

**COST Action CA 15122**

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

**Training School 2018**

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Ljubljana, Slovenia**

**4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The training school (TS) is organised within the framework provided by COST action "ROSEnet" ([www.rosenetcost.com](http://www.rosenetcost.com)), 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.

#### **Preliminary programme of the 2018 Training School**

We are happy to announce that the third Training School which will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia from **4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018** at [Faculty of Social Sciences University of Ljubljana \(Slovenia\)](#). The Training School will focus on conceptual and methodological aspects of research on social 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. The lectures and discussions will focus on the conceptual elements of exclusion, leading to different operationalisations and methodological approaches from qualitative to quantitative and mixed methods research designs. 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:

**Marjaana Seppänen**, Professor, Department of Social Research, University of Helsinki, Finland, (Social exclusion; qualitative research methods)

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

**Giovanni Lamura**, INRCA, Centre for Socio-Economic Research on Ageing; Italy (Exclusion from services, mixed methods research)

**Lena Dahlberg**, Associate Professor in Social Work (Senior Researcher at the Aging Research Center, Senior Lecturer in the School of Education, Health and Social Studies at Dalarna University), Sweden (Social exclusion and loneliness in old age, and inequalities in access to formal and informal care; quantitative research methods).

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)

**Valentina Hlebec**, [valentina.hlebec@fdv.uni-lj.si](mailto:valentina.hlebec@fdv.uni-lj.si) (University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana)

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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.

## Provisional Programme

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

- 10.30 Welcome by ULFSS, Introduction of training school
- 11.00 **Marjaana Seppänen**, Introduction of COST ROSENET.  
Concepts of Social Exclusion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 **Sandra Torres**: Making a long-lasting scholarly impression: the what, how and why of conference presentations
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 Individual work on conference presentations with instructor available for comments and suggestions

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

- 9.00 **Sandra Torres**: The role of systematic and scoping reviews in conceptualizations exercises: the case of ethnicity/ race in research on aging and old age
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 11.00 Participant presentations (3x 15 minutes of presentation, followed by 15 minutes of discussion)
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 **Marjaana Seppänen**: Conceptualizations of social exclusion resulting into qualitative research
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 Participant presentations (3x 15 minutes of presentation, followed by 15 minutes of discussion)
- 18.00 Event dinner TBA

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

- 9.00     **Lena Dahlberg:** quantitative approaches to social exclusion research
- 10.30    Coffee break
- 11.00    Participant presentations (3x 15 minutes of presentation, followed by 15 minutes of discussion)
- 12.30    Lunch
- 13.30    **Giovanni Lamura:** Examples of mixed-method strategies to investigate support services for family carers of older people
- 15.00    Coffee
- 15.30    Participant presentations (3x 15 minutes of presentation, followed by 15 minutes of discussion)
- 17:00    Wrap-up and closing

## 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.

## Financial support for trainees

Successful applicants may be eligible to apply for financial support through the COST Action. There are 10-15 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 160 € maximum;
- Up to EUR 300 may be attributed for travel expenses;
- A maximum grant of 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.

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

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

**Deadline : 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 (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**

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## **COST ACTION CA 15122 Training School N°3**

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### **Reducing Old-Age Social Exclusion**

**Ljubljana (Slovenia) 4. 6. 2018 – 6. 6. 2018**

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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 30. 4. 2018 to:**

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**professor**  
**Department of Social Research/social work**  
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You will receive notification about the status of your application by middle of May 2018.

Please note that you will be expected to make your own accommodation arrangements in Ljubljana. 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 Ljubljana!

**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:**