

## SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION (STSM) – SCIENTIFIC REPORT

The STSM applicant submits this report for approval to the STSM coordinator

**Action number: TN1302**

**STSM title: BESTPRAC Group Short Term Scientific Mission**

**Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (CSS)  
and Central European University (CEU)**

**Budapest**

**STSM start and end date: 22/05/2018 to 25/05/2018**

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### PURPOSE OF THE STSM/

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The aim of this Group STSM was to strengthen the professional skills of the attending early career-stage researcher administrators (RA). The purpose was to get acquainted with the practices, policies, and strategies used in the host institutes and, in the institutions that STSM participant presented. The particular focus of this STSM was to discuss how RA could further improve societal impact of research in fields of social sciences and humanities. The aim was to discuss cross-cutting the European research policy issues as well as Hungarian policy and strategy making. Strong underlining aim of this STSM was networking of early stage research administrators to enhance knowledge transferee and to improve professional skills of attendees.

### DESCRIPTION OF WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE STSMS

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The STSM followed the pre-set programme that the host organisation had planned:

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

- 12:00 Welcome lunch, Meeting with organizers, Introduction of hosts and participants
- 14:00 Meeting with the Research Management team of Centre for Social Sciences, Presentation: lessons learned from setting up a proactive pre-award research management team, Presentation: Institution branding
- 16:00 interactive workshop – modelling hypothetical situations of research management, problem-solving techniques

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Central European University,

- 9:00 ;Meeting with CEU's Academic Cooperation and Research Support Office
- 10:00 – 11.30 Get prepared for GDPR – challenges of implementation – speaker
- 12.00 Lunch and networking
- 14.00-16.00 Focus on Open Science – opportunities and challenges :Open access to research data, Open access to publication and Citizen science

Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> , Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Széchenyi and National Research, Development and Innovation Office

- 10:00-12:00 Visiting Hungarian Academy of Sciences - discussion on social science research in Hungary and the countries of the participants
- 12.00 Lunch and networking at HETFA
- 14:00-16:00 Visiting National Research, Development and Innovation Office - discussion on MSCA and ERC grant strategy and management

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

- 9:00-11:00 How to maximize impact and public outreach from the research management perspective – roundtable discussion
- 11:00-13:00 - Wrap-up - Sharing and exchange of best practices and lessons learned related to SSH project management

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN RESULTS OBTAINED**

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The first day of STSM was dedicated to get to know home institutions of the participants. The day was spend at Centre for social sciences, Hungarian academy of sciences. Our hosts gave us extensive presentation on their research services and novel steps taken to provide better support for researcher. Such as online services build in their intranet. In addition, we attended on an interactive workshop on research dissemination and communication activities. We also participated to exercise how to communicate with researcher to improve our interaction strategies. The take home messages of communication workshop was that remember always when presenting your institutions and/researcher to consider, your audience, context of your presentation and purpose.

The second day of the STSM we spent at Central European University. The CEU has well established research services including project administration, communication and open science services. The CEU has many ERC grantees and even ERC synergy grant. For me to get familiar with their services gave valuable new insights how to improve our services, in particular, regards to open science and GDPR.

The third day we visited Hungarian academy of science, where we discussed particular how to encourage researcher to apply for ERC grants and how to build growth environment for good ERC applicants. We also visited National Research, Development and Innovation Office. The focus of NDIO visit on MSCA – funding. We discussed subtypes, possibilities and challenges of each MSCA-action.

The last day of the visit was dedicated for interactive SSH impact-workshop, which gave interesting insight on how to work in collaboration with researchers to improve the impact descriptions of proposals. The STMS was finalised with wrap-up session where we reflected on the STMS experience and lessons learned.

**FUTURE COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)**

The network established during this STSM planned to keep contact via email to share best practises, experiences and useful sources of information. The purpose of the BESTPRAC social media group is also to aid in particular those of us who are sitting alone in the office by providing informal platform to ask questions and share experiences with colleagues.