

EVBRES Action MC Virtual Meeting

Date: March 18, 2021

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Item	Key Points		Points of Agreement	Points of Action
1. Welcome to participants				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting recorded
2. Verification of the presence of two-thirds of the Participating COST Countries or, if applicable, a quorum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Austria 2. Bosnia and Herzegovina 3. Bulgaria 4. Croatia 5. Cyprus 6. Czech Republic 7. Denmark 8. Finland 9. Germany 10. Greece 11. Hungary 12. Iceland 13. Ireland 14. Israel 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17. Lithuania 18. Malta 19. Norway 20. Poland 21. Portugal 22. Romania 23. Serbia 24. Slovakia 25. Spain 26. Switzerland 27. Turkey 28. United Kingdom. <p>To have quorum: 27 countries.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quorum achieved

	15. Italy 16. Latvia			
3. Adoption of agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COST Scientific Officer joining and will provide comments at end of the meeting 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda adopted
4. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting (Tartu, 1 October 2019)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not comments or edits to minutes
5. Update from the Action Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o extension of 3rd Grant Period (to 31 Oct 2021) o start and end dates of Action (16 Oct 2022) o participating COST countries reviewed o participating NNC/ IPC institutions and Specific Organisations reviewed • Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No new STSMs since last MC meeting due to the pandemic; possibilities for STSMs in the remaining part of the 3rd Grant Period o 1 STSM planned 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For planning purposes, in general, will must follow restrictions with not expectations for high level of face-to-face in 3rd Grant Period 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o It is possible to hold STSM first by first 2 week of October if interested ● The 1st EBR Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1st EBR conference Nov 2021 held virtually o 10 keynotes o 15 abstract presentations, 5 poster presentations o 29 volunteers o Appx 770 registered, approx. 600 unique participants in some/all of conference o At least 49 and at least 43 EVBRES participants attending on Day 1 and Day 2 o 2nd EBR conference will also be o Feedback overall positive ● COVID survey results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pandemic impact on EVBRES activities; 12% stopped, 66% decreased, and 16% increased o Majority would prefer face-to-face for EVBRES activities (with the exception of Core Group meetings) 		
6. Update from the Grant Holder:	● Adjusted budget for 3 rd Grant Period reviewed		● VOTE: Budget adjustments for

<p>Action budget status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All Core Group meetings will be virtual o No dissemination meetings plans o 2nd Training School virtual, with monetary cost to organizer o Planning face-to-face Action MC in Denmark in September, 2022 (budget calculated with 43 participants for 1-day meeting) o Since cannot meet virtually, budget adjusted to increase funds for open-access publications 		<p>3rd Grant period approved</p>
<p>7. Implementation of COST policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promotion of gender balance and Early Career Investigators (ECI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Large majority of participants are female; no problems with concern from COST ● Inclusiveness and Excellence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o EVBRES has almost all countries represented; no problem with concerns from COST 		
<p>8. Follow-up of MoU objectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2nd Progress Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Prepared in Fall, 2020 o Comments from Rapporteur reviewed 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Objectives were confirmed and progressing appropriately ▪ Concerns regarding fulfilment of deliverables, but are progressing appropriately ▪ Publication quantity, quality, significance, and relevance is very good ▪ Project and proposals relevance is excellent and quantity is very good ▪ Impacts are highly significant, with some already observed ▪ Many highly effective activities ▪ Emerging topics are appropriate 		
<p>9. Scientific planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scientific strategy (MoU objectives, GP Goals, WG tasks and deliverables) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Publication Plan disseminated via email and link to plan placed in chat ○ Publication plan will require updating as work progresses ● Long-term planning (including anticipated locations and dates of future activities) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VOTE: Publication plan approved ● PMG will circulate reformulation of WG deliverables ● Action MC members are encouraged to use EVBRES White

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Adjustments of the deliverables stated as long-term goals, instead of achievable within lifetime of EVBRES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Example of deliverable from WG1 presented ▪ Necessary for WG1, WG2, and WG4 ▪ Scientific Officer confirmed that deliverables can be adjusted, but outcomes cannot be adjusted o Discussion of whether extensions due to COVID can be requested <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must be requested in last Grant Period ▪ Scientific Officer clarified at Core Group meeting that a 6-month extensions could be requested but that EVBRES does not have the appropriate rationale o 2nd EBR Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ R. Sfetcu to Chair, L. Affengruber to Vice-Chair ▪ Members of Scientific Committee presented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● White Paper about EBR 		<p>Paper and inform PMG of how used</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Attached to email o Created as a “Call to Action” with main points being: make EBR approach a part of funding criteria and further the implementation of EBR by creating a call to fund EBR relevant projects 		
<p>10. AOB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EVBRES Training School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Face-to-face training school in Tartu was similar to current Phase 1 o Transitioned to being implemented virtually via Moodle o Phase 1 (asynchronous) is running with approx. 60 participants engaged until end of March, 2021 o Phase 2 (synchronous) divided into 3 sessions occurring in April, May, and September, 2021 o Asynchronous modules for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of training schools planned to be available all online by end of 2021 o In last two Grant Periods need to re-run to achieve deliverables ● COST Scientific Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Presentation from COST Scientific Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If EVBRES is to request for extension from COST (maximum 6-months), this is done within 6-months of the end of EVBRES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WG4 to discuss Phase 2 training school for those that previously attended Phase 1 in Tartu ● October 29, 2021 is deadline for new COST applications ● COST Scientific Officer presentation to be disseminated by email to Action MC members ● Adjustment of deliverables to be presented to and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Clarification provided re: process for revising deliverables<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Adjustments to deliverables with justification needs to be presented to and voted on my Action MC; following approval COST Scientific Officer will adjust in E-COST		voted on my Action MC
11. Closing			