

COST ACTION CA 21107

***Work inequalities in later life redefined by
digitalization (DIGI-net)***

Training School 2024

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

***Methods for conducting media and policy
analyses***

Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave
Šafárikovo námestie 6, 814 99 Bratislava 1, Slovakia

24th April: 8.30 - 26th April and 24th May

PRESENTATION

COST Action CA 21107 *Work inequalities in later life redefined by digitalization* aims to overcome critical gaps in conceptual innovation on the influence of digitalisation on work inequalities in later life, in order to address the research-policy disconnect and tackle work inequalities in later life redefined by digitalisation.

As a central part of its' activities, the COST Action offers primarily early career stage scholars (PhD +7 years) to facilitate capacity building on a topic relevant to the theme of the respective COST Action through the delivery of intensive training on a new or emerging subject. This takes place in a Training School, where trainees have the opportunity to meet up with more experienced colleagues and stakeholders in order to exchange on their current and future research projects.

The 2024 Training School will take place over 3 days. The first two and half days will take place in Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave, Šafárikovo námestie 6, 814 99 Bratislava 1, Slovakia. This will be followed by a follow up half day which will take place online via a video conference.

With a focus on “Methods for conducting media and policy analyses”, each of the trainers will focus on debates and examples that are relevant to the thematic areas of this COST Action (older workers, digitalization, health, gender, employment, welfare states, etc.).

In preparation for the Training School, a *summary of the objectives* and a list of *recommended reading* will be disseminated in advance to participants.

The **Training School** is organised by the Training School Committee, chaired by: **Jim Ogg**, Associate Researcher, Ageing Research Unit, French National Pension Fund, Paris, France.

The local organising team is led by **Prof. Mgr. Dagmar CAGÁŇOVÁ** Faculty of Management, Comenius University in Bratislava. dagmar.caganova@fm.uniba.sk

Who can apply?

COST training schools are mainly aimed at PhD students and early career investigators (ECI = PhD + 7 years). The Training Schools are also open to COST Action members and selected experts or stake-holders. See the COST annotated rules for full details.

Trainees eligible for reimbursement:

1. Trainees from COST Full Members / COST Cooperating Member.
2. Action MC Observer from NNC.
3. Trainees from Approved European RTD Organisations.

The Management Committee (MC) of the Action decides the financial contribution for Trainees attending a Training School. This decision must be based on the following rules:

- The reimbursement rate per day is EUR 189 maximum;
- Up to EUR 700 may be attributed for travel expenses;
- Prior to the Training School, the trainees must register on e-COST.

Trainees who are self-funded are also welcome to apply to attend the Training School.

Language skills

All the modules will take place in English and the ability to speak, read and write fluently in this language is an absolute requirement.

Programme
Location: Univerzita Komenského v Bratislave
Šafárikovo námestie 6, 814 99 Bratislava 1, Slovakia

	Tuesday 23.04.2024	Wednesday 24.04.2024	Thursday 25.04.2024	Friday 26.04.2024
Room		tbc	tbc	tbc
09h00-11.00		Opening address Experts from Slovakia	Virpi Yläne-Thomas <i>Researching representations of ageing in the media using qualitative methods</i>	Jair Ribero Practical workshop <i>Researching inequalities in AI: implications for older workers</i>
Break				
11h30-12h30		Malin Rönnblom <i>Interpreting and understand policies - Bacchi analyses</i>	Eleni Meletiadou <i>Equality, diversity and inclusion in policy analyses</i>	Marcello Milanez and Eyrún Lóa Eiríksdóttir <i>Methods of research the representation of older workers in popular culture</i>
LUNCH BREAK				
Room		tbc	tbc	
14h00-15h30	Arrival in Bratislava	Trainee Networking Animator, Jim Ogg, Training School Coordinator	Miloš Čermák <i>Understanding media using AI tools</i>	
Break				
16h00-17h30		Sarka Homfray <i>Stereotyping and representations in policies and media</i>	Senta Čermáková <i>Using AI tools in policy and media analyses</i>	
Evening events	19h00 Welcome drinks & buffet	Free evening in Bratislava	TS dinner	

The training school will be completed by a mandatory half-day online workshop on 24th May, 2024. Further information on the content of these second part of the Training School will be given at the TS Introduction.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Bratislava is the capital and largest city in Slovakia. <https://www.visitbratislava.com/>
The city has a beautiful historic downtown with cafés, pubs, art galleries, cobblestone streets. There are also beautiful green parks, Danube river trails and a castle.

There are direct flights to a number of destinations in Europe and a number of airlines operate their direct routes to Bratislava – RYANAIR, Pobeda, flydubai, Cyprus Airways, Smartwings, air cairo, Wizz Air. Bratislava airport can be reached from the city centre in 15–20 minutes. By train, Bratislava connects to the main lines from Prague, Budapest, Vienna.

ACCOMMODATION

A list of reasonably priced and conveniently located hotels will be provided to successful applicants on request.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR TRAINEES

Successful applicants may be eligible to apply for financial support through the COST Action. Places are limited for coming to Bratislava. Those that are not eligible will be able to participate online.

There are approximately 30-35 grants available for trainees to attend the Training School in Bratislava which can vary depending on the country of the Trainee. No individual grant can exceed the normal reimbursement rates of COST.

Applicants who intend to request financial support are invited to indicate this on their application form (see below). Trainees who are self-funded are also welcome to make an application to attend the Training School.

How to apply

Participation in all COST Training schools is subject to a selective application process.

You are kindly invited to fill in the following application form and to provide the requested documents and arguments in favour of your application.

Deadline: 5th February, 2024 (midnight, Central European Time)

Selection will be based on those applications that most clearly correspond to the overall objectives of the COST Action CA 21107, and to the content of this particular Training School.

APPLICATION FORM

COST ACTION CA21107 Training School N°2

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Bratislava (Slovakia), 24.04.2024 – 26.04.2024

1. SURNAME:.....
2. First name(s):.....
3. Institution (if applicable):.....
4. Current status (eg: PhD student, post-doc, etc.):.....
5. Country of origin (nationality):.....
6. Country of residence:.....
7. E-mail:.....
8. Telephone: (00).....
9. Expected Arrival date:.....
NB. No later than Wednesday 23rd April, 2024
10. Expected Departure date:.....
11. Dietary requirements:
 - None
 - Vegetarian
 - Vegan

Other

12. If your application is successful, will you be applying for financial support from the COST Office for your participation in this TS?

Yes

No

If so, please provide an **estimate** of your travel and other expenses:.....

13. Please enclose a copy of your CV + publications list

14. Please complete a 1 page synopsis of your research topic / domain of interest **in English** (see below), explaining how the participation in this Training School would benefit your work.

Please complete and send (by E-mail) this application form, **before 5th February, 2024** to:

Dr. Jim Ogg
E-mail: jim.ogg@wanadoo.fr

You will receive notification about the acceptance/rejection of your application in late February 2024.

We hope to meet you very soon in Bratislava....!

For Training School: Please provide a title and 1 page synopsis (in English) of your research project / current domains of interest in relation to the theme of the COST Action CA 21107 Training School

Surname, First name : _____

Title: _____

Synopsis of research topic / domains of interest / expertise: