1st IGCOORD Training School
15-18 May 2023
Budapest, Hungary

*** Call for Trainees ***

Date & Location: Budapest, Hungary, 15-18 May 2023 (4 working days)
Local host: ELTE, Faculty of Law
Venue: H-1053 Budapest, Egyetem tér 1–3

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Achieving coordination between executive actors of territorial units is one of the major challenges of today's politics. External effects and thus the interdependence of political actions beyond the borders of sovereign authority have increased dramatically, necessitating better coordination of decision-making and actions across territorial units as well as across levels of government in an increasingly complex environment. The effectiveness and legitimacy of democratic governance in modern States depend crucially on their coordination ability. There is still a serious lack of knowledge among scholars and practitioners on organising and processing intergovernmental coordination in those instances. Moreover, there is still no systematic connection between the various research communities dealing with the issues from their separate perspectives, such as federalism, European governance or local and regional governance scholars.

IGCOORD aims at connecting those different strands of research to provide systematic and comparable insights into the institutions, mechanisms and processes of intergovernmental coordination in the horizontal and vertical directions, across levels of government, policy sectors and territorial units. More specifically, it aims at 1) collecting comparative evidence, 2) distilling basic mechanisms and causal explanations from analytic comparison, 3) developing new collaborative research questions and 4) disseminating those insights and results to inform real-world policy-making.

About this training school

The training school brings together PhD students and young career researchers working on intergovernmental coordination from different disciplinary angles and research questions. The training school covers conceptual distinctions, different types of coordination and their implications for questions of representation, legitimacy and

accountability of decision-making, to methodological questions of measuring coordination for comparative research purposes. The school is being delivered by leading scholars of this COST Action from across Europe. Each session will be led by the teaching team, who will introduce the key conceptual terms and arguments of the debate. Participants will engage in discussion of issues and practical exercises of real-world scenarios of intergovernmental coordination, and have the opportunity to present and get feedback on their own research.

The training school brings together young researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds with an interest in topics of intergovernmental coordination spanning from comparative research on policy problems and solutions involving coordination; practical examples of coordination problems and how they were managed or overcome by political actors; to the politics of coordination and normative questions of legitimacy and accountability of interdependent decision-making in multi-level contexts. Each participant will give a paper presentation about their own research project as part of the training school.

Learning outcomes
By the end of the training school, trainees should be able to:
- Distinguish and discuss concepts and types of coordination, their main characteristics and normative foundation
- Describe and compare incidents of coordination and the main issues arising in practice for political actors and voters
- Analyse and evaluate the costs and benefits of coordination tools to identify potential solutions to policy problems
- Provide advice on coordination problems and recommend options to solve them to practitioners.

All trainees will receive a certificate of participation.

Practical details
- The duration of this training school is four working days.
- Grants will be provided for up to 25 accepted participants.
- A contribution for travel costs (up to 350€ in total), as well as accommodation and subsistence costs (daily allowance of 100€) for 5 days/nights.
- Expenses are reimbursed 30 days after the event has taken place and the reimbursement claim is correctly submitted.

- There are no registration fees.

Who should apply?

Eligible to apply to the training school are:

- graduate and PhD students, and
- postdoctoral researchers who study at and/or are affiliated with a legal entity (university or research institution)
  - [COST Full/Cooperating Member country](#),
  - [COST Near Neighbour country, COST International Partner country, or International Organisations and European RTD](#).

Young researchers from any branch of social sciences, law and the humanities are welcome to apply, provided they are interested in the theories and practices of intergovernmental coordination.

Applicants to the training school should:

- Have an [e-cost profile](#);
- [Apply to join](#) one of the WGs of the action;
- Submit a motivation letter, not exceeding 300-500 words, which must include a clear indication of experience relevant to the topic of the training school; provide a rationale of why you are interested in the training school and how you envisage the training school to contribute to your learning and research objectives; an indication of whether you would like to be considered for funding;
- Submit a short CV (2 pages maximum);
- Submit a short presentation of their research (maximum 3 pages double-spaced).

Please send your application to IGCOORD's Grant Holder Manager at: m.lubej@institupravnih.com

Closing date for applications: March 20, 2023.

The applicants will be informed about the result of their application via e-mail by March 30th 2023. Applicants who will not receive a grant, but do receive an invitation can participate with their own or their institution's funding, or join the Training School online.

Accepted trainees will be invited to prepare a short presentation of their research. Every presentation will be recorded. Recordings will be made available to all participants for internal viewing, and there will be time set aside in the programme for the discussion of the presentations and for opportunities for improvement by both colleagues and trainers.

Accepted participants (trainees) will be required to provide the following documents along with their grant reimbursement claim:

1. **A full-colour scan of your passport's main page exhibits your name, surname** and **passport number**.
2. **Scanned copies of invoices**, receipts, bills, tickets and **other proofs of payments** for all types of costs, including hotel accommodation, travel, meals, etc.