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Welcome

This is the third Newsletter of the COST Action 'The geography of New Working Spaces and Impact on the Periphery' (CA18214).

The Newsletter aims to inform you about the main activities of the network and the current work of the WGs. You will also find the most important actions and dates within the current Grant Period.

Enjoy the reading!

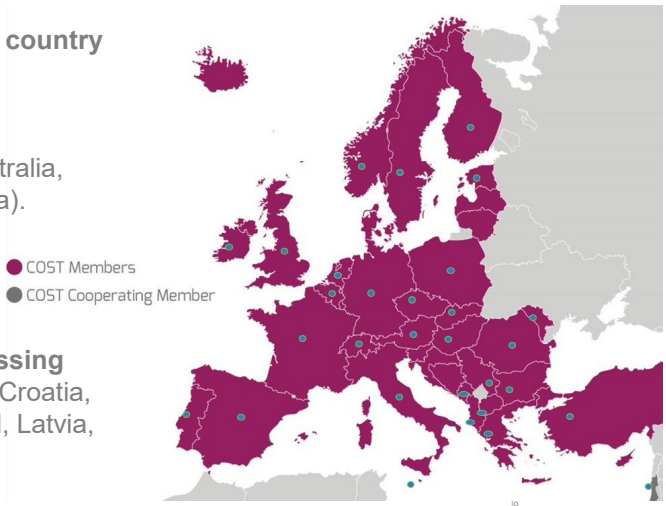
The CA18214 **calls for more involvement of all COST members in the WG activities and contribution to the data collection (see WG1 and WG2).**

Our network

The network of CA18214 is signed by **29 COST members** Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and United Kingdom.

1 COST Near Neighbour country
Lebanon.

5 Observer country
USA, Canada, Brazil, Australia, Argentina (and soon China).



10 Countries are still missing
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Slovenia.

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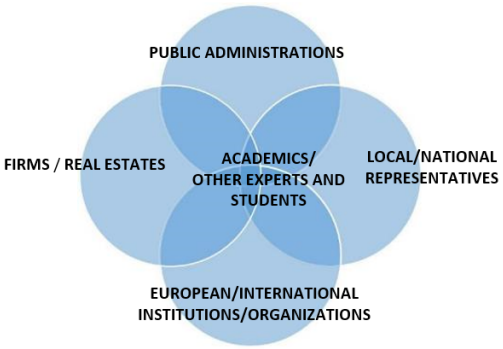
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Open calls

Call for more stakeholders and organization of annual National Workshops

Although we have many partners, we are looking for more involvement from

- **Public administrations**, which are (can be) committed in fostering new working spaces and/or strengthening the development of peripheral areas, as **city municipalities, metropolitan and/or regional institutions, and national governments**
- **Firms (single or associations), real estates,** as well as the **third sector and civil society** organizations, which are interested in the management and/or use of new workplaces,
- **Local and national representatives** of trade unions, which are dealing with the ongoing radical changes in the labour market;
- **Representative of European institutions and organisations of employers and employees** are also principle-targeted audiences.



The COST members are encouraged to develop their actions at the European, national and local levels. Please help us to extend our network with the stakeholders. The WG4 is preparing a list of contacts of potential stakeholders. The COST members will be invited to identity further stakeholders. In addition to this, the responsible of the horizontal activities is Petr Dubovský petr.dubovsky75@gmail.com

Workshops at national level will involve academic participants and stakeholders in a collaborative learning process about location patterns, direct and indirect effects, and policy and planning measures related to new workplaces. **Each Country should organize at least an annual workshop in 2021, 2022 and 2023 and report on it to the WG4 and SCM**. See the Memorandum of Understanding https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12ENQMoVnrK7RtC3EsP1ctRGcrmW-wR3



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Participation

How we work

The Working Groups of the CA18214 meet periodically via Zoom and discuss via Slack on the channels WG1_taxonomy, WG2_atlas, WG3 toolbox and WG4_ dissemination. If you are not registered in any of those channels, please contact the SCM Mina Di Marino (mina.di.marino@nmbu.no).

The results of WG groups will be presented through the deliverables, conferences, special sessions and scientific publications.

If you are interested in contributing to the deliverables, please contact the WG1 leader Grzegorz Micek (grzegorz.micek@uj.edu.pl), the WG2 leader Mina Akhavan (mina.akhavan@polimi.it) and the WG3 leader Carolina Pacchi (carolina.pacchi@polimi.it)

If you want to organize conferences, special sessions and round tables, as well as proposing special issues, please contact the WG4 leader Chiara Tagliaro (chiara.tagliaro@polimi.it).

If you want to communicate on the social media of the CA18214, please contact the SCM Mina Di Marino (mina.di.marino@nmbu.no).

Next events

The 4th Summer school on workplace management 2021, which is co-organized by REC and Dastu (Politecnico di Milano), and COST Action CA18214, will start on June 28th online. The major focus on coworking will be between July 13-19.

Several COST members are involved in the organization and as lecturers at the summer school. For more info https://www.nmbu.no/en/projects/new-working spaces/about/news/node/43142

Have a look at this **amazing video about the 3rd Summer school** on workplace management co-organized by the CA18214 in 2020.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JuMTmQaQFcU

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Next events

- ERSA, Territorial Futures, Visions and scenario for a resilient Europe, Bolzano, 24-28 August 2021 **OPEN SPECIAL SESSION** *New working spaces, resiliency, and peripheral areas during the Covid-19 pandemic* **ORGANIZERS**: I. Mariotti, (IT), M. Di Marino (NO), Pavel Bednar (CZ) T. Baycan (TR) A. Frenkel (IL) https://ersa.eventsair.com/60th-ersa-congress-bolzano italy/?fbclid=IwAR17A88kkjmqmCVA0vd3kT_DoBsCaBLIKUarwXSGpaSCbarKTJKfnQfGItU

- Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual Conference, August 31 –September 3rd, **OPEN SPECIAL SESSION** *Coworking spaces: a tool to reduce commuting and enhance well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic* **ORGANIZERS** T. Bajada (MT), B. Satariano (MT), I. Mariotti (IT) https://www.rgs.org/geography/news/rgs-ibg-annual-international-conference-2021/

- AISRE, Local Sustainable Development and Relaunch: What Role for Tradition and Innovation? 8-10 September 2021 **OPEN SPECIAL SESSION** *Reshaping Gender in Third Places for Work: Challenges and opportunities of Women-Focused Coworking in the Post-Pandemic Era* **ORGANIZERS**: M. Akhavan (IT), A. Fuzi (BG) https://www.aisre.it/en/annual-scientific-conference/organized-sessions-list

- AISRE, Local Sustainable Development and Relaunch: What Role for Tradition and Innovation?, 8-10 September 2021 **OPEN SPECIAL SESSION** *The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the geography of work and new working spaces* **ORGANIZERS** I. Mariotti (IT), M. Di Marino (NO), C. Tagliaro (IT), I. Manzini Ceinar (UK) https://www.aisre.it/en/annual-scientific-conference/organized-sessions-list

Recent events

- RSAI 13th World Congress of the RSAI -Smart Regions - Opportunities for Sustainable Development in the Digital Era, May 25-18, 2021, **OPEN SPECIAL SESSION** *Mapping Co-working Spaces: Spatial Patterns and Location Factors.* **ORGANIZERS** T. Baycan (TR), G. Micek (PL) A. Sinitsyna, (ES)

- Regions in Recovery E-Festival, Regional Studies Association, 2-18 June 2021 **OPEN SPECIAL SESSION** *Functions and Impacts of collaborative workspaces in rural and peripheral regions and towns,* co-organized by CORAL ITN and CA18214 **ORGANIZERS** V. Advikos (EL), I. Mariotti (IT), I. Capdevila (FR), P. Bednar (CZ), S. Schmidt, T. Lang (DE)

- Regions in Recovery E-Festival, Regional Studies Association, 2-18 June 2021 **CLOSED SPECIAL SESSION** *European Cost Action Project "The Geography of New Working Spaces and the Impact on the Periphery": findings, challenges and future perspectives,* organized by CA18214 **ORGANIZERS** Mina Akhavan (IT), Mina Di Marino (NO), Grzegorz Micek (PL)

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STSM

The COST Action CA18214 aims to exchange visits which support researchers' individual mobility, strengthen existing networks and foster collaboration. The Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are intended especially, but not solely, for young researchers. For further info visit our slack platform and webpage. STSM leader is Eva Belvoncikova (eva.belvoncikova@euba.sk).
https://www.nmbu.no/en/projects/new-working-spaces/activities/node/38913.

STMS approved 2021

1. Oliver Rafaj (SK) to Tomas Bata University in Zlín, Czech Republic
2. Lukas Danko (CZ) to University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia
3. Carles Mendéz – Ortega (SP) to Jagiellonian University, Krakov, Poland
4. Thomas Vogl (GE) to Jagiellonian University, Krakov, Poland
5. Anastasia Sinitsyna (ES) to Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway
6. Katarzyna Wojnar (PL) to Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway
7. Mariachiara Barzotto (UK) to Politenico di Milano, Milan, Italy - *completed*

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- **Survey Deskmag –CA18214.** CA18214 is collaborating with Deskmag (https://www.deskmag.com/en/). We are preparing a new survey to launch among the coworking spaces across the countries. The COST members will be kindly asked to use their own networks to circulate the survey. The data will be relevant to our activities and deliverables.

- **Edited volume The COVID-19 pandemic and the Future of Working Spaces** *In Routledge-RSA Regions & Cities Book Series – Regions, Cities and Covid-19* (Eds.) Ilaria Mariotti (IT), Pavel Bednář (CZ) and Mina Di Marino (NO). **The book chapters are under review.**

- **5th MC meeting (including WG meetings) will be held in Albania, September 26-29, 2021.** If you have not registered yet, please fill doodle. https://doodle.com/poll/9x3ayg3k6g878y59?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link



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Working Group 1

WG1 Glossary and Taxonomy focuses on a comprehensive overview of new working spaces (NeWSp) in Europe and outside.

The WG1 members are now working on the D.1.3. Database of structures/typologies of New Working Spaces and D.1.4. Final report, which belong to the tasks of the second grant period (Task 1.3 Geographical distribution and location patterns with a specific focus on peripheral areas). **WG1 has collected the Country-level database (from 14 countries)**. If you have not yet sent it to WG1 leader Grzegorz Micek (grzegorz.micek@uj.edu.pl), please do it.

WG1 is currently working on

- **European overview of the coworking spaces and other NeWSp.** WG1 is conducting a meta-analysis based on the data collected through coworker.com (with help of Martijn Smit, MC member from the Netherlands) and Country-level databases based on various national sources.
- **ID Profile Overview** – this is a meta-analysis for identifying NeWSp location factors and the role of peripheries across the COST members. **24 COST members** have sent their ID profile, if you have not done yet it, please contact the WG1 sub-leader Anastasia Sinstysina (anastasia.sinitsyna@ut.ee)

Working Group 2

WG2 Atlas focuses on the development of an '**Atlas' of best practices** about new working spaces concerning the effects of the such workplaces and workers performance (**direct effects**), and the built environment (**indirect effects**): Task 2.1. Collection of studies, data and practices about the direct effects of new working spaces (**direct effects**) and Task 2.2. Collection of studies, data and practices about the **indirect effects** on the urban socio-economic environment with a specific focus on peripheral areas.

WG2 is currently on

- mapping the data collected by the COST members in previous studies
- working on COST Working paper –*What happens in your country during COVID-19?*

This is a cross-country collection of narrations and evidence considering the immediate effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on **NeWSp**; what we know from reading of newspapers, blogs and other social media, as well as national and local measures.

17 Countries are contributing: Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Portugal, Netherlands, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Malta, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Slovakia, USA, and Lebanon.

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Working Group 3

WG3 Tool Box focuses on the Collection of the policy tools that have been implemented at national, regional and local levels, and their effects on new working spaces. This knowledge will allow to develop a tool box containing strengths and weaknesses related to the activation and non activation of policy tools.

This WP will include the following activities:

Task 3.1 Collection and discussion about the policy tools developed to foster the development of new working spaces both directly and indirectly. In the first case, policies are addressed to these specific places, which are recognized as important for the socioeconomic development of the territory; in the second case, policies addressed, for instance, to the promotion of employment and innovation, detaxation, use of public space, are adopted by new working spaces;
Task 3.2 collection and discussion of the positive and negative effects these policy tools have had on new working spaces and the socio-economic urban context (i.e., they might have worsened the situation, or given rise to imperfect competition);
Task 3.3 Identify strengths and weaknesses of the policy tools and proposition of tailored policies, with the involvement of stakeholders, and develop guidelines

Working Group 4

WG4 Dissemination focuses on the dissemination of the main results of the COST Action CA18214 which concerns the following tasks: Task 4.1 is dedicated to the dissemination of the results of the research projects that will be presented in national and international scientific conferences, refereed journal articles and reports; Task 4.2 focuses on knowledge transfer at all levels, including the possibility for science education and training. In particular, through a mix of face-to-face events (interviews, meetings and workshops) the objective is to empower stakeholders and academics.

WG4 is currently identifying scientific conferences and special sessions to organize, ii) selecting journals and suggesting special issues and iv) developing multimedia contents (videos and podcasts), as well as iv) networking sites for scientists and researchers (such as Research Gate).

Since 2019, the Science Communication Manager and WG4 are monitoring the dissemination activies and scientific outcomes, as well as new research projects, which are based on networks among the COST members.

https://www.nmbu.no/en/projects/new-working-spaces/deliverables

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Publications

- Manzini Ceinar I. (UK) and Mariotti I. (IT) (2021). *The effects of COVID-19 on Coworkng Spaces: Patterns and Future Trends*. In: I. Mariotti, S. Di Vita and M. Akhavan (Eds) New Workplaces—Location Patterns, Urban Effects and Development. Trajectories A Worldwide Investigation, 277-297.
- Bednář P., (CZ) Mariotti I. (IT), Rossi F. (IT), Danko L (CZ). (2021). *The Evolution of Coworking Spaces in Milan and Prague: Spatial Patterns, Diffusion, and Urban Change.* In M. Orel, O. Dvouletý. In M.Orel, O. Dvouletý and V. Ratten (Eds.) The Flexible Workplace,59-78.
- Migliore A. (IT), Tagliaro C. (IT) and Manzini Ceinar I. (UK) (2021). *Beyond Coworking: From Flexible to Hybrid Spaces'* In M. Orel, O. Dvouletý. In M.Orel, O. Dvouletý and V. Ratten (Eds.) The Flexible Workplace, 3-24.
- Mariotti I. (IT), Di Marino M. (NO), Akhavan M. (IT) (2021). *The emergence of coworking models in the face of pandemic*. (Eds. J. R. Bryson, L. Andres, E. Aksle, L. Reardon). Living with Pandemics: People, Place and Policy: Edward Elgar publisher, forthcoming.
- Manzini-Ceinar I. (UK), Mariotti I. (IT) (2021). Teleworking in post-pandemic times: may local coworking spaces be the future trend?, Romanian Journal of Regional Science, forthcoming.
- Manzini Ceinar, I (UK), Pacchi, C. (IT), Mariotti, I. (IT), (2021). Shift in the working culture and emerging working modalities. Implications for the coworking spaces in pandemic-recovery. Professionalità Studi, 4, 134-159.

Deliverables

- Micek G. (PL), Mariotti I.(IT), Di Marino M. (NO), Akhavan M. (IT), Di Vita S. (IT), Lange B. (GE), Paas T. (EE), Sinitsina A. (EE), Alfieri L. (EE) and Chebotareva M. (2020). Definition and typologies of the new working spaces Deliverable **D1.1. Internal working paper. COST Action CA18214: The geography of new working spaces and impact on the periphery (2019-2023).**
- Di Marino M. (NO), Mariotti I. (IT), Tagliaro C. (IT), Fiorentino S. (UK) and Di Vita S. (IT), (2020). Defining a template for a structural comparison of international research findings. Deliverable **D1.2. Internal working paper COST Action CA18214: The geography of new working spaces and impact on the periphery (2019- 2023).**

The deliverables are available on Slack_channel **feedback_deliverables**

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Social media

- **European Union Website**: https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18214
- **Project Website:** http://www.new-working-spaces.eu/
- **FB page** https://www.facebook.com/COSTActionCA18214NeW.Sp
- **Twitter** https://twitter.com/newworkingspace
- **Linkedin** https://www.linkedin.com/company/cost-action-ca-18214/

- **FB group (Italy) Coworkers in emergenza Covid19** Italian language
  https://www.facebook.com/groups/886380135100739
- **FB group (Malta) Coworking environments** English language
  https://www.facebook.com/groups/1229143667449691

Every country can open a FB page for communicating with local experts and stakeholders

Internal Communication/ Dissemination platform

- **SLACK** -Internal communication among the COST members
  costaction18214.slack Please visit it regularly!
- **Research Gate**
  Please open an account and follow the page!
  https://www.researchgate.net/project/COST-ACTION-CA18214-The-Geography-of-New-Working-Spaces-and-the-Impact-on-the-Periphery

Communication team

- Science Communication Manager, Mina Di Marino
- Sepideh Saeedi, internship Politecnico di Milano
- Helyaneh Aboutalebi Tabrizi, WG member, Norway
- Omar Mohamed –internship, University of Groningen, the Netherlands (Oct. 2020/Feb. 2021)
- other COST members

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