



**COST Action CA 15122**

## **Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion (ROSEnet)**

**Training School 2017**

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Helsinki, Finland**

**17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

The training school is connected to COST action ROSEnet, which aims to overcome fragmentation and critical gaps in conceptual innovation on old-age exclusion across the life course, in order to address the research-policy disconnect and tackle social exclusion amongst older people in Europe. The action will engage with researchers and policy stakeholders to develop shared understandings and to direct the development of new policy and practice interventions, that can be practically and effectively implemented, for reducing exclusion in diverse European ageing societies. The Action will establish an innovative participatory, interdisciplinary and cross-European collaboration that will: (1) synthesise existing knowledge; (2) critically investigate the construction of life-course old-age exclusion (3) assess the implications of old-age exclusion across the life course; (4) Develop new conceptual frameworks on old-age exclusion; and (5) identify innovative, and implementable, policy and practice for reducing oldage exclusion. The Action focuses on economic, social, service, civic rights, and community/spatial exclusion. With deliverables that include conferences, workshop-policy events, briefing papers, early-career investigator development, and a repository of innovative practice and policy, the Action will forge much needed new links between research and policy, enhancing evidence-based and effective innovation.

In order to meet these aims and especially the aim of early-career investigator development, a total of 4 Training Schools (TS) will be organised throughout the duration of the Action (one per grant period (May – April each year)).

#### **Preliminary programme of the 2017 Training School**

We are happy to announce that the first Training School will take place in Helsinki, Finland from 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The theme of this Training School is the relative nature of exclusion. The lectures and discussions focus on the contextual elements of exclusion, including different welfare states and different socio-cultural contexts/environments. Additionally, methods of knowledge synthesis will be discussed. A detailed schedule of the TS program will be sent to the successful applicants, closer to the event. The provisional programme for the training school includes:



**Kieran Walsh**, Acting Director, the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology at NUI Galway, Ireland  
(The concept of exclusion; Exclusion in rural environments )

**Virpi Timonen**, Professor, Sch Office - Social Work & Social Policy, Trinity College Dublin,  
Ireland (Different welfare state contexts for exclusion)

**Sandra Torres**, Professor of Sociology & Chair in Social Gerontology (Uppsala University)  
Guest Professor in Aging (Linköping University), Sweden (Ethnic relations and socio-cultural  
contexts for exclusion)

**Marjaana Seppänen**, Professor social work, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of  
Helsinki, (exclusion in urban environments)

Additional support and advice will be provided on site by members of the Training School  
organizing committee:

**Marjaana Seppänen**, [marjaana.seppanen@helsinki.fi](mailto:marjaana.seppanen@helsinki.fi) (Department of Social Research,  
University of Helsinki, Finland)

**Anna Wanka**, [anna.wanka@univie.ac.at](mailto:anna.wanka@univie.ac.at) (Institut fuer Soziologie, Universitaet Wien, Austria)

**Ioannis Kostakis**, [iekostakis@gmail.com](mailto:iekostakis@gmail.com) (Harakopio University, Athens, Greece)

All the trainers are international experts in their respective fields, with extensive experience  
of teaching and mentoring on the topics related to old-age exclusion. They cover a wide range  
of disciplines and methodological approaches. Each trainer will provide material, which will  
be disseminated in advance to participants.

### **Who can apply**

COST training schools are mainly aimed at PhD students and early career investigators (ECI)<sup>1</sup>,  
although more senior academics, researchers and policy-makers may also apply. Priority will  
be given to ECIs. The Training Schools are also open to the Action members. See the COST  
Vademecum for full details: <http://www.cost.eu/>

### **Eligible for financial support:**

1. Trainees from COST member countries;
2. Trainees from approved NNC (near neighbour countries) institutions;
3. Trainees from approved European RTD Organisations.

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<sup>1</sup> For COST, this includes people who have received a PhD within the past 8 years.



## **Financial support for trainees**

Successful applicants may be eligible to apply for financial support through the COST Action. There are 10 grants available for trainees. The size of these grants can vary depending on the country of origin, although no individual grant can exceed the normal reimbursement rates of COST (see below). Applicants who intend to request financial support are invited to indicate this on their application form. The Management Committee (MC) of the Action decides the financial contribution for Trainees attending a TS. This decision is based on the following rules:

- The reimbursement rate per day is EUR 160 maximum;
- Up to EUR 300 may be attributed for travel expenses;
- A maximum grant of EUR 1 500 can be awarded;
- Grants for trainees can vary depending on the country of the Trainees (e.g. domestic, near or far countries).

**Please note** that trainee Grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to attending the Training School. The Trainee Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee.

Prior to the Training School, all Trainees must [register on e-COST](#)

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

## **Language skills**

Unless otherwise indicated, all the modules will take place in English and the ability to speak, read and write fluently in this language is an absolute requirement for participation.

## **How to apply**

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

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

## **Deadline : 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (midnight GMT)**

Selection will be based on those applications that most clearly correspond to the overall objectives of COST Action CA 15122 and to the content of this particular Training School.

Unsuccessful applicants will be kept informed about all future Training School opportunities within this COST Action.



# APPLICATION FORM

**COST ACTION CA 15122 Training School N°1**

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**Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion**

**Helsinki (Finland) 17.1.2016 – 20.01.2017**

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1. SURNAME:.....
2. First name(s):.....
3. Institution (if applicable):.....
4. Current status (eg: PhD student, post-doc, etc.):.....  
If applicable, year of PhD defense:.....
5. Country of origin (nationality):.....
6. Country of residence:.....
7. E-mail:.....
8. Telephone: (00).....
9. Expected Arrival date:.....
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:.....

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

15. Please provide proof of your English language proficiency level

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

Please complete and send (by E-mail) this application form, **by November 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016** to:

**Marjaana Seppänen**  
**professor**  
**Department of Social Research/social work**  
**P.O. Box 16 (Snellmaninkatu 10)**  
**00014 University of Helsinki**  
**tel. +358 2941 24586 (+358 50-4489118)**  
**Email: marjaana.seppanen@helsinki.fi**

You will receive notification about the status of your application by beginning of December 2016.

Please note that you will be expected to make your own accommodation arrangements in Helsinki. A list of hotels will be provided to selected applicants, but the cost and availability of rooms can't be guaranteed.

We look forward to meeting you very soon in Helsinki!



**For the Training School: Please provide a 1 page synopsis (in English) of your research project / current domains of interest / motivations in relation to the COST Action CA 15122 Training School**

Surname, First name : .....

**Title:** .....  
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**Synopsis of research topic / domains of interest:**