



IGCOORD

MC3 Meeting and WG2, 4 and 5

Minutes

19th May, Budapest

Meeting Minutes
MC for CA20123 IGCOORD Meeting
Date: 19 May 2023
Location: Aula Magna, ELTE, Budapest

Meeting Proceedings:

1. Welcome Coffee and Registration:

The attendees gathered in the Aula Magna of ELTE, in Budapest at 14.00

2. Welcoming Participants and Adoption of Agenda:

The Action Chair welcomed all participants to the meeting. She briefly introduced the purpose of the gathering and proposed the adoption of the agenda. The agenda could not be adopted as no quorum was reached.

3. Debriefing of last year's execution budget and activities:

The Action Chair redacted the present minutes and launched e-votes for all the pending issues for the next year.

Working Group 2: Horizontal Coordination

COST Action Intergovernmental Coordination

Working Group meeting, 19 May 2023 in Budapest

Rescheduled to 14:45-16:30 (local time, CET)

Zoom link for remote participation: <https://tu-darmstadt.zoom.us/j/2833157431>

Chairs: Nathalie Behnke, Bettina Petersohn

Present in person: Jasmina Dzinic, Anthony Murphy, Ivan Stanojevic, Iveta Reinholde, Aiste Lazauskiene, Arjan Schakel, Jared Sonnicksen, Anna Uster, Jurga Bucaite-Vilke, Tomasz Studzieniecki, Istvan Hoffman, Luis Mota, Flavia Ghencea, Immaculada Colomina, Anne Marie Thake

Participation via zoom: Alessia Setti, Minas Angelidis, Vitalii Gryga, Ilkay Tas Gürsoy (first part)

I Impressions from the Training School

We shared the impressions from the Training School (15-18 May 2023) with our members, the topics that we covered and the multi-disciplinary and cross-country composition of the group of 23 participants. Jasmina Dzinic participated in the Training School as well and shared her impressions and experiences from the different sessions with the Working Group members.

We would like to express our thanks to Jasmina Dzinic, Arjan Schakel, Jared Sonnicksen, Jaroslaw Kostrubiec, and Martin Klatt for agreeing to join us for the Mentoring Sessions held on Thursday Morning. We all enjoyed hearing about the new ideas from the participants in those mentoring sessions, their research, and questions that are going to shape the future research agenda. Special thanks go to Istvan Hoffman for providing another highlight of the Training School with the meeting with the Mayor of Budapest on the first day; and for ensuring a smooth running of the entire week from rooms to IT issues and the culinary delights during the coffee breaks. It was a great success overall.

II Update on preparation of the Edited Book: 'Meeting the challenge of horizontal intergovernmental coordination – evidence from European countries' (working title)

The second point, we discussed was the status of the preparation of the edited volume on horizontal intergovernmental coordination. The list of countries to be included and authors teams for country reports was updated during the meeting.

Jurga Bucaite-Vilke and several others suggested to **hold an authors' workshop** and/or an in-person working group meeting that was dedicated to research talks and discussions of ongoing projects within the working group. Picking up on that idea, we discussed an authors' workshop towards the end of 2023. The working group meeting for all organisational items would be attached to that 2-days event.

We also briefly discussed the justification of country selection and how to pitch it to the publisher. Even though the guidelines provide a good structure for each chapter to follow, it became clear from the discussions that it would be good to meet and discuss chapters once drafts are submitted in order to ensure consistency of terminology and methodology across all contributions.

In terms of publication strategy, the idea is to submit a **book proposal to Palgrave Macmillan** and use the Forum of Federations Series as venue for it. Nathalie Behnke and Bettina Petersohn are slightly behind schedule with the introduction chapter and the proposal, but both confirmed their commitment to get back on track with the writing, now that the Training School is over. Several authors have already finished their chapters (thank you to all of you) which provides an option to submit the proposal to the publisher including two more sample chapters of the planned book.

We agreed that submission of the first drafts of the chapters would be advisable until mid-July, yet no later than end of September, so that everyone has time to read other chapters before the author workshop.

III Brief update on Kumu Networking Tool – new link

<https://embed.kumu.io/2bdf305a2544c31e4567604aa340c46e>

The **visualisation networking tool** is updated. The link above leads to the updated version and provides a fun way of finding the clusters within the working group (orange circles) as well as the people in the network (blue circles) and the clusters each one is connected to.

The tool can be used to find people working on or interested in similar topics, issues, research questions and, for example, to start a conversation about organising a panel together for the next Cost Annual Conference.

IV 2024 – Annual Conference Planning

For 2024, **Working Group 1 and 2 are responsible to organise the COST Annual Conference**. Ideas for the location are currently shared but further conversations with WG1 need to happen before a final decision can be made. Based on the experiences this year, it was agreed to separate the Training School and the Annual Conference and hold them at different times and locations the next year.

Members agreed that it would be useful to **organise full panels from within the working group** to ensure more coherent panels, good quality of presentations and to make use of the event for working on joint publications. The 'kumu networking' tool can help identifying people working on a similar type of coordination or policy area. Potential topics for panels are cross-border cooperation, coordination for crisis management, coordination in a specific policy area such as environmental issues or economic integration and performance.

In terms of **deliverables**: we have to **organise the conference** and publish the **conference proceedings** including a written piece by all presenters who receive reimbursement from Cost for their conference participation. Beyond the conference proceedings, it is to panel organisers and participants to publish

papers in journals or together as a special issue. The 'in-house' journals welcome submissions of journal articles from the conferences, and everybody is encouraged to have a look and consider the suitability of the *Journal of Comparative Politics* and the second one in Law.

We also asked the members of the Working Group for support for the organisation of the Conference, in particular the selection of abstracts and papers, the organisation of papers into panels, as well as the monitoring of submissions of long abstracts and potential re-organisations ahead of the conference date. If you are interested in joining the organising committee in any of those functions, please inform us by email. Further communication will follow about the timeline of calls, deadlines, as well as the location and precise date of the Conference in 2024.

V Announcements

STSMs and ITC Conference Grants (standing item): We shared with the members that a new call for STSMs will be launched soon and members should think about applying and encouraging their PhD students to apply for an STSM to start a collaboration and exchange ideas.

EGPA conference, 5-8 September 2023, Zagreb: Call for paper was just closing during the week. But it might be interesting to attend or look out for a potential extension of the call.

VI Any other business

Discussions throughout the meeting highlighted the importance and usefulness of an in-person WG meeting and the holding of an authors' workshop in 2023. Jurga offered to host it in Kaunas in the format of a 2-days event to discuss chapters for the edited volume, ensure consistency and with the WG – Orga meeting added to the event (hybrid format as usual).

Istvan Hoffman also circulated the idea to coordinate more with Working Group 5, to discuss our methodological issues that are coming up during the authors' workshop closely with them. As WG 2 will be asked to contribute to the textbook on IG Coordination, those joint discussions are good to continue this year.

Minutes – WG IV meeting, Budapest, 19. 5. 2023

Present in persons:

Jasmin Halebic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Judit Kalman (Hungary)

Elena Simina Tamanescu (Romania)

Hedva Vinarski Peretz (Israel)

Marjan Nikolov (North Macedonia)

Mária Murray Svidroňová (Slovakia)

Juraj Nemec (Czechia)

WG members, present in Budapest, participated in the WG meeting (nobody connected on-line). The WG discussed the progress and future plans.

The idea of the special issue of the PSE journal failed, we managed to publish one article in this journal, and three other articles were rejected. Two rejected papers are preliminarily approved for publication in other journals.

The book project should start in autumn 2023, according to coordinator Juraj Nemec.

Joint articles related to the COST project remain the priority for the WG. To support this type of output the WG would apply for funding of its internal meeting in fall 2023.

Training school 2024 on fiscal federalism is scheduled and will be organised by Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic.

The participants proposed to create a specific WG platform to exchange ideas and cooperation proposals. This platform already exists and is available at:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3ap6VJHh-5ycnlNm-NwJ0mhu6ZhQmJ8UyEw7u85coDjr1%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=06b9c0ef-4cb6-400d-b829-6a2f0c4f36b3&tenantId=4bd7928d-756a-4396-8d8f-803e40dd52db>

All WG members are invited to share their experiences and inputs on this platform.

WG5 meeting 2 – 2nd in person Minutes

Date: 19th May 2023

Venue: Budapest – Hybrid meeting (online participation was not recorded)

The meeting started at 14:30 and ended at 14:50 CET

1. WG5 Leader and Co-Leader István Hoffman and Jarosław Kostrubiec opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.
2. The participants signed the attendance sheets earlier for the conference and MC Meeting.
People who attended the Meeting: István Hoffman, Jarosław Kostrubiec, Edyta Całka, Paweł Kłos, Paweł Szczęśniak.
3. Online participants could be accepted in the MS Teams (system of the Eötvös Loránd University) meeting room (link: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzcyNWFkZTkzMzFIYi00ZGYwLTlkNWMtNWM1M2U0NGUyZGJk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22b366dbcd-4fc3-4451-82d2-e239564302c3%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2231d13618-6555-43f0-bbb5-af8ef4dcc188%22%7d).
4. The Leader and Co-Leader presented the agenda and the WG adopted it unanimously.
5. The Leader and Co-Leader then presented the WG5's progress from day one to the MC meeting:
 - Personal Meeting in May 2022.
 - Policy papers in the Summer/Autumn of 2022.
 - Outputs
 - Participation of researchers
6. The WG Leader briefly presented the plans for further cooperation – especially with WG1, 3 and 4.
7. The Leader and Co-Leader invited the WG members to share their opinions on the overall accomplishments of the WG operation.
8. Summary of decisions
 - Preparation of the textbook is in progress, it will be proposed during the summer by the Leader and Co-Leader of the WG.
 - Online meeting will be held in October 2023.

- We recommended a joint session with the WG3, perhaps in Vilnius, Lithuania, but even Lublin, Poland could be a venue. (Date: during the Autumn of 2023 or the Winter of 2023/24).

Leader of the WG5:

Prof. Dr. István Hoffman