

HOW TO JOIN THE COST ACTION CA21150?

Are you interested in participating in the COST Action within one of the Working Groups? On the COST Association website you will find all the information you need to apply for membership:
www.cost.eu/actions/CA21150/

To ensure a well-balanced network, we particularly welcome applications from national & international stakeholders, young researchers and male applicants. Participation is possible beyond the borders of Europe.

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Please also visit CA21150 for information on current activities and developments:
www.sustainability-at-leave.uni-hamburg.de/activities



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PARENTAL LEAVE POLICIES & SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY



WHAT IS THE COST ACTION CA21150 ABOUT?

The Action aims to advance and disseminate research and knowledge about the significance of Paid Parental Leave (PPL) for the social sustainability of societies. Our aim is to set the scene for future PPL research from the new perspective of social sustainability while making the field more coherent across disciplines and beyond academia. The main challenges of the Action are to build the network, identify and fill gaps in PPL research, develop a future-oriented and cross-disciplinary PPL terminology, and facilitate future research by closing the PPL data gap.

FIVE WORKING GROUPS (WGS) FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING DIMENSIONS:

- WG1 | The development of a theoretical framework for the understanding of the relevance of PPL policies for the sustainability of societies
- WG2 | The identification of social inequalities through PPL policy design in Europe and beyond
- WG3 | The impact of PPL policy design for children's well-being and their development
- WG4 | The development of a future-oriented PPL terminology
- WG5 | The expansion of data for research on PPL policy design and its effects on parents, children & societies



WHAT IS A COST ACTION?

A COST Action is an interdisciplinary research network, funded by the EU, that brings researchers and innovators together to investigate a topic of their choice for 4 years. COST Actions are typically made up of researchers from academia, SMEs, public institutions and other relevant organisations or interested parties.

COST Actions offer an inclusive, pan-European environment for individuals of all levels of seniority to grow their professional research networks and boost their careers.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN COST ACTIONS

Meetings, workshops and conferences

Meetings are organised by COST Action Management Committees (MC) in any COST Member State joining the network. They can be of different types, such as MC meetings, working group meetings, workshops and conferences. They may be open to the wider community and provide opportunities to enhance the COST Action's visibility. COST will contribute to the travel and subsistence costs of the invited participants, and to the cost of organising the meeting.

Short-term Scientific Missions (STSM)

Short-term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are exchange visits for researchers within their Action. This exchange programme facilitates individuals to spend up to six months at an institution or laboratory based in a different country, which is also part of the Action. STSMs are great opportunities for researchers to share techniques and gain skills that may not be available at their home institution or laboratory.

Training schools

Training schools are intensive coaching opportunities for Action participants that last for up to 15 days. Training is organised by each COST Action on a topic of their choice and held on the premises of a participating institution or organisation. Young researchers in particular typically benefit from the training school initiative, however study opportunities can also be offered more widely within the Action and can be useful for participants wishing to learn new skills or retrain.

Conference grants

These grants are aimed at young researchers and PhD students from Inclusive Target Countries (ITC) and help individuals attend beneficial international conferences that are not organised by COST Actions.

Communication and dissemination

The sharing of scientific results is vitally important in strengthening science and research. Due to the value and impact communication and dissemination activities can have on the wider research community, COST actively encourages and supports Actions to share outcomes with researchers, policymakers, the private sector and civic society such as NGOs.