



Online webinar

training and stakeholders
involvement program

Call for proposals

1st Edition – June & July 2020

CONTEXTUALIZATION

With the recent COVID-19 outburst, COST Actions have become seriously limited in promoting the involvement of stakeholders, whether they are other researchers and scholars, policy-makers, representatives of public services or NGO's.

In the case of CA 18213, this is a very demanding situation. The Memorandum of Understanding accepted by all members proposes a total of 90 events dedicated to stakeholders involvement across the different member countries. Therefore, there's a need to speed up this process, in order to reach to a greater audience and engagement, as well as to keep up with the goals we are all committed with, as signing members of the Memorandum of Understanding.

In addition, CA 18213 is also limited in its ability to offer an adequate context for improving the conceptual discussions around topics such as rurality or who are (or should be considered) NEETs. These needs were flagged in the Action second meeting, in Málaga and the Core Group intends to fully endorse them.

Finally, the Action website is already available and needs substantial investment to make it visible and useful for the network and the community at large, in order to prepare it as a platform for the online observatory of rural NEETs.

In face of this, CA 18213 Core Group agreed to open a call for an **online training and stakeholders involvement program**.

WHAT IS THE ONLINE TRAINING AND STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM?

This is a program steered by the CA 18213 Core Group to be conducted in June and July 2020, involving web-based activities, presentations and discussions to engage the Action members, but also important stakeholders. The program may have upcoming rounds, depending on the success and demand of members and relevant stakeholders.

WHAT KIND OF ONLINE ACTIVITIES CAN BE PROPOSED UNDER THIS CALL?

The activities can be presented in three different categories.

1. *National stakeholders involvement webinars*

These are webinars promoted by CA 18213 members.

The webinars are aimed at stakeholders at the national level, whether they are decision-makers, top or intermediate managers of public services or NGO's and/or professionals.

These initiatives must: (a) target and focus on the most relevant topics at the national level associated to rural NEETs and other vulnerable rural youths; (b) have a focus on offering recommendations and/or presenting examples of well-succeeded practices or policies; and (c) discussing possible solutions to address the expected increase on the numbers of rural NEETs, following COVID-19 outbreak.

These webinars may include up to three presentations of 20 minutes each, followed by 30 to 45 minutes discussions.

The webinars are run in each country languages, to facilitate participation.

Proposals from Early Research Investigators (ECI) and members from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) are particularly welcomed and encouraged.

2. Online meeting point

The online meeting point is a series of webinars organized and delivered by CA 18213 members and other scholars and professionals. They can be attended by CA 18213 members, fellow colleagues, scholars and stakeholders outside the Action. Proposals from Early Research Investigators (ECI) and members from Inclusiveness Target Countries are particularly welcomed and encouraged.

The sessions must address one of the following thematic lines:

- International perspectives on youth (un)employment following COVID-19
- Risk and protective factors for becoming a NEET in rural areas
- NEETs heterogeneity and typologies
- Formal education & training and rural NEETs
- Non-formal education: Best-practices and examples
- Employment services support and rural youth challenges
- . Rural development measures and their impact on youth
- Social economy in rural areas and youth employment
- Rural economy opportunities for rural NEETs
- Mobility and outmigration in rural areas

These webinars may include up to three presentations of 20 minutes each, followed by 30 minutes discussions.

The sessions are held in English.

3. Premium lectures & discussions

The premium lectures & discussions are webinars organized by the Core Group and delivered by an invited keynote speaker.

They can be attended by CA 18213 members, fellow colleagues, scholars and stakeholders outside the Action.

The premium lectures and discussions will focus on four possible thematic lines that reflect both conceptual discussion needs from the members as well as the annual thematic lines of the Action:

- Rurality: Key definitional dimensions
- NEETs: Conceptual background, pros and cons of the definition
- Formal education and training and rural NEETs
- Mobility and rural NEETs

The premium lectures & discussions include only one presentation, between 30 to 45 minutes followed by a Q&A session of 20 to 30 minutes.

The sessions are held in English.

WHO CAN SUBMIT PROPOSALS?

The call is open to all CA 18213 members. Scholars outside the Action recommended or invited by the Action members can propose online training and dissemination activities for the national stakeholders involvement webinars and for the online meeting point.

WHERE DOES ALL THE ACTION TAKE PLACE?

The online training and stakeholders involvement program will be based on the Action's website.

HOW SHOULD I SUBMIT A PROPOSAL?

Proposals are submitted by filling in the web form

WHEN CAN I SUBMIT A PROPOSAL?

Proposals can be submitted from the 1st of May to the 30th of June. For webinars taking place in June, all proposals must be submitted no later than the 25th of May.

WHO IS GOING TO MANAGE THE PROPOSALS?

Proposals are managed by the Action Chair and Vice-Chair.

HOW ARE THE PROPOSALS GOING TO BE ACCEPTED?

Proposals are accepted by default, unless:

- (a) the topic does not match the thematic lines of the call or the Action scope;
- (b) the proposal needs clarification (in this case, it is sent back to the authors);
- (c) the proposal does not comply with the requirements of the category to which it is submitted.

FINAL NOTE

A short technical guide (video or written tutorial) will be provided soon in order to explain all the technicalities related to online management of the webinar.