

# 2nd Management Committee Meeting

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# Quorum verification & Agenda adoption

Number of COST members in NERO: 27

**Required quorum:**  $2/3 \times 27 = 18$  countries

Number of COST members present in MC2 Meeting: 18 (?)

Quorum **reached**

# MC1 recap & e-Votes (October 2023 – April 2024)

## MC1 recap:

- Decision to organize the WG Assembly and postpone Training Schools for years 2 – 4.
- Decision not to form a separate WG on establishing synergies with other projects.

## e-Votes:

- Delegation of powers to Core Group: **Approved** on 21.11.2023.
- WG membership rules & criteria: **Approved** on 01.12.2023.
- Organization of WG Assembly & MC2 Meeting: **Approved** on 22.02.2024.
- Grant Awarding Committee: **Approved** on 22.03.2024.
- Grant Awarding System: **Approved** on 23.03.2024.

# Core Group (CG) reporting

Two CG meetings took place, virtually: 21.11.2023, 04.03.2024

## Delegated decisions:

- WG membership rules & criteria (*relevant MC decision on 01.12.2023*)
- Organization of online WG kick-off meetings.
- Organization of in-person WG Assembly & MC2 Meeting (incl. place & dates, invitation list; *relevant MC decision on 22.02.2024*).
- Draft Grant Awarding System & Grant Awarding Committee (*relevant MC decisions on 22 and 23.03.2024*).

## Other topics discussed:

- Connecting NERO to other projects/initiatives.
- Mapping and engaging with practitioners.
- Accelerating activities.
- Overall coordination and management of the Action.



# Action Membership & Participation

## At MC1:

- 25 COST Members (countries)
- ITC: 16 (64%)
- 22% females in MC
- WG applications: 110

## Today:

- 27 COST Members (+ AL, UK)
- ITC: 17 (63%)
- 28% females in MC (+6%)
- WG members: 142 (27% females, 39% YRIs, 60% ITC, 20% practitioners)

# Budget status

Awarded budget: 125,000 €

## AGA budget:

Meetings: 74,110 €

STSMs & VMs: 23,500 €

Conferences: 6,000 €

Dissemination: 5,000 €

FSAC (15%): 16,291.50 €

**TOTAL:** 124,901.50 €

## Actual expenditure:

Meetings: ~60,000 € (estimate)

STSMs & VMs: n/a

Conferences: n/a

Dissemination: 110 €

FSAC (15%): ~9,000 € (estimate)

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** 69,000 €

**AVAILABLE TO SPEND:** ~56,000 €

# Follow-up discussion [1]

A. Action management: Structure, leadership positions, other issues.

- Candidacies for the Grant Awarding Committee and voting for approval/rejection.
- Vote to approve/reject the Fire Science Communication Team.

B. COST Excellence & Inclusiveness Policy

Indicatory targets:

- 12 ITC represented in the Action (currently 17 – **PASS**)
- 50% of budget spent to the benefit of ITCs (ongoing)
- 3 mandatory leadership positions to ITC (currently 6 – **PASS**)
- 40% of participation to networking by YRIs (36% in Athens event – **IMPROVEMENT**)
- 20% of mandatory leadership positions to YRIs (currently 44% - **PASS**)
- 50% of mandatory leadership positions to females (currently 44% - **FAIL**)

# Follow-up discussion [2]

## C. Grant Awarding.

- Imperative to exploit available funds (STSMs, VMs, Conference grants)

## D. Working Group progress

- Brief overview by WG Leaders & co-leaders

## E. Science Communication Plan

- Presentation by the WG4 Leader and Science Communication Coordinator
- **Vote** to approve/reject the Science Communication Plan

## F. Overall progress of the Action



# Planning

## A. Revision of current Work and Budget Plan

- Action Chair may submit request for revision following completion of payments for WG Assembly & MC2 Meeting.

## B. Draft plan for Grant Period 2 (01.01.2024 – 31.10.2025)

- Organization of 1<sup>st</sup> Training School of NERO in Lisbon, Portugal (Topic: Fire spread reconstruction).
- **Vote** to approve/reject the organization of the Training School.

# Monitoring and Reporting to the COST Association

- After completion of payments for WG Assembly & MC2 Meeting, we will submit an IFR to request the second installment of the COST Grant.
- FFR to be prepared in late September/October and submitted by 30.11.2024.

# Any other business – Wrap-up – Closing remarks

Now it's the time to speak your mind!



# Thank you!

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