

3rd IGC OORD Training School on
Formal and Informal Intergovernmental Relations

CALL FOR TRAINEES

Date: 27-30 May 2025

Venue: Eurac Research, Viale Druso 1, Bolzano/Bozen

Local host: Institute for Comparative Federalism, Eurac Research

Application deadline: 14 February 2025

Notification of acceptance: 28 February 2025

About IGC OORD

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 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 contemporary States depends crucially on their coordination ability. There is still a serious lack of knowledge among scholars and practitioners on how to organize and process intergovernmental coordination in those various 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 in the institutions, mechanisms and processes of intergovernmental coordination in the horizontal and in the vertical direction, 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 policymaking.

At the end of the training school, participants will be able to:

- analyze and evaluate key mechanisms of intergovernmental relations (IGR), involving local, regional and national governments as well as the European Union
- describe when and how informal coordination mechanisms complement formal IGR
- identify central actors in IGR and critically discuss their roles
- analyze how IGR play out in practice, comparing instances of coordination in countries at different levels of decentralization and in territories with special autonomy arrangements

Who can apply?

- graduate and PhD students
- postdoctoral researchers and early career researchers who are affiliated with a legal entity (university or research institution) [in an eligible country](#) (i.e. COST full/cooperating members, COST near neighbor countries, COST International Partner countries, International Organizations 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.

Practical details

- There are no registration costs.
- Duration: 4 working days
- Grants for up to 25 participants, as contribution for travel costs (up to 350€ in total), accommodation and subsistence costs (per diem allowance of 150€) for 5 days/nights
- Expenses are reimbursed 30 days after the event has taken place and the reimbursement claim is correctly submitted.
- Participants will be expected to make a short video and/or blog post describing their experience.
- All trainees will receive a certificate of participation.

How to apply

- Have an [e-cost profile](#).
- [Apply](#) to join one of the WGs of Action CA20123 IGCOORD.
- Submit a motivation letter (300-500 words max.).
- Submit a short CV (2 pages max.).
- Submit a short presentation of your research (3 pages max. double-spaced)

Please send your application to the IGCOORD Grant Holder Manager at info@igcoord.eu and the Training School Coordinator at tscoordination@igcoord.eu by **14 February 2025**.

Selected applicants will be informed via email by **28 February 2025**.

Applicants who will not receive a grant but do receive an invitation may participate with their own or their institution's funding.

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