

# UniDive core group meeting 6

18 April 2023

See also the [CG master document](#) and the [UniDive master document](#)

## Attendants

Alina, Atul, Dan, Joakim, Marie, Nurit, Olesea, Verginica, Agata

## Agenda/minutes

- [AGATA] State of the budget
  - Money spent for Paris-Saclay:
    - Paris-Saclay preliminary budget after amendment: **84,400 EUR** (but declared 73,835 EUR due to technical reasons)
    - Paris-Saclay **effective** budget: **65,192 EUR**
    - Savings: **19,208 EUR**
  - Money left for STSMs: more than the initially planned 8100 EUR
  - Maybe more money also available for the Istanbul meeting?
- [NURIT] Grants
  - STSMs
    - 4 people on stand-by:
      - 3 could be funded
      - 1 is borderline (the person has no evidence of NLP expertise in the CV)
      - [DAN] I had previously interns working on a treebank (and having created a small one) although they did not do anything like that before.
    - [NURIT, AGATA] To further discuss offline
      - Outcome: 4 stand-by applications to be accepted, with adjusted budget
    - Do we need a new call?
  - ITC Conference grant call;
    - Call sent out yesterday
    - 1500 EUR budget for your researchers from ITC countries
    - Papers in major conferences which increase the visibility of the Action
    - Timing issue:
      - People can apply only when they have an accepted paper
      - They cannot apply after the conference
      - Targeting EACL and ACL - two deadlines 25 Apr, 1 June
      - 1 application already submitted (ELEX: late June)
    - [MARIE] Should we consider moving more budget to ITC conference grants?

- [AGATA] We might, depending on the applications. But if the visibility of the Action is a criterion, probability that a paper acknowledges direct impact from UniDive in the first half of year 1 is scarce. In the following years, we might consider more money for ITC conference grants.
- [OLESEA] Communication survey [results](#) and next steps
  - Over 100 responses
  - **Communication channels**
    - Favorites: Whatsapp (small number of users, nor ready to share phone numbers), Skype, Discord
    - Why should we need them?
      - [OLESEA, AGATA] Alternative to emails (also important because of increasingly aggressive anti-spam policies)
    - [VERGINICA, MARIE, NURIT, AGATA] Reluctant towards sharing personal phone number
    - [OLESEA] Telegram: allows not to share phone numbers
    - [AGATA] Let's narrow down to applications which don't use phones (Discord, Telegram and Mattermost) and compare more precisely
  - Establishing a **document sharing** platform is becoming urgent
    - Github/Gitlab + GoogleDrive are the most popular; Github more popular than Gitlab
    - We probably need both GoogleDrive and Github
    - Decide about more technical choices (e.g. the Github server) offline
  - 24 May in Brussels - training about scientific communication
  - **Science Communication Plan** - a few volunteers expressed their interest in helping; some input from WG leaders needed (details will be sent per mail).
- [ALL] Towards the online Webinar in June
  - See ideas from [16 March](#)
  - Tutorial on UD
    - [JOAKIM, DAN, MARIE] OK to be one of the presenters for a 3-hours tutorial (but no new material)
  - Tutorial on PARSEME
    - [AGATA] OK to teach PARSEME annotation methodology; can other PARSEME leaders join?
    - [NURIT] At Paris-Saclay interesting tools for corpus querying and typological comparisons were shown
      - Grew-match.
      - Bruno Guillaume already has given tutorials on Grew-match - invite him as a trainer
    - [AGATA] Organize a doodle
      - June 15 or 19 are the best so far (with inputs from Marie, Joakim and Dan), with fall back on June 14 and 16.
- [JOAKIM] Towards the Istanbul meeting
  - First ideas about the contents

- Multi-dimensional organization of the documentation. Position paper about it.
    - Repository interlinked with the existing platforms.
    - Call for volunteers - 20 people answered
    - Subgroups are going to work along these dimensions - meeting soon; potential chairs: Teresa Lynn, Seza Dođruöz, Kristina Kocjan
  - Expression of interest form (see [example](#) from Paris-Saclay) - to initiate soon
  - Criteria for the selection of the invitees
    - Volunteers for the subgroups
  - Filling in the Istanbul meeting page - upcoming
  - Feedback from the WG1 Turkic subgroup - the WG1 meeting would be in parallel; more feedback to come
  - WGs 1, 2 and 4 - online meetings close to 8 Sept (to increase momentum and interactions)
    - WG2 - A meeting already planned for the 7th of Sept
    - WG1, WG4 - TODO
  - From the Joakim-Gulsen-Agata meeting on 19/04:
    - Tentative dates
      - 30 April: Filling in the event's page
      - Early May: call EOI (unidive-all), WG1 call should be separate
      - Mid May: EOI Deadline
      - Working on the selection
      - End of June - sending out official invitations
- [AGATA] Year 2 planning
  - Year 2 budget (from Giuseppe)
    - The budget amounts may have variations from year to year and are expected **around June**. This should not block us from identifying potential meeting hosts.
    - The budget amount for year 2 will inter alia depend on:
      - The number of COST Member and NNC countries represented in the WGs
      - Administrative performance, progress towards planned objectives/deliverables
      - COST Policies implementation will be also criteria taken into account.
  - Options:
    - 2 general meetings + 1 training school
    - 1 general meeting + 1 big WG meeting + 1 training school
  - Call for Year 2 meeting organizers - to publish soon (see sample [PARSEME calls](#))
    - A general meeting: early 2024 (January-February)?
    - A training school: summer 2024?
    - A WG/general meeting: May-June or Sept 2024?
    - Avoiding overlap with conferences

- LREC/COLING 20-25 May, 2024
  - ACL/AAACL ??, 2024
- TODO: Publish a call for organizers of the 1st meeting and TS
- Schedule the call for the 2nd meeting in June.
- Should we agree to admit the selected but withdrawn abstracts to the next meetings (in this case and in general)?
  - OK to keep them in the pool of the accepted posters, provided that the withdrawal was force majeure (e.g. visa problems)
- [AGATA] Proposal of a policy for the unidive-all mailing list
  - Publish only the announcements (about events, jobs, publications, etc.) **directly** related to the action. This relationship should be clear from the announcement. For instance,
    - The activity directly addresses the main challenge - *reconciling language diversity with rapid progress in language technology*
    - The Action's keywords are relevant: *universality, diversity, and/or idiosyncrasy*
    - The announcement serves the realization of the Work and Budget Plan of UniDive
  - Not just another mailing list about NLP
- [AGATA] "Science, Policy and Diplomacy" - COST invitation (see [below](#))
  - It would be good to have a UniDive person skilled and informed in these matters
  - Any ideas of candidates? Should we call for candidates on unidive-all?
  - [MARIE] This should probably be a person from the Core Group
  - Verginica is interested
  - Others should send in their EOI within 3 days
- [AGATA] Nationally funded research
  - Recent requests from Lonneke van der Plas and Dan Zeman for a letter of support for a nationally-funded project proposals
  - This kind of initiatives in at the very heart of the COST policy and should be strongly promoted
  - A call for nationally funded project could be sent to unidive-all
- Next CG meeting: **Tuesday 16th May 2023 10:30- 12:00 a.m. CET**

## TODO

- [BEATA] Confirm the left-over budget from Paris-Saclay
- [NURIT] STSMs
  - ~~Handle the 4 pending STSM applications~~
  - When the budget becomes clear, think about a possible 2nd call for STSMs.
- [OLESEA] Analyse and compare Mattermost, Discord and Telegram more precisely.
- [OLESEA] Organize a meeting online with those wishing to help with the expectation survey
- [OLESEA] Send the needs for the Science Communication Plan to the CG
- [OLESEA, AGATA] Decide upon the details of document sharing platforms
  - GitHub

- Centralized GoogleDrive
- [AGATA] Webinar
  - Talk to Carlos about the PARSEME tutorial
  - Talk to Bruno about Grew-match tutorial
  - Organize a doodle for the date
- [AGATA] Call for event organizers
  - Send out a call for Year 2 meeting 1 and the training school.
  - ~~Schedule a call for meeting 2 in June~~
- Istanbul meeting:
  - [GULSEN, JOAKIM] Check the date for e-cost invitation with Beata (late June-mid-July)
  - [GULSEN, JOAKIM: 30 April] Fill in the Istanbul event webpage
  - [GULSEN, JOAKIM, AGATA] Early May: call for EOI (on unidive-all), WG1 call should be separate
  - [AGATA] Share the spreadsheet for the selection process
- [AGATA] Publish the unidive-all mailing policy
- [WG1 and WG4 LEADERS] Schedule online meetings close to 8 Sept
- [ALL: 21 April] Think about a candidate for the Science, Policy and Diplomacy delegate.
- [AGATA] If no other candidates, propose Verginica

## SAMPLE CALL FOR MEETING ORGANIZERS (from PARSEME, 19/08/2015)

The IC1207 COST action PARSEME is going to organize its **seventh** and **eights (final) general meeting** in **autumn 2016** and at the **beginning of 2017** under the following circumstances:

- preferred dates: September 2016 and February-March 2017 (before the end of action on 7 March 2017)
- duration: 2 days
- attendance: 60-90 participants
- necessary rooms: one big room (for plenary/WG sessions), at least three smaller rooms (for parallel WG sessions),
- equipment: panels for about 25 posters (to be confirmed)
- budget available from PARSEME:
  - ° Local Organizer Support of up to 10,000 €, based on real expenditure
  - ° The eligible and non-eligible expenses are listed in p. 27 of the COST Vademecum (<http://www.cost.eu/download/COSTVademecum>)

Potential local organizers of any of these meetings are requested to contact PARSEME's Steering Committee at [parseme-steer@chopin.ipipan.waw.pl](mailto:parseme-steer@chopin.ipipan.waw.pl)

The applications should describe:

- the proposed dates,
- the location and the available meeting rooms,
- the access by public transport,

- an estimation of hotel room prices.

Important dates:

- for the meeting in autumn 2016:
  - **14 September 2015**: proposals from local organizers
  - 30 September 2015: notification
- for the final meeting at the beginning of 2017:
  - **29 March 2016**: proposals from local organizers
  - 15 April 2016: notification

## SAMPLE CALL FOR TRAINING SCHOOL ORGANIZERS (from PARSEME, published on 7/04/2015)

Following the success of its first Training School in Prague (<https://ufal.mff.cuni.cz/events/parseme-1st-training-school>), PARSEME is going to organize its **second Training School** under the following circumstances:

- preferred dates: **summer** or **fall 2016** (except September),
- duration: 5 days,
- attendance: about 50 trainees and 5 trainers,
- rooms: a lecture room for all participants, a smaller conference room for parallel sessions, a lab room,
- budget available from PARSEME:
  - Local Organizer Support of up to 10,000 € (usually around 6,000 EUR), based on real expenditure,
  - The eligible and non-eligible expenses are listed in p. 26 of the COST Vademecum (<http://www.cost.eu/download/COSTVademecum>).

Potential local **organizers** of this Training School are requested to contact PARSEME's Steering Committee at [parseme-steer@chopin.ipipan.waw.pl](mailto:parseme-steer@chopin.ipipan.waw.pl).

The applications should describe:

- the proposed dates,
- the location and the available rooms,
- the access by public transport,
- an estimation of hotel room prices.

Important dates:

- **14 September 2015**: proposals from local organizers of the 2nd Training School
- 30 September 2015: notification

# COST Science for Policy Training and Science Diplomacy Training - 27 & 28 June 2023

Dear COST Action Chairs and Vice-Chairs,

On behalf of the COST Association, we are pleased to invite you to the **COST Science for Policy Training**, on Tuesday 27 June 2023 and a **Science Diplomacy Training** on 28 June 2023 the COST Association, in Brussels.

## **Science for Policy Training – 27 June 2023 (10.00 – 17.00)**

Your COST Action started last autumn 2022, and as part of this kick-off process, we offer a dedicated training on how you can reach the full potential in creating lasting connections with policy stakeholders. In a time when we observe an increasingly important role for science informed policy advice, COST is keen to offer you this targeted training session, as COST Actions are the perfect tool for reaching out to different communities and organisations. As such, we encourage COST Actions to engage with different stakeholders, including policy makers, to increase the potential impact of their results.

In specific terms, this training will inform you on how:

- to engage directly with policymakers and understand their perspectives, professional values and knowledge needs;
- to present the best available evidence in a way and at a time that will impact on policy decisions;
- to follow the whole policy cycle and anticipate policy needs;
- to assess the robustness of the evidence from a policy perspective, taking into account both the value, quality and pertinence of the evidence and its limitations.

## **Science Diplomacy Training - 28 June 2023 (09.30 – 13.15)**

The Science Diplomacy training is designed to provide you with an in-depth understanding of the principles and practices of science diplomacy, and its relevance to addressing global (scientific) challenges. It will equip you with the necessary skills to engage in effective communication and collaboration with diverse stakeholders, including policymakers, diplomats, and the public, in order to promote science-based solutions to pressing global issues. A team of experts in science diplomacy will lead the training, which will consist of a series of interactive sessions, discussions, and case studies. You will have the opportunity to learn from their vast experience and engage in meaningful dialogue with your fellow COST Action participants from different countries and disciplines.

## **Practicalities**

We have 1 spot available per COST Action. You can register via this registration page on our website <https://www.cost.eu/cost-events/science-policy-diplomacy-workshops-2023/> using the password **sci-pol-dip-2023** . You can indicate your availability for one or both trainings. If you would not be available, we would kindly ask you to forward the invitation to someone relevant in your Action who is engaged in the subject of the training. Please be informed that your costs linked to the participation in this event will be reimbursed by the COST Association. After your registration, you will receive an official invitation from our e-COST system in due time. The training takes place at the premises of the COST Association: Bolwerklaan 21, Brussels (Belgium).

We look forward to welcoming you in Brussels, and do not hesitate to contact us in case of any questions.

Kind regards,

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