

Request and invitation for the final COST-CRIPO meeting and High Level Conference

Comparative Research into Current Trends in Public Sector Organization (CRIPO, IS0601)

1. Description

Day I (26 May): meeting of MC + WG I and II

Day II (27 May): High Level Conference – final conference of the Action

Location: Paleis der Academieën, Brussel

2. Local Organiser

Prof. Dr. **Koen Verhoest**
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3. Date of relevant MC meeting and no. of agenda item

This meeting was principally approved at the meeting of the MC (agenda point 7.b) in Cluj on 27 May 2010 and the meeting of MC on 4 September 2010 in Toulouse (agenda point n° 6)

4. Number of reimbursement and organizational support costs (by COST office)

Number of reimbursements: 55

Organizational support costs requested: 10.000 Euro

5. Objectives of meeting

Objective:

Day I – final MC and WG Meeting

- Discussion of final Activity report, procedures of Action evaluation and all necessary information
- Acceptance of Final COST report and related book (including discussion of country chapters)

- Follow-up on special issues (concept, papers and procedures) and other publications
- Follow-up on survey methodology meeting: COBRA survey progress – survey 3rd generation – joint database integration – strategies to cooperate in exploitation
- Mapping techniques: progress
- Discussion on future steps - future activities within networks

Day II – High Level Conference High-level Conference for Invited Practitioners, Policy-makers and Researchers “Structuring Government in the 21 st Century: Managing and Controlling Public Agencies at National and EU-level in Times of Crisis”

During this one-day High Level Conference, the CRIPO-network invites high-level policy makers, civil servants, and managers of agencies from 20 European countries and from the EU-level.

The objective is to analyse the current challenges in managing and controlling public agencies in times of crisis and joined-up government, and to discuss the policy recommendations which arise from the four-year collaboration between researchers in 23 European countries within the CRIPO-network.

6. Time schedule of meeting

Wednesday 25 May Pre-Meeting

19.00 COST pre-meeting for last decisions on high-level conference, final action evaluation, and future

20.00 – 23.00: possibility for guest-editors of special issues or of EU-agency book to meet with authors involved (in respective hotel lobbies where participants stay)

Thursday 26 May: COST meeting

9.15: Welcome

9.30: start of the COST-meeting (35- 40 participants, max. 50)

9.30-11.00: session on last preparations for the May conference and final action evaluation

11.00-11.15 (or 11.30): coffee break

11.15-12.30: discussion of reports, publications and special issues

12.30-13.45: lunch break

13.45-15.45: session on survey and mapping methodologies

15.30-15.45: coffee break

15.45-17.00: session on policy recommendations and finalisation of the book project

16.00-18.30: Meeting of the MC – final action evaluation with cost evaluators

20.00: COST dinner with invited speakers and discussants

Friday 27 May: High Level Conference

Please see the full program attached

7. Agenda for MC meeting on Wednesday 26 May

0. Welcome to participants
1. Adoption of agenda
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Matters arising
4. Report from the COST Office
 - News from the COST Office
 - Status of Action, including participating countries
 - Budget status, budget planning and allocation process
5. Action budget planning status
6. STSM status, applications
7. Publications, annual report
8. Evaluations
9. Request for new members
10. Promotion of gender balance and of Early Stage Researchers (ESR)
11. Non-COST country participations
12. Web news
13. Progress report of working groups
14. Long-term planning
15. Place and date of next meeting
16. AOB
17. Closing