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### Welcome

This is the fourth 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 WG2 and WG3).**

### Our network

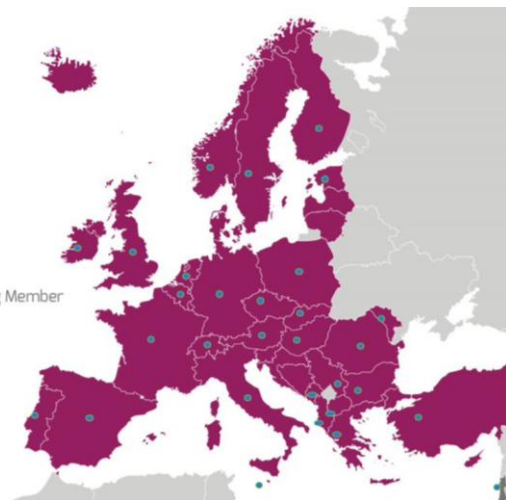
The network of CA18214 is signed by **30 COST members** Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Slovenia and the United Kingdom.

**1 COST Near Neighbour country**  
Lebanon

**4 Observer country**  
USA, Canada, Brazil, Argentina

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

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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](mailto:mina.di.marino@nmbu.no)).

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

If you are interested in contributing to the deliverables, please contact WG1 leader Grzegorz Micek ([grzegorz.micek@uj.edu.pl](mailto:grzegorz.micek@uj.edu.pl)), WG2 leader Mina Akhavan ([mina.akhavan@polimi.it](mailto:mina.akhavan@polimi.it)), WG3 leader Carolina Pacchi ([carolina.pacchi@polimi.it](mailto:carolina.pacchi@polimi.it)), WG4 leader Chiara Tagliaro ([chiara.tagliaro@polimi.it](mailto:chiara.tagliaro@polimi.it))

If the COST Members want to organize conferences, special sessions and round tables, as well as proposing special issues, **please inform** the Action Chair Iliaria Mariotti [ilaria.mariotti@polimi.it](mailto:ilaria.mariotti@polimi.it), or the SCM Mina Di Marino [mina.di.marino@nmbu.no](mailto:mina.di.marino@nmbu.no).

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

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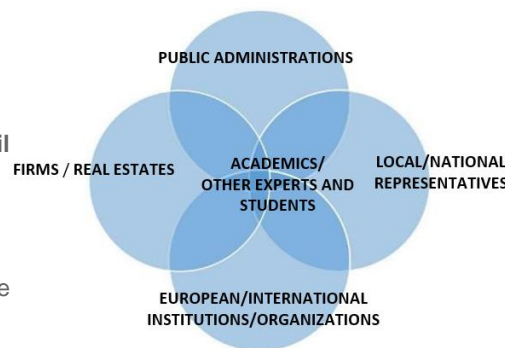
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### Open calls

#### 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 COST members are invited to identify further stakeholders. These contacts will be part of our mailing lists for future COST activities.**

**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 NeWSp.

**Each Country should organize at least an annual workshop in 2022 and 2023 and report on it to the WG4.**





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STSM 2021

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. STSM leader is Eva Belvončíková ([eva.belvoncikova@euba.sk](mailto:eva.belvoncikova@euba.sk)). For further info visit our slack platform. Details on STSMs tasks are available at webpage at <https://www.nmbu.no/en/projects/new-working-spaces/activities/node/38913>

### STSMs approved and completed in 2021

1. Oliver Rafaj (SK) from University of Economics in Bratislava, (Bratislava, Slovakia) to Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic 07/07 - 28/07/2021
2. Lukáš Danko (CZ) from Tomas Bata University in Zlin (the Czech Republic) to University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia 23/8 - 07/09/2021
3. Carles Mendéz – Ortega (SP) from Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Barcelona, Spain) to Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland 01/07-18/07/2021,
4. Thomas Vogl (GE) from Bauhaus-University Weimar (Weimar, Germany) to Jagiellonian University in Krakow, 31/08-17/09/2021.
5. Anastasia Sinitsyna (ES) from University of Tartu (Tartu, Estonia) to Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås, Norway 16/8 - 29/08/2021
6. Katarzyna Wojnar (PL) from the University of Warsaw (Warsaw, Poland) to Norwegian University of Life Sciences 11/10 - 25/10/2021. Ås, Norway
7. Mariachiara Barzotto (UK) from University of Bath, (Bath, United Kingdom) to Politecnico di Milano, Milan, Italy 07/02 – 07/04/202
8. Uglješa Stankov from University of Novi Sad, (Novy Sad, Serbia) to DINÂMIA'CET, Centre for Socioeconomic and Territorial Studies, Lisbon, Portugal 12/10/ - 21/10/2021

VIRTUAL  
MOBILITY  
GRANTS 2021

Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants aim to strengthen the existing networks by allowing scientists to foster collaboration in a virtual setting, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques and disseminate the Action results. Further info on VM tasks are available at <https://www.nmbu.no/en/projects/new-working-spaces/activities/node/38913>

### VM Grants approved and completed in 2021

1. Ilaria Mariotti from Politecnico di Milano (IT). The grant was transferred to the Grant Holder budget
2. Lenka Smékalová from Tomas Bata University in Zlín (CZ)
3. Italian coworking Michele Lo Russo (IT)
4. Anastasia Sinitsyna from University of Tartu (ES)
5. Mina Akhavan Marco Hölzel from the Technical University Munich (GE)
6. Chiara Tagliaro from the Politecnico di Milano (IT)



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### Summary 2021 Outcomes

- **ITC conference grants strengthened** international cooperation and dissemination of contributions regarding WG1 and WG2. 6 MC members from the Czech Republic, Malta, Portugal, Slovakia, and Turkey participated to special sessions on development of NeWSp and their impacts.
- **COST Action CA18214 organized and chaired 7 special sessions (or roundtables) in 5 international conferences, and 1 training school.** *Further info are available at our website, [Conferences, Roundtables, Special sessions and Summer Schools organized by the CA18214 | NMBU](#)*
- **29 International Conference papers were presented.** *Further info are available at our website, [Book chapters and International Conference Papers | NMBU](#)*

### National Workshops 2021

- **FIRST NATIONAL WORKSHOP on New Working Spaces in Norway,** Lillehammer (online and in presence), November 2, 2021. The workshop was co-organized by the COST Members of Norway and Coworking Norge. Mina Di Marino (NMBU), Torhild Andersen (WG group Norge, coordinator of Coworking Norge), Seyed Hossein Chavoshi (NMBU), Helyaneh Aboutalebi Tabrizi (WG group Norge and PhD ITN Coral). **International MC members:** Suvi Nenonen (FI) and Maria Svensson Wiklander (SE)  
<https://www.facebook.com/page/104881791162910/search/?q=First%20national%20workshop%20Norway>
- **FIRST NATIONAL WORKSHOP about Coworking places in Albania,** Tirana, Cool LAB Coworking (online and in auditorium), May 27, 2021. The workshop was organized by the COST Members of Albania Dritan Osman and Ernest Shtepani. **International MC member:** Mina Di Marino (NO).  
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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 have finalized D.1.3. Database of WG1 findings: typologies and location patterns of new working spaces; D.1.4. Summary report of WG1 findings: Typologies and location patterns of NeWSps, 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).

The deliverables will be evaluated soon by external reviewers as required by the COST Action.

### 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 and current studies
- finalizing the COST Working paper – *What happens to 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. (see task 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the Memorandum of Understanding)

The WG3 has launched a survey on NeWSps related policies and guidelines. The aim is to collect information on policies to work on a comparative assessment of practices and provide recommendations towards a common European framework for promoting NeWSps. **10 countries:** the Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Romania, the United Kingdom, and the USA, have answered to the survey.

The survey (30' max) is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/xCCk73cR5J>. **The deadline for filling the survey is January 20, 2021.**

### 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 that will be presented in national and international scientific conferences, refereed journal articles and reports, and through videos and podcasts. 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 developing multimedia contents (videos coordinated by Chiara Tagliaro and podcasts coordinated by Emmanuel Costa), as well as iv) networking sites for scientists and researchers (such as Research Gate).

Since October 2019, the Science Communication Manager is monitoring the dissemination activities and publications, organizations of conferences, roundtables and special sessions, 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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Special sessions  
so far approved in  
2022

- AESOP Annual Congress *Space for Species: Redefining Spatial Justice*, Tartu July 25-29, 2022. Roundtable on '**New Working Spaces: resilience and implications for spatial policies and planning**' organized by Mina Di Marino (NO), Stefano Di Vita (IT), Divya Leducq (FR), Priscilla Ananian (CA) and Carolina Pacchi (IT). **The discussants** will be Diane Gabrielle Tremblay - TÉLUQ – (CA); Christophe Demazière, University of Tours, (FR); Bruno Moriset, University of Lyon (FR); Ianira Vassallo Politecnico di Torino (IT); Jessica Ferm Bartlett (UK), and Kimmo Lapintie Aalto University (FI). [AESOP Annual Congress 2022 - Tartu, Estonia; 25-29 July 2022 - AESOP \(aesop-planning.eu\)](#)
- III Transdisciplinary Workplace Research TWR, 7-10 September, Milan 2022 -**SPECIAL SESSION 'The geography of New Working Spaces and Impact on the Periphery'** organized by the COST members Thérèse Bajada (MT), Divya Leducq (FR), Elisabete Tomaz (PT), Mina Di Marino (IT), Christophe Demazière FR) and Bernadine Satariano (MT). This special session intends to have contributions from various disciplines that can **extend the debate on NeWSp and their effects, both direct and indirect**. [III TWR Conference - Transdisciplinary Workplace Research - REC - Real Estate Center \(polimi.it\)](#)
- RSA 2022 - Regions in Recovery. Special session 'Collaborative workspaces and rural developmnet' co-organized by the ITN CORAL and CA18214. Organizers: Vasilis Avdikos, Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences, (GR), Suntje Schmidt, Leibniz Institute Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS), Germany; Ilaria Mariotti, DASTU-Politecnico di Milano, (IT); Thilo Lang, Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL), (GE); Ignasi Capdevila, Paris School of Business, (FR) [2022 Regions in Recovery Special Sessions - RSA Main \(regionalstudies.org\)](#)





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### Publications 2021

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#### BOOK CHAPTER 2021

- [Book chapters and International Conference Papers | NMBU](#)

#### PUBLICATIONS ON SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS 2021

- [Publications on scientific journals | NMBU](#)

### NEWS 2022

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- **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), Mina Di Marino (NO) and Pavel Bednář (CZ) was submitted to the Editors on December 7, 2021, forthcoming**



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### Social media

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- 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

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- **SLACK** -Internal communication among the COST members  
**costaction18214.slack** Please visit it regularly!
- **Research Gate**  
Please open an account and follow the CA18214 Research gate  
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 and PhD (ITN Coral, Politecnico di Milano)