

Subject | Expanded agenda for the MC meeting of the 20/06/2018, to be held in Thessaloniki

1. Welcome to participants

Opening of the works and status report on inclusiveness of new countries, as well as discussion on possible enlargement of the Action

2. Establishment of quorum

Two thirds of the Management Committee have to be present in person during this meeting. In case this does not happen, all the decisions taken here will have to be ratified with an eVOTE, which will be performed with the usual google platform.

3. Discussion of the Financial Report of the First Grant Period

The first Grant Period ended on April the 30th 2018 and the Financial Report submitted to the COST association, that approved it. A summary of the financial report is presented to the MC.

4. Report from the first training school

This may happen here, or in the WG4 meeting.

5. Second Grant Period budget

The second grant period budget, as approved by the COST association after the proposal we prepared during the meeting in March 2018, will be presented to the MC.

6. STSM calls

Starting from the experience of the first Grant Period, it might be useful to set deadlines for the submission or completion of STSMs. Depending on the expected number of requests, the MC should also discuss their submission procedure, which might also feature fixed deadlines for presentation of requests.

7. Second Grant Period events

The events planned for the second Grant Period will be discussed, in particular the following three ones which are already planned.

- Kickoff meeting on longitudinal polarisation
- Kickoff meeting on physics objects reconstruction
- The training event
- The second in-person meeting

For each of the events we need to decide a date and a location, since the ones indicated in the budget are temporary. Candidacies are very welcome and MC members are encouraged to collect availabilities in their country. Kickoff meetings are expected to host about 10 experts, for one-week-long work on a specific subject. The training event and the second in-person meeting will happen in the same location, one

after the other, to reduce costs. For the training event, the list of subjects needs to be discussed as well.

8. School during the third grant period

Given the time needed for the organisation, it is mandatory to start the planning well more than one year in advance. Different proposals are on the table:

- replicate the Maratea model: one week with lectures on foundations on the main elements of a data analysis
- organise it jointly with somebody else (other COST Actions?)
- advanced frontal-lectures school (follow-up of Maratea, still one week, similar budget)
- mix between the Maratea model and a training event, i.e. having abundant hands-on sessions two-weeks long, need to find a cheap location or wealthy partners not to inflate the budget too much

Besides the proposals, also the location needs to be identified as soon as possible. Additional funds would also be very welcome.

9. Working group leaders turn-over

Two working group leaders expressed the need of being replaced. The MC will have to devise and approve the turn-over procedure. One proposal is to do it with an open call for nominations, to be then evaluated by a Search Committee nominated by the MC. The search committee may be composed of a maximum of 5 people, seniors, voted by the MC after (self-)candidacy, properly considering gender balance, ITC countries involvement, theory/experiment balance when choosing its composition.

10. General meeting for the third grant period

Discuss the period when to hold the next general meeting of the Action, as well as its location, for the third Grant Period. Candidacies are very welcome and MC members are encouraged to collect availabilities in their country (in particular for this event, we should do our best to have video connection as well). This will coincide with the Mid Term Scientific Meeting (MTSM), a major event of the Action where to make the point of the advancement of our scientific program. At the end of the second Grant Period, the Action will also undergo a scientific review, therefore the MTSM will close the process of internal review, rather than start it, and serve as a starting point for the following two years.

11. Report of eVOTES happened after the previous MC meeting

The list of MC votes approved after the last MC meeting will be presented. The MC votes are listed in the shared document <https://goo.gl/qba3hB>, which is accessible to all the Members registered to the VBSCOST google group.





12. Inclusiveness report

This may happen here, or in the WG4 meeting.

13. Proceedings of the Thessaloniki meeting

For the Split meeting, we prepared a review that acted as a sort of condensed proceedings (which we decided to publish and is still under review now). The MC needs to decide from now whether we to have a written report of this meeting as well, and in what form: a review, or proceedings of the talks that happened during the meeting. Also, whether these documents will have to be published. It is suggested to overcome some issues happened last year by asking for explicit consent to each VBSCan participant to sign the review, and to shorten the deadline for the preparation of the text.



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