

Work And Budget Plan

CA21167 Grant Agreement Period 1

01/11/2022 to 31/10/2023

Action Profile

Action General Information

Action Code	CA21167	MC Chair	Prof Agata Savary
Action Title	CA21167 - Universality, diversity and idiosyncrasy in language technology		
MOU	081/22	Draft MOU	OC-2021-1-25588
CSO Approval Date	2022-05-27		
Action Start Date	23/09/2022	Action End Date	22/09/2026
Science Officer	Dr Giuseppe Lugano	Administrative Officer	Ms Andrea Tortajada

Participation in the Action:

Number of	COST Full or Cooperating Members	COST Partner Members	Specific Organisations	Near Neighbour Countries	Third States	Total
Countries						
COST Members / Specific Organisations represented in the MC	35	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	35
	ITC	63%				
	Non-ITC	37%				
Countries represented in the Working Groups	2	0	0	0	0	2
	ITC	0%				
	Non-ITC	100%				
Individuals						
Nominated MC Members / MC Observers	61	0	0	n.a.	n.a.	61
	ITC	64%				
	Non-ITC	36%				
Approved Working Group members	2	0	0	0	0	2
	ITC	0%				
	Non-ITC	100%				

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Working Groups

	WG Title	WG Leader	Number of WG members
WG1	WG1: CORPUS ANNOTATION	Mr Carlos Ramisch	1
WG2	WG2: LEXICON-CORPUS INTERFACE	Dr Verginica MITITELU	1
WG3	WG3: MULTILINGUAL AND CROSS-LINGUAL LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY	Prof Joakim Nivre	1
WG4	WG4: QUANTIFYING AND PROMOTING DIVERSITY	Dr Marie-Catherine de Marneffe	2

MoU objectives, Action deliverables and Grant Agreement Period Goals

Action Objectives from MoU

Aim/primary Objective
reconcile language diversity with rapid progress in language technology
Secondary objectives
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop methods for quantifying inter- and intra-linguistic diversity. 2. To develop a common understanding of language universals across 70 languages represented in the Action. 3. To coordinate the diversity-driven creation, merging and enhancement of language resources unified across over 100 languages from the UD and PARSEME collections. 4. To coordinate efforts towards a better coverage of inter-/intra-linguistic diversity in NLP tools. 5. To raise awareness of the international community about the importance of diversity preservation in language technology. 6. To disseminate the Action outcomes to stakeholders. 7. To create a network of experts in a large number of languages working on modelling and processing of morphological, syntactic and semantic phenomena within a common framework. 8. To foster the capacities of Young Researchers and Innovators (YRIs), with special focus on COST ITC participants. 9. To coordinate and boosting universality-driven initiatives worldwide. 10. To set up a long-term roadmap for the joint efforts of the universality-driven NLP community.

Action Deliverables

Deliverable	Month
1. Website: describing the Action's organisation, and gathering the links to its events and outcomes.	3
2. A scientific publication describing measures of inter- and intra-linguistic diversity in language resources and tools.	12
3. Centralized documentation of unified file formats and conventions for corpora and lexica.	18
4. Unified, enhanced and enlarged versions of existing annotation guidelines for lexical features, morphology, syntax and MWEs, together with the criteria for applying these unified guidelines to specific languages.	24
5. Centralized documentation of the nationally funded software infrastructures coordinated in WG1 and WG4, to support universality and diversity in language resources.	24
6. Centralized documentation of (new or enhanced) annotated corpora for at least 100 languages.	36
7. Documentation of the prototypes of NLP-applicable lexica of MWEs and idiosyncratic constructions.	42
8. Centralized documentation of multilingual and cross-lingual NLP tools coordinated in WP3: syntactic and semantic parsers, MWE discovery tools, MWE identifiers, prototypes of identifiers of idiosyncratic constructions.	45
9. Diversity benchmarks for NLP: diversity-driven evaluation scenarios for NLP resources and tools; infrastructure for evaluation campaigns of NLP tools; evaluation results of at least 2 evaluation campaigns and focused on inter/intra-linguistic diversity in 100 languages.	45
10. Other dissemination material: reports from STSMs; material from training schools; proceedings of workshops; joint papers in Open Access journals, conferences and books; dissemination material dedicated to a large audience (e.g., demonstrations of tools and Wikipedia entries about diversity in NLP, MWEs and idiosyncratic constructions, and interesting syntactic phenomena).	48

Grant Agreement Period

Grant Agreement Period Start Date	01/11/2022	Grant Agreement Period End Date	31/10/2023
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Grant Agreement Period Goals

Number	Grant Agreement Period Goal	MoU Objective(s) it relates to
GAPG 1	Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary objective 7 • Secondary objective 8
GAPG 2	Planning the activity of each Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary objective 7
GAPG 3	Establishing internal and external communication means	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary objective 3 • Secondary objective 4 • Secondary objective 5 • Secondary objective 6 • Secondary objective 7 • Secondary objective 8
GAPG 4	Extending the Action to new potential countries, languages and dialects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary objective 2 • Secondary objective 3 • Secondary objective 4 • Secondary objective 7 • Secondary objective 8
GAPG 5	Understanding the state of the art for the work program of each WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary objective 1 • Secondary objective 2 • Secondary objective 3 • Secondary objective 4
GAPG 6	Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary objective 2 • Secondary objective 3 • Secondary objective 4 • Secondary objective 7 • Secondary objective 8

Work and Budget Plan for the Grant Agreement Period

Work and Budget Plan Summary

A. COST Networking Tools	EUR
(1) Meetings	89,595.00
(2) Training Schools	0.00
(3) Mobility of Researchers and Innovators	13,600.00
(4) Presentation at Conferences organised by Third Parties	1,500.00
(5) Dissemination and Communication Products	3,000.00
(6) Other Expenses Related to Scientific Activities (OERSA)	1,000.00
B. Total Science Expenditure (sum of (1) to (6))	108,695.00
C. Financial and Scientific Administration and Coordination (FSAC) (max. of 15% of B)	16,304.25
Total Grant (B+C)	124,999.25

Meetings

Overview

Meeting Title	Meeting Type	Dates	Location	ITC	Total Cost (EUR)
Core Group Meeting 1	Core Group Meeting	15/11/2022 - 15/11/2022	N/A	N/A	0.00
Core Group Meeting 2	Core Group Meeting	20/12/2022 - 20/12/2022	N/A	N/A	0.00
Core Group Meeting 3	Core Group Meeting	17/01/2023 - 17/01/2023	N/A	N/A	0.00
Core Group Meeting 4	Core Group Meeting	21/02/2023 - 21/02/2023	N/A	N/A	0.00
UniDive 1st general meeting	Core Group Meeting, Working Group Meeting, Workshops/Conferences	16/03/2023 - 17/03/2023	Orsay (France)	No	73,835.00
Management Committee Meeting 2	Management Committee Meeting	22/03/2023 - 22/03/2023	N/A	N/A	0.00
Core Group Meeting 6	Core Group Meeting	18/04/2023 - 18/04/2023	N/A	N/A	0.00
Core Group Meeting 7	Core Group Meeting	16/05/2023 - 16/05/2023	N/A	N/A	0.00
Webinar 1	Other COST relevant meeting	15/06/2023 - 15/06/2023	N/A	N/A	0.00
Core Group Meeting 8	Core Group Meeting	20/06/2023 - 20/06/2023	N/A	N/A	0.00
Working Group Meeting 2	Working Group Meeting	08/09/2023 - 08/09/2023	TBA (Czech Republic)	Yes	15,760.00
Management Committee Meeting 3	Management Committee Meeting	18/10/2023 - 18/10/2023	N/A	N/A	0.00
				Total	89,595.00

Details

Title of the Meeting	Core Group Meeting 1		
Meeting Type(s)	Core Group Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups, Planning the activity of each Working Group, Establishing internal and external communication means		
Description	Core Group Meeting 1		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting		
Start Date	2022-11-15 10:30:00	End Date	2022-11-15 11:30:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	10	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0
Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		

Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	10	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Title of the Meeting	Core Group Meeting 2		
Meeting Type(s)	Core Group Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups, Planning the activity of each Working Group, Establishing internal and external communication means		
Description	Core Group Meeting 2		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting		
Start Date	2022-12-20 10:30:00	End Date	2022-12-20 11:30:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	10	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0
Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	10	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Title of the Meeting	Core Group Meeting 3		
Meeting Type(s)	Core Group Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups, Planning the activity of each Working Group, Establishing internal and external communication means		
Description	Core Group Meeting 3		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting Agenda of the General Meeting 1		
Start Date	2023-01-17 10:30:00	End Date	2023-01-17 11:30:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	10	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0
Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		

Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	10	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Title of the Meeting	Core Group Meeting 4		
Meeting Type(s)	Core Group Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups, Planning the activity of each Working Group, Extending the Action to new potential countries, languages and dialects, Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages		
Description	Core Group Meeting 4		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting		
Start Date	2023-02-21 10:30:00	End Date	2023-02-21 11:30:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	10	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0
Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	10	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Title of the Meeting	UniDive 1st general meeting		
Meeting Type(s)	Core Group Meeting, Working Group Meeting, Workshops/Conferences		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups, Planning the activity of each Working Group, Understanding the state of the art for the work program of each WG, Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages		
Description	1st general meeting of the action, including a scientific workshop, WG meetings and a Core Group meeting 5		
Output(s)	Minutes from WG meetings; posters and slides from the workshop		
Location	Orsay (France)	ITC	No
Start Date	2023-03-16 09:00:00	End Date	2023-03-17 18:00:00
Duration	2 days	Attendance Type	Hybrid
Total number of expected participants	80	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	70

Daily allowance (EUR)	160.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	980.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	500.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	68,600.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	80	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	5,235.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	73,835.00		

Title of the Meeting	Management Committee Meeting 2		
Meeting Type(s)	Management Committee Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups, Planning the activity of each Working Group, Extending the Action to new potential countries, languages and dialects, Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages		
Description	Management Committee Meeting 2		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting		
Start Date	2023-03-22 09:00:00	End Date	2023-03-22 10:30:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	70	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0
Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	70	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Title of the Meeting	Core Group Meeting 6		
Meeting Type(s)	Core Group Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Planning the activity of each Working Group, Extending the Action to new potential countries, languages and dialects, Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages		
Description	Core Group Meeting 6		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting		
Start Date	2023-04-18 10:30:00	End Date	2023-04-18 11:30:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	10	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0

Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	10	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Title of the Meeting	Core Group Meeting 7		
Meeting Type(s)	Core Group Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Planning the activity of each Working Group, Extending the Action to new potential countries, languages and dialects, Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages		
Description	Core Group Meeting 7		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting		
Start Date	2023-05-16 10:30:00	End Date	2023-05-16 11:30:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	10	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0
Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	10	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Title of the Meeting	Webinar 1		
Meeting Type(s)	Other COST relevant meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Extending the Action to new potential countries, languages and dialects, Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages		
Description	Online webinar introducing methodology for contributing to WGs		
Output(s)	Slides from tutorials		
Start Date	2023-06-15 09:00:00	End Date	2023-06-15 17:00:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	40	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0

Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	40	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Title of the Meeting	Core Group Meeting 8		
Meeting Type(s)	Core Group Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups, Planning the activity of each Working Group, Extending the Action to new potential countries, languages and dialects		
Description	Core Group Meeting 8		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting		
Start Date	2023-06-20 10:30:00	End Date	2023-06-20 11:30:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	10	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0
Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	10	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Title of the Meeting	Working Group Meeting 2		
Meeting Type(s)	Working Group Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Understanding the state of the art for the work program of each WG, Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages		
Description	Working Group meeting 2		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting		
Location	TBA (Czech Republic)	ITC	Yes
Start Date	2023-09-08 09:00:00	End Date	2023-09-08 18:00:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Hybrid
Total number of expected participants	40	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	18

Daily allowance (EUR)	160.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	820.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	500.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	14,760.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	20	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	1,000.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	15,760.00		

Title of the Meeting	Management Committee Meeting 3		
Meeting Type(s)	Management Committee Meeting		
Grant Period Goal(s) it will address	Planning the activity of each Working Group, Extending the Action to new potential countries, languages and dialects, Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages		
Description	Management Committee Meeting 3		
Output(s)	Minutes from the meeting		
Start Date	2023-10-18 09:00:00	End Date	2023-10-18 10:30:00
Duration	1 day	Attendance Type	Virtual
Total number of expected participants	70	Number of participants expected to be reimbursed from COST funds	0
Daily allowance (EUR)	0.00	Average reimbursement (per participant) (EUR)	0.00
Average Long-Distance Costs	0.00		
Total Travel, Accommodation and Subsistence Costs (EUR)	0.00		
Total unique participants to be accounted for LOS grant	70	Local Organiser Support (EUR)	0.00
Total cost of the meeting (EUR)	0.00		

Mobility of Researchers and Innovators

Grant Period Goal(s) it will address:	Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups, Understanding the state of the art for the work program of each WG, Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for under-resourced languages	
Description:	STSMs for Core Group members to establish working relationships and produce the WG workplans; STSMs of young researchers for the sake of inclusiveness	
Budget (EUR)	Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) grants	13,600.00
	This budget would allow for approx. 7 STSM grants (based on the average costs per STSM grant spent by all Actions).	
	Virtual Mobility grants	0.00
	This budget would allow for approx. 0 Virtual Mobility grants (based on the average costs per VM grant spent by all Actions).	
	Total	13,600.00

Presentations at Conferences organised by Third Parties

Description:	Participation of 1-2 ITC members in international events for publishing the outcomes of the action	
Budget (EUR)	ITC Conference grants	1,500.00
	This budget would allow for approx. 1 ITC Conference grants (based on the average costs per ITC Conference grant spent by all Actions).	
	Dissemination Conference grants	0.00
	This budget would allow for approx. 0 Dissemination Conference grants (based on the average costs per DC grant spent by all Actions).	
	Total	1,500.00

Dissemination and Communication Products

Overview

Dissemination and Communication Product	Title	Total Cost (EUR)
Action Website	UniDive website	2,000.00
Action logo	UniDive logo	1,000.00
	Total (without VAT)	3,000.00

Details

Dissemination and Communication Product:	Action Website
Title:	UniDive website
Description:	A website containing a general description of the Action and its objectives, the scientific programme, the description of WGs, links to research events related to the Action's topics, links to related nationally funded initiatives, an easy contact point for potential new partners interested in joining the network, and links to all Action's outcomes
Total (EUR): (without VAT)	2,000.00

Dissemination and Communication Product:	Action logo
Title:	UniDive logo
Description:	A logo to be used in all communication activities of the Action
Total (EUR): (without VAT)	1,000.00

Other Expenses Related to Scientific Activities (OERSA)

Overview

Item	Total Cost (EUR)
Bank charges	1,000.00
Total	1,000.00

Details

Type:	Bank charges
Total (EUR): (without VAT)	1,000.00