

# UniDive core group meeting 16

16 April 2024, 11:00-12:30

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## Attendants

CG members: Alina, Atul, ~~Beata~~, Bruno, Dan, Joakim, Marie, Nurit, ~~Olesea~~, Verginica, Agata  
Invitees: Voula and Kilian (MWE-UD workshop chair), Victoria (training school local organizer)

## Agenda

- [VOULA, KILIAN] [MWE-UD workshop](#) - latest news
  - 52 submissions (44 archival, 8 non-archival); 3 tracks (MWE, MWE-UD, UD), 26 accepted papers + 8 non-archival, acceptance rate 59%, 14 presentations on-site,
  - 1500 USD granted by SIGLEX (3 participants)
  - [Suggested participants](#) to be funded by UniDive
    - The Core Group approves funding the invited speakers and organizers with high priority
    - The selection process is delegated to the workshop organizers
  - Available budget:
    - Estimated budget per person: 720 EUR
    - Initial budget: 7200 EUR (10 people)
    - Savings from Turin: 9000 EUR (12 people)
    - Top-up budget: part of 25000 EUR
    - **At least 22 people** could be funded.
  - Selection criteria:
    - Members **affiliated** in [COST countries](#) (full members, cooperating members, partner member) and [Near-Neighbor Countries](#)
    - FMembers affiliated in other countries: one grant for the whole duration of the action
    - The resourcedness status of the language
    - Geographical and gender balance
    - Young researchers (under the age of 40) are preferred
  - Eligible expenses (COST category: “meeting” grants):
    - Registration fee is not reimbursed
    - Travel is reimbursed, also for the main conference (several days before the workshop)

- Daily allowance for ~2 days (160 EUR/day)
  - [NURIT] Conference grants - with the top-up budget, we might dedicate the conference grants to any venue
    - Send a call soon (for conferences in September)
    - Submission deadline: mid-June
    - Notification a few days later
- [ALINA] Feedback on the [deliverables](#) spreadsheet, and their coherence with the [MoU deliverables](#)
  - This document with home explanations will be shown to the MC next week
  - WG leaders should update the duration of various tasks
- Contributions of the CG to the MC4 meeting on 24 April - see the [agenda](#)
  - All OK to report on the items assigned to them
- [AGATA on behalf of BEATA] Budget
  - Savings from Naples 9,000 EUR
  - Top-up budget from COST (email from Giuseppe on 8/04)
    - Redistribution of unspent budget from last year
    - Offer for UniDive: 25,000 EUR (including 15% FSAC)
    - **[18 APR]** Summary of our needs (as many tables as activities):

Type of Activity benefiting from the top-up (e.g. WG Meeting, Workshop/Conference, Grants, Dissemination)	
Specify if activity is already planned (included in the work and budget plan) or New (not included in the plan)	
Added value of the activity towards Action objective(s) and/or deliverable(s)	
Estimated budget (FSAC excl.) to allocate to the proposed activity	

- MWE-UD workshop - budget already increased to 22 people. Higher increase possible but quick feedback from the EOI needed.
- [VICTORIA] Training School: More trainees can be accommodated (especially if coming with laptops)
- [NURIT] STSMs - we might not need more money
- Submission of updated WBP necessary. The whole process would take at least **2 to 4 weeks** between the second half of April and mid-May. At this time we can issue **no e-cost invitations**.
  - When should we start the process - proposal?
    - 18 Apr: Selection of the participants to be reimbursed for MWE-UD workshop
    - 19 Apr: e-cost invitations
    - **20 Apr-15 May**: new WBP
      - 22-26 Apr: Grant Holder update on e-cost; MC chair prepares the WBP amendment
      - 29 Apr-2 May: the MC chair submits the WBP amendment, negotiation with the COST Officer

- 2-9 May: MC vote
      - 9-15 May: Grant Agreement preparation and signature (Grant Holder and COST)
      - 14 May: STSM notifications
      - 15 May: selection of the trainees for Chisinau
    - CG OK for these dates, Beata available
  - [1st Training School](#) in Chişinău (July 8-12) - latest news
    - Trainers & courses
      - Course 1 - annotating a (S)UD treebank for a new language (Sylvain Kahane)
      - Course 2 - annotating MWEs in a new language (Verginica and Voula)
      - Course 3 - transfer learning for low-resourced languages (Miryam's response) - **delayed** to 2025-2026
      - Course 4 - corpus annotation infrastructure (Bruno, Dan and Agata?)
      - Schedule
    - Calls
      - Call for submissions sent out
      - Calls for reviewers sent out
      - First submissions occurred
    - Issues:
      - Questions about safety (1 so far)
        - Send a position about safety on the unidive-all mailing list
      - Questions about online sessions (due to safety reasons)
        - Verginica, Bruno, Dan: difficult to make the courses hybrid
        - Bruno: With online participants, a extra session would needed only for them
        - Victoria: recording the presentations is a reasonable trade-off
      - Decisions:
        - Not making it hybrid, recording OK
        - Local participants
          - Send out a call for them
          - Encourage them to submit projects so that they can receive feedback
          - They should be selected with high priority
- 3rd general meeting in Budapest
  - [VERONIKA LIPP: **will join at 11:15-11:30**] Preferred dates:
    - **27-29 January 2025**
      - Large conference room >90 is available
    - **28-30 January 2025**
      - Large conference room >90 is available
    - **3-5 February 2025** (Mon-Wed)
      - Large conference room >90 is available
    - 5-7 February 2025 (Wed-Fri)
      - An auditorium of 90 available
      - Preferred by:

- If critical, possible for: Kaja
  - **12–14 February 2025 (Wed-Fri)**
    - Large conference room >90 is available
    - Waiting for confirmation for alternative dates (Mon-Wed)
    - Preferred by: Kaja
  - 5-7 March 2025 (Wed-Fri)
    - An auditorium of 90 available
    - Preferred by: Kaja
  - 12-14 March 2025 (Wed-Fri)
    - An auditorium of 90 available
    - Preferred by: Kaja
  - Feedback so far
    - Dan: avoid February 12-14, prefer February 5-7, neutral for March
    - Marie: February is better. 12-14 March possible. 5-7 March impossible.
    - Olha maybe not included
  - Having a 1-day workshop:
    - In favor: Dan, Marie, Agata
  - Organize a quick doodle to choose the date
    - [delayed till the next meeting] Proposals of PC chairs
- [delayed to the next meeting] WG3 shared task on Morpho-Syntactic Analyso-Parsing - first ideas of 2025 venues
  - ~~SemEval excluded (deadline in 2 weeks)~~
  - CONLL - deadline?
  - UD workshop
  - IWPT workshop
- Next meeting: **Jun 18, 11:00-12:30; May 21 to cancel** (overlap with LREC-COLING)

## TODO

- [AGATA] Response to Giuseppe about the top-up budget
  - Delay the feedback by Monday
  - Can STSM requests be submitted during the amendment process?
  - Summary of the needs (tables)
  - Preferred dates for the amendment process
- [VOULA, KILIAN] MWE-UD workshop
  - [TODAY] Send out call for expression of an expression of interest for getting funding (2 categories: presenters and others, including co-authors)
  - [18 APRIL] Submissions
  - [19 APRIL] Decisions from the organizers
  - [22 APRIL] News about the decisions to Agata
- Budapest:
  - [VERONIKA: today] Final slots for the big room
  - [AGATA] Quick doodle, deadline Thursday 18/04
  - [19/04] Choice of the final date

- [VERONIKA] Booking the venue
- [ALL] Check the dates and tasks in the [deliverables](#) spreadsheet
- Training School
  - [VICTORIA] Draft a statement about safety conditions in Chişinău. Publish on the webpage. Maybe also send to unidive-all.
- [JOAKIM] Prepare input for the Shared Task venues in 2025