



COST Action CA18114  
European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network

Action Core meeting 6  
Minutes

Date: 24 June 2023  
Venue: Metropol Resort – Ohrid, North Macedonia & online  
(hybrid mode)

The meeting started at 10:00 and ended at 16:00 (lunch break included).

1. Action Chair Ivan Dodovski opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Present onsite were Action Chair Ivan Dodovski, Action Vice Chair Robert Hudson, Aleksandar Pavlović and Branko Bošković, while Marina Andeva, Hynek Böhm, Ljubica Djordjevic, Balázs Vizi and David Smith attended the meeting online. Tove Malloy and Borries Kuzmany contributed their input by email.
2. The Action Chair presented the agenda and thanked everyone for attending. The Agenda was adopted.
3. The Action Chair presented the Draft Action's annual report for the fourth grant period which notes the following key achievements:
  - ☐ New publications: 7 policy papers; 1 policy paper volume edited by Ivan Dodovski, entitled “Minorities and Non-Territorial Autonomy: Policy Papers” (UACS, 2023); 1 NTA textbook edited by Marina Andeva, Balázs Dobos, Ljubica Djordjević, Borries Kuzmany and Tove H. Malloy, entitled “Non-Territorial Autonomy: An Introduction” (Palgrave Macmillan, 2023);
  - ☐ Four meetings: The Third ENTAN Training School held in Zagreb, Croatia from 8-11 May 2023; The ENTAN forum ‘Non-territorial Autonomy - from Concept to



Policy’, held in Zurich, Switzerland on 24 May 2023; as well as the Sixth ENTAN Action Core Group meeting held in a hybrid mode in Ohrid, North Macedonia on 24 June 2023, and the Sixth MC meeting, envisaged as an online meeting to be held on 30 June, 2023.

- ☐ New grants: 10 STSM grants, 1 ITC grant, 1 DCG grant, 1 VM grant.
- ☐ Two educational and promotional videos based on scripts by ENTAN’s members: “What is ENTAN?” – script by Ivan Dodovski (May 2023) and “Minority Self-governments in Hungary” – script by Balázs Dobos (June, 2023).
- ☐ The GP4 annual report is to be shared with the MC for further comments, and adopted at the upcoming MC6 meeting on 30 June 2023.

#### 4. Draft WGs Progress Report

- ☐ Each WG leader has drafted a short annual report on the WG’s work/achievements for the third grant period (1/11/2023 -28/8/2023).
- ☐ The WG reports to be included in the GP4 annual report.

#### 5. Action sustainability

- ☐ Various ideas for Action’s sustainability were discussed. Based on all suggestions sent to Ivan and shared by the participants at the meeting, the Action Core group has agreed on the following:
  - ❖ The Action should continue as an informal group under the same name ENTAN – European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network
  - ❖ Marina Andeva is nominated as a new Chair of ENTAN with a three-year mandate starting on 1 September 2023; her task would be to share information among the members and coordinate any initiative on future activities.
  - ❖ Branko Boskovic is nominated as a Communication Manager of ENTAN; his task would be to share information on ENTAN social media profiles in coordination with the Chair.



- ❖ David Smith, Balazs Vizi and Tove Malloy (who served as WG leaders in the previous years) are nominated as members of the Executive Board of ENTAN who along with Marina Andeva as Chair and Branko Boskovic as Communication Manager would be entrusted to run the network.
  - ❖ The Executive Board of ENTAN is expected to develop an action plan for the next period, and to invite MC members and other participants in previous ENTAN activities to explicitly declare if they wish to join the informal network.
  - ❖ One of the main activities of the Board would be gather and exchange information about the NTA-related work (especially publications) authored by ENTAN members.
  - ❖ The ENTAN website will be used as a tool and it would be updated (possibly monthly) with new publications, calls, and information related to NTA.
- ☐ Marina suggested that it would be nice to organise an event (panel) on the NTA Textbook and allow contributors to present. ASN conference in Cluj might be the place to present the NTA textbook, Marina should contact Levente Salat.
  - ☐ Aleksandar Pavlovic received funding for a project on NTA councils in Serbia and Hungary, which might be considered as a spin-off of ENTAN's previous webinar organised by him.
  - ☐ David also mentioned that a conference will be organised in Belgrade in December 2023 on the occasion of the 25 years of the Framework convention on the protection of National Minorities, and this might be a good opportunity to disseminate the ENTAN results.

6. Budget reallocations. The Action Core Group members confirmed their earlier e-vote



decision that was passed on reallocations of unspent budget concerning the AC meeting expenditure and the production of an additional educational video.

7. Draft Action Achievements Report. In the afternoon session, AC members worked on drafting sections (answers to specific questions) in the Action Achievements report. Online participants were asked to send their input by email.

8. AOB

- ☐ Note: Some of the online sessions were interrupted because of bad weather (thunderstorm) and power cuts in Ohrid, but the participants managed to continue and finish the planned activities individually and by email.

9. Summary of AC decisions

- ☐ AC drafted and suggested to the MC a GP4 Report.
- ☐ AC suggested to the MC a number of ideas and nominations regarding Action's sustainability.

10. Closing