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COST ACTION CA18208

24 Steps to Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Location: Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Bern, Switzerland

Dates: 6-10 September 2021

How to Register: <https://forms.gle/ie97ab6q3pVtqfBi6>

SOS: "First come, first served"

The first eligible 15 participants will receive an official invitation from e-COST.

Financial support

All physically attending participants are eligible for the reimbursement of incurred accommodation, meals, and local travel expenses in the country where the meeting takes place is paid as one item known as daily allowance. During the training school all participants have to sign the attendance list both days to be considered eligible for reimbursement. The daily allowance considers the participant's travel start and end dates and hours. The daily allowance rate is determined based on the country where the event takes place [**Switzerland 188 EUR/day**]. No invoices for accommodation, meals, and local transport in the country where the meeting takes place are required. In the cases when the travel dates to and from the event cannot be determined, the participant shall provide any documentation attesting their travel dates so that the daily allowance can be correctly reimbursed. For those participants whose primary affiliation is in the country where the meeting takes place, if they travel less than 100 km (one way) in the country where the meeting takes place, the expense is reimbursed through the daily allowance rate and cannot be claimed separately. More information on transport expenses (car travel, airplane/train/bus/ferry travel) can be found in Sections 5, 6 of the [COST Vademecum](#).

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Date	Start	End	Speaker(s)	Title
Monday 6 September				Room 320
	9:00	09:15	Taulant Muka	Welcome
	09:15	10:00	Oscar H. Franco	Why do we need systematic reviews and meta-analysis?
	10:00	10:30	Taulant Muka	The good, the bad and the ugly: meta-analyses
	10:30	10:45		Coffee break
	10:45	12:00	Arjola Bano	Steps 1-4: Define the research question, establish the team and write the inclusion/exclusion criteria
	12:00	13:00	Marija Glisic	Design the data collection form

Date	Start	End	Speaker(s)	Title
Tuesday 7 September				Room 320
	9:00	10:15	Marija Glisic	Step 6: Write and register the protocol
	10:15	11:00	Marija Glisic	Steps 7-15: From retrieval of references to drawing the flow-chart
	11:00	11:15		Coffee break
	11:15	13:00	Marija Glisic	Step 16: Extract the data (Part I)





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Date	Start	End	Speaker(s)	Title
Wednesday 8 September				Room 320
	9:00	10:15	Marija Glisic	Step 16: Extract the data (Part II)
	10:15	11:00	Marija Glisic	Step 17: Study quality and risk of bias (Part I)
	11:00	11:15		Coffee break
	11:15	13:00	Marija Glisic	Step 17: Study quality and risk of bias (Part II)

Date	Start	End	Speaker(s)	Title
Thursday 9 September				Room 320
	9:00	09:30	Taulant Muka	Steps 18-19: Prepare databases for analysis and conduct descriptive synthesis
	09:30	11:00	Taulant Muka	Step 20: Fixed effect vs Random effect (Part I)
	11:00	11:15		Coffee break
	11:15	13:00	Taulant Muka	Step 20: Fixed effect vs Random effect (Part II)





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Date	Start	End	Speaker(s)	Title
Friday 10 September				Room 320
	9:00	11:00	Taulant Muka	Steps 21-22: Exploration of heterogeneity and publication bias (Part I)
	11:00	11:15		Coffee break
	11:15	12:30	Taulant Muka	Steps 21-22: Exploration of heterogeneity and publication bias (Part II)
	12:30	13:00	Arjola Bano	Steps 23-24: Quality of evidence and publication

