STRATEGY FOR VIRTUAL NETWORKING

Virtual Networking Support

The Virtual Networking Support strategy is built on a top down approach starting from the GP2 GAPGs of the Action Implementation Plan and identifying some virtual activities to be pursued by Action members consulted on the purpose that could not be covered by the other traditional COST Networking Tools.

VNS in GP2 will cover the following activities:

- Consultation with Action participants for activities that can be funded under the VN Tools;

- Preparation and distribution among the Action MC members and the COST Science Officer a detailed strategy on virtual networking for the entire Action, subject to MC approval;

- Discussion, planning and selection of virtual events and collaboration activities, encouraging the proposal of identified activities to be finalized within GP2;

- Assisting the selected hosts in preparation and coordination of online events and collaboration activities (including the analysis of technical needs);

- Overseeing the selection of the most appropriate virtual tools for each specific virtual activity;

- Evaluation selection and coordination of the Virtual Mobility Grants;

- Feedback collection on the organized events by anonymous survey and statistical evaluation of results with reference to the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy.

A report of the Activities will be presented at MC Meetings.

Virtual Mobility Grants

Evaluation and selection criteria established by the MC are communicated to all Action Members though the dedicated Google Group. It will be possible to submit VM Grants application throughout the whole GP2.

VM Grants in GP2 will address the following:

1) Research coordination

To support collaborative research activities aiming at harmonizing and standardizing methods and procedures for TXRF analysis collecting different results and outcomes from experiments done in their respective labs and research groups;

To coordinate the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network; preparing questionnaires and response scales to be used by the Action members as part of virtual networking activities. (RCO2-RC03);

2) Capacity building

To realize Virtual mentoring schemes focussed on activities and exchanges that can generate capacity and new skills in TXRF analysis, particularly for ECIs researchers and ITC participants;

To make available information about TXRF instrumentation availability at research groups, laboratories, manufacturers, infrastructures of the participant EU, IPC and NNC countries;

To coordinate training and joint research for young and less experienced researchers from ITC, recent groups, developing countries, women on relevant topics;

3) Stakeholders' engagement

To define, coordinate, organize and prepare the content of science communication activities aiming at promoting the Action activities widening and encouraging the participation to the network also non TXRF users interested in related applications;

To present results of topic-oriented research in context different from the TXRF scientific community.