

# Minutes of the Fourth Management Committee Meeting of COST Action TD1408 “Interdisciplinarity in Research Programming and Funding Cycles” (INTREPID)”

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Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting

Location: Valamar Hotel, Dubrovnik

Date: 26 October 2017

Chair of the Meeting: Olivia Bina (Action Chair)

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## Welcome

The participants were welcomed by Olivia Bina who introduced the Action’s aims and objectives for new members and the overall plan for the two days in Dubrovnik.

Introduction of the new MC member from Malta

## 1. Establishment of Quorum

With 18 out of 27 of the parties present, the necessary quorum was NOT achieved

## 2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda for the 4<sup>th</sup> MC meeting was adopted (Annex 1)

## 3. Status of the COST Action

CSO Approval: 13/11/2014

Start of the Action: 28/04/2015

End of the Action: 27/04/2019

Total number of accepting Parties to date: 27

(details in Annex 1)

#### 4. Reminder about the MoU

Dr Bina reminded members, especially new members, of the content of the MoU. (details in Annex 1)

#### 5. E-Votes 3rd year

The e-vote from the 3rd year were presented (see annex 1)

#### 6. Status of the budget

The current status of the budget was presented by Marite Guevara (see annex 1)

Marite Guevara also added some information on the travelling claims due to persistent difficulties faced by MC members which cause delays in payments.

#### 7. Next steps in GP3 and GP4

Preliminary ideas for actions were discussed (see annex 1).

The actions proposed fall into the large umbrella of challenge 3 : Enable change for INTREPID Knowledge

- 1) Scenarios & Manifesto FoU
- 2) Enabling organisational change: process, struggle, solutions
- 3) INTREPID Knowledge: Think Act Be - capabilities, skills and dispositions
- 4) Re-imagine the urban curriculum
- 5) Re-imagine the Space of Knowledge

These actions were then discussed and planned by each WG. (see annex 2,3,4)

Marta Varanda recalled the importance of the use of STSM's in GP3 and GP4, among others, to complement INTREPID actions, such as the Trainings schools and the planned workshops.

ON the 1<sup>st</sup> action proposed : 1) Scenarios & Manifesto FoU.

The idea is to produce an open vision for the future of University – building on the work previous done by INTREPID. A back casting exercise could also be tried with key players, managers, teachers (and those we imagine to be the leaders in 10 years). To prepare such an event a possibility could be to prepare small workshops in INTREPID institutions and bring these experiences together in the final conference. Through these experiences we can serve our communities at home. It was also proposed to link this action to the European Universities Association

On the second action proposed 2) Enabling organisational change: process, struggle, solutions it was considered that a strong linkage is useful with the 2<sup>nd</sup> training school and STSM's. The knowledge gained through these two actions will allow to design this workshop as to have practical impacts on the institutions participating and to disseminate to other institutions engaging in processes of change.

Concerning The 3<sup>rd</sup> and fourth actions 3) INTREPID Knowledge: Think Act Be - capabilities, skills and dispositions and 4) Re-imagine the urban curriculum a suggestion was made to fuse them. A proposal was to think of the ideal curricula and then to think of university that can work with this curricula. What changes would be needed for that.

**The workshop on 5) Re-imagining the Space of Knowledge** led to a diverse discussion. Françoise Ged mentioned the three S's – study space and skill, which links to the social effect in the territory of the link between space and society. This intervention led to another on the role of university in urban sustainability, and how university co-creates with outsiders. This was further exploited through the role of universities in implementing Sustainable Development Goals, and the challenge it faces. Information was given on institutions that may connect with INTREPID in this: European Universities Association; International Council for Science; Rockefeller Foundation; nextRenaissance; World Academy for the Social Sciences

## 8. Discussion about the final conference

This was an open and highly participated discussion by the MC, in which we followed the method of brainstorm.

The initial idea is that the conference will be linked to the Challenge 3 – ENABLE CHANGE -To develop solutions that enable interdisciplinarity: beyond structural, institutional and cultural barriers with a particular focus on urban-related practice, and that it will focus on Knowledge and Future of Universities as if inter and transdisciplinarity mattered. This idea has arisen given the increasing common understanding among INTREPID members that the difficulties of IT/TD work are linked to the University governance structure. Being the university still the privileged place for knowledge building INTREPID will focus its attention in visioning its future

Some complementary ideas came out of the discussion. One was that the Final conference could focus on the role of universities to implement the sustainable development goals (as referred above). Another was a comeback to the general idea of openness, porosity of the university and its civic role (debated in the London Workshop in March and in the TD net conference in Lunenburg in September).

The role of university in urban sustainability and the questioning of how universities co-create with outsiders were themes of interest of MC members.

As to the format of the final conference Patricia proposed to use Science Gallery type of approach, a space to engage with the public where interactive research is presented in a way people engage with. According to Stan this has the advantage to show a realization, something that demonstrates our work something very concrete to look at and inspiring.

Still another idea was to use the final conference as a Final meeting: what we learn; what has changed from the 1<sup>st</sup> INTREPID meeting and taking stock

## 9. Closing

The meeting was closed at 13.00 pm

## 10. Post –MC – plenary wrap up section (26<sup>th</sup> October-11.30-12-30)

In the planetary wrap up section the protagonism was taken by the WG's who presented the work done the previous afternoon and earlier that morning. The information transmitted is contained in WG's minutes (annexes, 2,3,4).

Some highlights :

- The information about the interest of following up the INTREPID work through an ITN proposal (deadline Jan 2019) was presented by Sagiv Segal who offered to lead such a proposal.
- Carlo Sessa informed about his participation in the COST Connect workshop "The relevance of impact in R&I policy – What role for networks?", 24<sup>th</sup> November in Brussels. A survey will circulate among INTREPID members to give some support information.

### List of Annexes

**Annex 1:** meeting agenda and presentation

**Annex 2:** WG1 minutes

**Annex 3 –** WG2 minutes

**Annex 4-** WG3 minutes