

## Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Management Committee Meeting of the COST Action

## CA21167 Universality, diversity and idiosyncrasy in language technology (UniDive)

## Brussels, 23/09/2022

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## **ACTION Status**

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## 1) Agenda and Materials

The Objective of the MC1 meeting is to :

- Take ownership of the Action challenge
- Networking and community building
- Bring everyone to the same level of knowledge on COST
- Develop Action structure, methodology and planning

The meeting agenda is described below:

I. Welcome and Frame
II. Getting to know each other
III. COST presentation
IV. Presentation of the Action by the Action Chair candidate & Discussion
V. COST Action Café (breakout discussions, 3 rounds of 20 min)
VI. COST Action Café (debriefing)
VII. Decisions by the Management Committee
a. Election of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Grant Holder Scientific Representative
b. Decision on other leadership positions
c. Agreement on the Action Structure
d. Core Group and delegations of power
e. Overview of WG applications
f. Proposal for Work and Budget Plan (GP goals, budget allocation to activities)
g. Options for next MC meeting (dates/locations) and calls for grant applications
h. Any other relevant Business
VIII. Closing

The slides presented by the hosting team and the notes from break-out sessions produced by the participants during the meeting, as well as the group picture, were distributed by email to all MC Members (independently of MC1 meeting participation) together with these Minutes.

## 2) Participants and Hosting Team

The meeting was organised following a participatory methodology by the hosting team, consisting of Giuseppe Lugano (Action Science Officer), Andrea Tortajada (Action Administrative Officer) and Agata Savary (Action Chair Candidate).

Invited participants included Action MC Members, agreed WG applicants candidates for leadership positions, and young researchers, beneficiaries of the COST Leadership Programme. The full list of meeting participants, based on the signed attendance list, is included in Annex 1.

A group picture was taken with all participants (Annex 2).

## 3) Relevant Information to the Management Committee

In preparation to the MC1 meeting, the hosting team recommended the following readings and provided the MC with the link to the:

- Annotated rules for COST Actions
- Action Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



During the meeting, the Action MC was introduced to the COST framework, COST Action management and the COST Action as described in the MoU with dedicated presentations by the hosting team. MC members were encouraged to formulate their questions and share their views and suggestions with colleagues.

## 4) COST Action Café and debriefing

For three rounds of the discussion, the participants were invited to join breakout rooms organised by Working Group topics and Management topics listed here after:

- WG1: CORPUS ANNOTATION (Rapporteur: Carlos Ramisch, FR)
- WG2: LEXICON-CORPUS INTERFACE (Rapporteur: Verginica Barbu Mititelu, RO)
- WG3: MULTILINGUAL AND CROSS-LINGUAL LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY (Rapporteur: Joakim Nivre, SE)
- WG4: QUANTIFYING AND PROMOTING DIVERSITY (Rapporteur: Marie-Catherine de Marneffe, BE)
- Defining a Communication Strategy (Rapporteur: Daniel Zeman, CZ)
- Grant Awarding Implementing STSMs and ITC Conference Grants (Rapporteur: Agata Savary, FR).

In each breakout room, a volunteer from the MC was appointed as Rapporteur. The outcomes of the discussions are summarized below.

The Management Committee will develop further the ideas by the MC2 meeting and in the upcoming months.





Figure 1: WG1 CORPUS ANNOTATION



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Figure 3: WG3 MULTILINGUAL AND CROSS-LINGUAL LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY



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Figure 4: WG4 QUANTIFYING AND PROMOTING DIVERSITY



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Figure 6 : Grant Awarding



## 5) Pre-requisites for the Decision Making

With 32 parties (out of 35 represented in the MC) attending the MC1 meeting, the quorum was achieved, thus allowing the Management Committee to take valid decisions in accordance with the Annotated COST Rules.

## 6) Decisions by the Management Committee

# a. Election of the Chair and Vice-chair and selection of the Grant Holder (Scientific Representative)

Decision 1: Prof. Agata Savary (France) was elected Chair
Decision 2: Dr. Daniel Zeman (Czech Republic) was elected Vice Chair
Decision 3: The MC selected Institute of Computer Science, Polish Academy of Sciences as Grant Holder Institution, represented at the MC by Dr. Alina Wróblewska.

Following Decision 3, the chairing of the meeting was taken over by the newly elected Action Chair.

#### b. Decision on the other mandatory leadership positions

#### Discussion on the leadership positions

The elected Action Chair, Prof. Agata Savary, introduced important points related to the election of mandatory and optional leadership positions:

- criteria for selecting leadership positions,
- the procedure of selecting candidates for leadership positions, i.e. WG leaders and WG co-leaders,
- the list of candidates for mandatory and optional positions.

The introduction is followed by the self-presentations of the candidates (e.g. affiliation, academic background, experiences essential to leading or co-leading the working groups, motivation) in the following order:

- Dr Marie-Catherine de Marneffe presents herself as the WG4 leader and Abigail Walsh as the WG4 co-leader,
- Prof. Joakim Nivre the candidate for the WG3 leader,
- Dr Gülşen Eryiğit the candidate for the WG3 co-leader,
- Dr Verginica Barbu Mititelu the candidate for the WG2 leader,
- Dr Voula Giouli the candidate for the WG2 co-leader,
- Dr Carlos Ramish the candidate for the WG1 leader,
- Dr Kaja Dobrovoljc the candidate for the WG1 co-leader.

**Decision 4:** The following participants were unanimously elected for mandatory and optional leadership positions:

- WG1 leader: Dr Carlos Ramisch (France, young researcher, m),
- WG1 co-leader: Dr Kaja Dobrovoljc (Slovenia, young researcher, f),
- WG2 leader: Dr Verginica Barbu Mititelu (Romania, f),
- WG2 co-leader: Dr Voula Giouli (Greece, f),
- WG3 leader: Prof. Joakim Nivre (Sweden, m),



- WG3 co-leader: Dr Gülşen Eryiğit (Turkey, f),
- WG4 leader: Dr Marie-Catherine de Marneffe (Belgium, f),
- WG4 co-leader: Abigail Walsh (Ireland, young researcher, f).

Prof. Savary indicates two open mandatory positions (i.e. Grant Awarding Coordinator and Science Communication Coordination) that should be filled in the first MC meeting (MC1), and some secondary WG co-leader positions to be filled in the future.

**Discussion** on filling the Science Communication Coordinator position

Two MC participants, Ms Olesea Caftanatov and Dr Anabela Barreiro, apply for the Science Communication Coordinator position and introduce themselves.

Prof. Savary initiates the discussion on the role and tasks of the Science Communication Coordinator. The following MC1 participants take part in the discussion: Dr Giuseppe Lugano (Science Officer) and Dr Anabela Barreiro. It was discussed whether the Science Communication Coordinator can be filled by a young researcher and whether it is possible to have a vice-coordinator. Dr Giuseppe Lugano informs the candidates that COST Academy organises trainings for the roles of Science Communication Coordinators. Prof. Savary suggests that Ms Olesea Caftanatov, as a young researcher, might take the role of the Action's Science Communication Coordinator and benefit from the COST training, while Dr Anabela Barreiro, having a rich experience from another COST Action, might e.g. take care of the visibility of the Action on social media.

**Decision 5:** Ms Olesea Caftanatov (Moldova, young researcher) and Dr Anabela Barreiro (Portugal) were unanimously elected as the official Science Communication Coordinator and Science Communication vice-Coordinator, respectively.

**Discussion** on filling the Grant Awarding Coordinator position

The discussion was initiated by Dr Nurit Melnik who asks Prof. Savary and Dr Giuseppe Lugano for explaining the tasks of the Grant Awarding Coordinator. They explain that this role consists in coordinating calls, reception of proposals, and decision making regarding COST grants. While the grant awarding criteria and procedures are defined by the Action MC (in line with COST rules), the Grant Awarding Coordinator sees to applying these procedures and keeping track of the deadlines.

The following MC participants apply for the position of Grant Awarding Coordinator and present themselves: Dr Nurit Melnik, Dr Atul Kumar Ojha and Dr Styliani Markantonatou. The Action Chair, Prof. Savary, proposes to fill the position of Young Researchers and Innovator (YRI) Representative at the same time and the proposal is accepted by the MC.

**Decision 6:** The MC unanimously agree on filling the following positions:

- Grant Awarding Coordinator: Dr Nurit Melnik (Israel)
- Grant Awarding Vice-Coordinator: Dr Styliani Markantonatou (Greece)
- Young Researchers and Innovator Representative: Dr Atul Kumar Ojha (Ireland, young researcher)



#### c. Core Group and delegations of power

Discussion on establishing the Core Group and rights and powers of MC

Prof. Savary's initial proposal is to establish the Core Group of 18 persons (or 14 persons if there will be only one co-leader for each working group), i.e. all mandatory roles, YRI Representative, and additional 8 or 4 WG co-leaders. She then introduces the rights and powers of the MC and the possibility of delegating some of them to the Core Group. The issues related to the initial proposal and delegation of power are discussed by Prof. Agata Savary, Prof. Joakim Nivre, Dr Anabela Barreiro, Dr Giuseppe Lugano, and Dr Carlos Ramisch.

**Decision 7:** The MC decides to establish the Core Group of 10 MC participants, i.e. Action Chair, Vice-Chair, GH Scientific Representative, WG leaders, Grant Awarding Coordinator, Science Communication Coordinator, and YRI Representative.

**Decision 6:** The MC agrees on delegating the following rights and powers of the MC to the Core Group:

- Approving/refusing WG applications
- Selecting event participants who will be reimbursed
- Adjusting the location and dates of activities (in close consultation with the Local Organizer)

#### d. Overview of WG applications

Prof. Savary provides detailed information on the number of applications submitted by September 20, 2022. She stresses the fact that this number represents a huge potential for the Action and that defining rules for WG membership should be one of the first tasks for the Core Group and the Management Committee.

#### e. Proposal for Work and Budget Plan (GP goals, budget allocation to activities)

#### **Discussion** on the Work and Budget Plan

Prof. Savary presents a proposal for the Work and Budget Plan for the first Grant Period (GP1). This presentation is followed by a discussion on the goals of GP1. Carlos Ramisch proposes to reformulate the last goal into "Defining the strategy for the development of language resources and tools for new under-resourced languages". The re-formulation proposal is accepted by the Chair and the MC.

The MC accepts the proposed general goals of the Action:

- Establishing working relationships and structuring the community around the Working Groups
- Planning the activity of each Working Group Establishing internal and external communication means
- Extending the Action to new potential countries, languages and dialects
- 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 new under-resourced languages



Prof. Savary points out that the Work and Budget Plan may still change and will be voted on in the near future, possibly before the start of the grant period on 1/11/22.

### f. Options for the next MC meeting and calls for grant applications

Prof. Savary proposes and the MC accepts the following events within GP1:

- **13–14 February 2023**: on-site MC meeting within the first general meeting hosted by University of Paris-Saclay, France. Alternative dates in February and March 2023 were suggested in case travels to Paris around 14 February prove excessively expensive.
- **8–12 May 2023**: Dagstuhl Seminar, an event with a closed list of invitees, but with a large overlap with UniDive members and objectives.
- **Core Group meetings:** November (online), February (on-site), May (online), August (online)
- **WG meeting:** August-September (hybrid)
- Online webinar
- Grants: STSMs, conference grants.

Prof. Savary presents the first tasks to be performed within the Action:

- Defining the criteria for WG membership
- Developing instruments for triggering contributions and managing expectations (e.g. a survey) and engaging members (webinars, ... )
- Preparing calls for grant applications: STSMs, conference grants (late 2022)
- Writing a meta paper about the Action

Carlos Ramisch asks who will coordinate the first tasks and whether it will be Prof. Savary. She confirms that she will be coordinating these tasks with the help of the Core Group.

#### g. Any other Business

None.

## List of Annexes

- Annex 1 Meeting Attendance List.
- Annex 2 Group Pictures.

#### Minutes prepared by:

- Action Science Officer
- Action Chair
- Action Vice Chair



## **ANNEX 1 – MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST**



This information is collected for the purpose of checking eligibility for reimbursement of your expenses under the COST Annotated-Rules-for-COST. Actions-Level-C and, when the meeting takes place in COST premises, for safety purposes in compliance with our legal obligations under Belgian two. It will be kept for the outstan of COST audi colliptions as mentioned in the privacy notae for a-COST. It want be transferred to provide accept in case of use for safety purposes where it will be transferred to the landord of the premises and emergency tarvides.

#### MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST (1ST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 2022-09-23)

The attendance list provides the names of the participants who confirmed attendance via their personal e-COST invitation link.

Meeting Title: 1st Management Committee meeting

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## **ANNEX 2 - GROUP PICTURES**

The group picture was taken in multiple shots and made available to the group.

