



COST Action CA18114
European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network

Action Core meeting 3
Minutes

Date: 25 September 2021

Venue: Institute for Social Sciences, Budapest

The meeting start at 17:30 and ended at 19:30.

1. Welcome to participants

The Action Chair Ivan Dodovski opened the meeting and thanked the participants for attending. Present were: Marina Andeva, Noémia Bessa Vilela, Branko Bošković, Alexandra Ioannidou, Börries Kuzmany, Tove Malloy, Aleksandar Pavlović, Natalija Shikova, Balázs Vizi, Balázs Dobos who was invited as a special guest as the local organiser of the conference, and Demjan Anatoli Golubov who took the minutes. Excused absence: Robert Hudson, David Smith, Hynek Böhm.

2. Adoption of agenda

The Action Core unanimously adopted the agenda.

3. Brief progress report

The Action Chair Ivan Dodovski presented a brief progress report of the accomplishments of the Action in the Second Grant Period (May 2020 to October 2021).

- ☐ The action has managed to produce four publications:
 - o Thematic issue of journal *Philosophy and Society* (October 2020) edited by Ephraim Nimni & Aleksandar Pavlović entitled *Non-Territorial Autonomy as an Enrichment to Representative Democracy*,
 - o First ENTAN Policy Paper (August 2021) authored by Joanna Kurowska – Pysz & Andrius Puksas entitled *The national minority as a driver of cultural cross-border cooperation and local development: Evidence from the Polish-Lithuanian borderland*,
 - o Book of Abstracts of the Second ENTAN conference (September 2021), and
 - o Second ENTAN conference proceedings volume (September 2021) edited by



Balázs Vizi, Balázs Dobos and Natalija Shikova entitled *Non-Territorial Autonomy as an Instrument for Effective Participation of Minorities*.

- o ENTAN has also been indirectly (non-financially) involved in production of the 2020 Routledge volume entitled *Non-Territorial Autonomy and Decentralization: Ethno-Cultural Diversity Governance* edited by Tove H. Malloy and Levente Salat, which includes papers by several ENTAN members.
 - The Action organised several meetings, both online and onsite during the second grant period:
 - o The Third MC meeting was held online on 22 May 2020
 - o The First ENTAN Training School was held in Flensburg & Sønderborg, from 8 to 11 September 2020
 - o The Third ENTAN Conference was held in Budapest, 24 & 25 October 2021 co-located with the Third AC meeting.
 - The Action managed to realise a number of grant awards:
 - o 14 STSM grants
 - o 2 ITC grants
 - o 6 VM grants
 - o 1 VNS grant
 - The Action has spent most of the dissemination budget; some funds reallocated for video production.
 - o Website hosting & maintenance: 1.262,5€
 - o Conference video recording & clip: 1.300€
 - o Conference proceedings: 2.550€
 - o Proofreading of the conference volume: 5.423,52€
 - o Video production: 7000€
4. Demjan Anatoli Golubov presented the new cost rules which will come into effect in the next grant period (1 November 2021 onwards), and Ivan Dodovski explained the new position of Grant Awarding Coordinator and the new Grant Awarding Committee, which can integrate the existing ITC and STSM committees.
- After a brief discussion the Action Core agreed to nominate to the MC Noémia Bessa Vilela to be elected as the Action's Grant Awarding Coordinator and assume all responsibilities according to the new Vademecum.
 - The Action Core agreed to propose to the MC to merge the existing STSM and ITC



committees into the new Grant Awarding Committee to which it will delegate a full mandate to decide on all related matters in accordance with the new Vademecum.

5. Scientific planning

- ☐ Due to limited budget the Next MC meeting is proposed to be co-located with the Third ENTAN Conference in Constanta, Romania, with the proposed timeline of MC meeting on Thursday, and Conference on Friday and Saturday, as the Action has over 100 members and a fair balance should be achieved between scientific output and networking.
- ☐ Considering earlier decision to have the next ENTAN conference in Constanta, Romania, the Action Core decided to propose to the MC to delegate to the Third ENTAN conference committee a full mandate on all matters related to this conference; and to nominate the following members of the organising committee:
 - o David Smith, Chair
 - o Adrian Constantin Stoica, local host
 - o Flavia Lucia Ghencea, local host
 - o Ivan Dodovski
 - o Ljubica Đorđević-Vidojković
 - o Marina Germane
 - o Antonia María Mora Luna
- ☐ Considering earlier decision to have the next ENTAN training school in Bar, Montenegro, the Action Core decided to propose to the MC to delegate to the Second ENTAN training school committee a full mandate on all matters related to this training school; and to nominate the following members of organising committee:
 - o Stefan Moal, Chair
 - o Alexandra Iannidou
 - o Ivan Dodovski
 - o Meital Pinto
 - o Branko Bošković, local host
- ☐ The Action Core discussed the importance of producing a quality NTA Textbook as one of the key Action's deliverables. The NTA Textbook should be conceptualised, materials drafted and piloted, and the final version of the chapters submitted for print



by the end of the Third Grant Period (October 2022). To this end, the Action Core decided to propose to the MC to establish an Editorial Board for the NTA Textbook entrusting it with a full mandate on all matters related to the production and delivery of the NTA Textbook; and to nominate the following members of the Editorial Board:

- o Marina Andeva, Chief Editor
- o Tove Malloy
- o Börries Kuzmany
- o Ljubica Đorđević-Vidojković
- o Balázs Dobos

The Editorial Board shall develop a concept and methodology, as well as a transparent set of criteria for selection of authors of the textbook chapters (taking into consideration both the teaching experience and academic expertise of the potential authors).

- ☐ The Action Core decided to propose to the MC to publish the open calls for the STSM and ITC Grants at the beginning of the Third Grant Period.
- ☐ The Action Core encourages the Working Group Leaders to contact their members to develop policy papers (at least two per working group) which are to be deliverable before May 2022. Should they need any help, they can contact the Action Chair.
- ☐ The Action Chair updated the Action Core Group on the commitment to developing video dissemination materials, and the Action Core decide to reallocate funds for the production of the following videos:
 - o “What is NTA?”, based on a script prepared by Ephraim Nimni,
 - o “Borderland minorities: The Case of Punszk”, based on a script prepared by Joanna Kurowska-Pysz and Andrius Puksas,
 - o “Karl Renner’s model of NCA”, based on a script with a script prepared by Bernhard Aigner and Börries Kuzmany.
- o Also, the Action will produce a Second ENTAN conference promo video and have all conference paper presentations recorded.
- ☐ Calls for Virtual Mobility Grants in GP3 will be revisited if formal approval is received by COST.
- ☐ The Action Core Group discussed the following possibilities for new publications in the next grant period:
 - o Conference proceedings volume of the Third ENTAN Conference,



- o Ephraim Nimni is in the process of submitting an application with a major publisher for a book on NTA,
 - o Any ENTAN member willing to edit an NTA thematic issue of a journal before September 2022, can contact the Action Chair to discuss contribution from COST towards the costs for open access.
 - o Noémia Bessa Vilela suggested that editors should contact the prospective authors to inquire with their universities whether they have an agreement with major publishers regarding open access which is usually provided to University staff members. If this is not granted, then ENTAN might contribute to the cost for the open access of the thematic issue or of individual papers if funds are available.
- 6. The Action Core decided to reallocate unspent budget from STSMs, ITC grants, Dissemination and any unspent funds from the Second ENTAN conference to Video Production or OERSA depending on budgetary need.
- 7. The Action Chair explained the proposed budget for the third Grant Period (WBP3). The Action Core discussed the proposal and agreed that GP3 should include funds for one conference (co-located with MC meeting) and one training school, as well as funds for STSMs, ITC grants, VM grants (if approved by COST), Dissemination, OERSA and usual FSAC. The LOS for the conference and school needs to be calculated according to the new COST rules and introduced in the WBP3, possibly setting a cap on the maximum amount. The Action Chair was asked to tailor the budget lines to fit within the ultimate budget limit that can be approved by COST.
 - ☐ In case funds are insufficient, the Action Core discussed about the possibilities to restrict the participation in the Third ENTAN Conference by giving priority to ENTAN members. Also, the funds for Video dissemination could be reduced and the maximum amount awarded for an STSM grant could be lowered.
- 8. AOB
 - ☐ The Action Core proposed to the next conference committee to:
 - o Hold the Action Core meeting in the morning, before the start of the conference
 - o Organise the conference with a more “friendly” approach to the participants (longer breaks between sessions, more parallel sessions, possibility to alternate between sessions, and end by 16:00 o’clock)
 - ☐ Noémia Bessa Vilela suggested that an online consultative meeting is organised in



the second half of October 2021 to brief the Management Committee about the Action's plans for GP3.

9. Location and date of next AC meeting: Onsite meeting at the Third ENTAN Conference.

10. Summary of AC decisions

- ☐ **AC Decision 1:** The AC nominates Noémia Bessa Vilela for Grant Awarding Coordinator to be approved by the MC.
- ☐ **AC Decision 2:** The AC proposes to the MC to merge the existing STSM and ITC grant committees into one Grant Awarding Committee with full mandate on all grant matters.
- ☐ **AC Decision 3:** The AC nominates the following members of the Third ENTAN conference committee in Constanta (May 2022) to be approved by the MC:
 - o David Smith, Chair
 - o Adrian Constantin Stoica, local host
 - o Flavia Lucia Ghencea, local host
 - o Ivan Dodovski
 - o Ljubica Đorđević-Vidojković
 - o Marina Germane
 - o Antonia María Mora Luna
- ☐ **AC Decision 4:** The AC nominates the following members of the Second ENTAN Training School in Bar (June 2022) to be approved by the MC:
 - o Stefan Moal, Chair
 - o Alexandra Iannidou
 - o Ivan Dodovski
 - o Meital Pinto
 - o Branko Bošković, local host
- ☐ **AC Decision 5:** The AC proposes the draft STSM and ITC calls to be approved by the MC.
- ☐ **AC Decision 6:** The AC decided to reallocate and unspent funds for Video production and OERSA charges.
- ☐ **AC Decision 7:** The AC nominates the following members of the NTA Textbook Editorial Board to be approved by the MC:
 - o Marina Andeva, Chief Editor
 - o Tove Malloy
 - o Börries Kuzmany



o Ljubica Đorđević-Vidojković

o Balázs Dobos

- **AC Decision 8:** The AC proposes to MC to adopt the draft WBP3 after budget items have been tailored by the Action Chair along with the AC discussion and to fit within the ultimate budget limit that can be approved by COST.

11. The Action Chair thanked everyone and closed the AC meeting.