

Minutes of the Sixth 'Urgent' Management Committee Meeting of COST Action SAGA (CA17131)

e-meeting via Zoom, 24/05/2021, 13:00-14:00

(Minutes taken by Carmen)

1. Welcome to participants

- a. CCG as SAGA chair welcomed the participants to the MC meeting.
- b. The Agenda was distributed to all MC members prior to the meeting.

2. Establishment of quorum (verification of the presence of two-thirds of the Participating COST Countries in the Action)

- a. CCG checked if we were quorate by going through the list of members – we would be quorate with 27 countries (of 35).
- b. Countries represented: Austria, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, and UK.
- c. Countries non-represented: Hungary, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey.
- d. Quoracy was established.

3. Adoption of the agenda

- a. The agenda was adopted. The urgent aspect to cover with this meeting was to find asap a Virtual Networking Support manager to start developing activities and agree on priorities/opportunities in which we could use the new Virtual Networking Tools, including specifics about the possibilities of Virtual Mobility Grants.

4. Virtual Networking Support manager

- a. We only received 1 application by Mezgeen Rasol. The MC agreed with his proposal and he was elected.

5. Virtual Mobility Grants

- a. Beyond the potential activities to be supported as described in the Vademecum, the MC agreed that SAGA's work priorities in this GP are: completing the database, achieving SAGA deliverables, then training/mentoring. VMG applications aiming to produce outputs towards these work areas will be prioritised.
- b. The Core Group will evaluate future proposals instead of the entire MC, as we do with the STSM. Interested MC members keen to be involved in this evaluation should contact the chair.

6. AOB (Any Other Business)

- a. None

7. Location and date of next meeting

- a. **The next MC meeting will be held virtually on 1 September 2021(13:00 CET).**

8. Closing

- a. CCG closed the meeting thanking the fast response of MC members to attend this short-notice meeting call.

*Current Composition of the Core Group

Chair	Carmen
Vice-chair	Apostolos
WG Leaders	Clare, Philippe, Jan & Sebastiano
Science Communication Manager (SCM)	Agnese
STSM Coordinator	Elina
ITC Conference Grant Coordinator	Simo
Policy Coordinator	Mercedes
VNS Manager	Mezgeen