

COST ACTION CA17118 - IDENTIFYING BIOMARKERS THROUGH TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH FOR PREVENTION AND STRATIFICATION OF COLORECTAL CANCER (TRANSCOLOCAN)

Training schools committee duties

- Training Schools will provide intensive training in emerging research topics within the laboratories and organizations involved in the Action. They aim to facilitate capacity building on a topic relevant to the theme of the respective COST Action through the delivery of intensive training on a new or emerging subject. They can also offer familiarization with unique equipment or expertise and are typically, although not exclusively, considered to be for the benefit of early-career investigators and PhD students. They are not intended to provide general training.
- Decide the focus and topic of training schools, as well as the meeting location and dates, in agreement with working group leaders, management committee and meeting local organizers.
- Define the trainers based taking into account in particular their excellence on the topic of the training school.
- Determine (and select if necessary) who are entitled to be trainees in a specific training school depending on focus and topic and receive a trainee grant. Decide with management committee about the grant amount that can be adjusted depending on their country of origin.
- Take into account gender balance, young researchers and inclusiveness targeted countries (ITC) policies for trainee selection. There should be a reasonable country balance concerning trainee participation.
- Training schools will take place once per year. Suggested topics in our Action include risk profiling (WG1), non-invasive biomarkers (WG2), tumor profiling (WG3) and gene editing (WG4).
- Prepare the training school program and other documentation with the related working group committee and local organizer.
- Overspending is not permitted and non-expensive options are required in meetings. Being careful with the Action's expenditure permits more participants to attend activities. Locating meetings in inclusiveness targeted countries is also a way to make better use of the available budget.
- Training schools will not be co-located with management committee meetings, working group meetings and dedicated workshops.
- Remind participants to acknowledge the Action in research articles ("This article is based upon work from COST Action CA17118, supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology). www.cost.eu.")
- Comply with COST rules (Vademecum, section 6). Some rules are highlighted below.
- All attendees (both trainers and trainees) at approved Training Schools must sign the meeting attendance list on each day that they attend the event.
- The COST Action also has to be one of the primary organizers of the Training School. For co-organized Training Schools the same conditions should be fulfilled as the ones for co-organized meetings.
- Training School must be held in a participating COST Full or Cooperating Member or in an approved NNC institution (in this case, pre-approval from the COST Association is mandatory).
- The COST Action must be clearly promoted on all dissemination channels, namely the official website of the COST Action and event, brochures and all training material.

- The program of the Training School must incorporate theoretical and practical components (i.e. a participant discussion session alone is not sufficient).
- Training Schools are recommended to last a minimum of 3 days.
- A ratio of at least 3 Trainees to 1 Trainer is recommended.