee of Final Conference.

We had 52 submissions for presentations in the final conference. There would also be 5 plenary sections (2 invited outside speakers plus 3 from the leaders of WGs 1, 2 and 3.) Out of the 52 submissions 16 were from outside speakers (not members of the Action).

The submissions were judged by a scientific committee comprised by the Chair (Pasquale Commendatore), Spiros Bougheas, Ingrid Kubin and Konstantine Manasakis (local organizer of the Creta Conference). Each submission was awarded a grade from 3 (excellent) to 0 (poor). The rankings were strongly correlated. The scientific committee decided to accept all papers for presentation but fund only 29 out of 36 submissions made by action members.

Next Action: to arrange deadlines for submission to Special Issues.

6. Preparation of the Final Action Report;

For the final report was suggested that we needed to collect information from all members of the Action in relation to their related output for year 3 and 4.

Ingrid Kubin suggested that we can organize the final report according to main themes that would follow the organization of the Volume.

7. Research and other issues left Open;

Laura Gardini proposed, subject to availability, the allocation of 3000 Euros for a meeting in Urbino. A decision will be taken after there is a better idea of the cost of the meeting in Vienna and the cost of the Final Conference.

8. AOB (Discussion on possible applications on H2020 / other European grants)

This issue will be discussed at MC meeting.

9. Closing