

COST Action CA18114 ENTAN

Third Training School on Non-Territorial Autonomy

8-11 May, 2023

Porto, Portugal

CALL FOR TRAINEES

Third ENTAN Training School on Non-Territorial Autonomy

Date & location: Porto, Portugal, 8-11 May 2023 (3 working days)

Local host: University Portucalense Infante D. Henrique (UPT) in Porto, Portugal

Venue: UPT campus



ABOUT THIS TRAINING SCHOOL:

After introducing the trainees to the state-of-the-art theories and practices of non-territorial autonomy (NTA) as a way of accommodating minority rights in plurinational settings, this training school will focus on NTA arrangements as designed in constitutions and legislation of different states to regulate the position of minorities and in particular on the practical consequences of such legislation for individuals, for administrative matters and for the political system. This regulatory framework of NTA may be studied from a multi-disciplinary perspective, including law, political science, sociology and cultural studies. Trainees will learn through lectures, practical classes, group work and discussion workshops about different NTA mechanisms and policies across Europe.



LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the end of the training school, trainees should be able to:

- recognise the theories and practices of NTA in relation to constitutions and legislation of different states to regulate the position of minorities and in particular on the practical consequences of such legislation for individuals, for administrative matters and for the political system,
- understand the potential and challenges to different NTA modalities for scattered minorities (e.g., Roma), indigenous peoples (e.g., the Sámi), migrants and refugees

(‘new minorities’: for example, legal pluralism, religious communities, migrant communities),

- discuss policy making and inclusiveness in relation to minorities.

All trainees will receive a certificate of participation.



PRACTICAL DETAILS:

The duration of this training school is three working days. Grants will be provided for up to 25 accepted participants as a contribution to their travel costs (up to 400€ in total), as well as to their accommodation (4 nights) and subsistence costs (daily allowance of 100€). There are no registration fees.



ORGANISED BY ENTAN ([HTTPS://ENTAN.ORG/](https://entan.org/)):

ENTAN – is a COST Action aimed at examining the concept of non-territorial autonomy (NTA). ENTAN particularly focuses on NTA arrangements for reducing inter-ethnic tensions within a state and on the accommodation of the needs of different communities while preventing calls to separate statehood. The main objective is to investigate the existing NTA mechanisms and policies and to develop new modalities for the accommodation of differences in the context of growing challenges stemming from globalisation, regionalisation and European supranational integration. The network fosters interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary group work, and provides for training and empowerment of young researchers, academic conferences and publications, as well as for the dissemination of results to policy makers, civil society organisations and communities.



WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Eligible to apply to the training school are graduate and PhD students, postdoctoral researchers and young career investigators under the age of 40 who study at and/or are affiliated with a legal entity (university or research institution) in: a **COST Full/Cooperating Member country**, **COST Near Neighbour country**, **COST International Partner country**, or **International Organisations and European RTD**. Young researchers from any branch of social sciences, law and the humanities are welcome to apply, provided that they have an interest in the theories and practices of non-territorial autonomy and minority issues.



APPLICANTS TO THE TRAINING SCHOOL SHOULD SUBMIT:

- A motivation letter, not exceeding 300-500 words, which must include a clear indication of experience relevant to the topic of the training school; provide a rationale of why you are interested in the training school and how you envisage the training school to contribute to your learning and research objectives; an indication of whether you would like to be considered for funding;
- A short CV (2 pages maximum).

Please send your application to ENTAN's Grant Holder Manager Stefan Noshpal at entan@uacs.edu.mk

For questions, please write to: Prof. Markku Suksi, PhD, Chair of the Third ENTAN Training School, markku.suksi@abo.fi or Noemial Bessa Vilela, PhD, nbessavilela@gmail.com.

Closing date for applications: 20 February 2023.

The applicants will be informed about the result of their application via e-mail by 15 March 2023. Applicants who will not receive a grant, but do receive an invitation can participate with their own, or their institution's funding.

Accepted trainees will be invited to prepare a short presentation on rights of minorities in their country. If there is a NTA-arrangement in the country, the NTA-arrangement should be presented in context of the possible other minority rights. The presentation will be done in the form of a pre-recorded video (max. 6 minutes long) to be submitted before the school. The videos will be made available to all participants for internal viewing, and there will be time set aside in the programme for discussion of the video presentations.

Accepted participants (trainees) will be required to provide the following documents along with their grant reimbursement claim:

1. **One original certificate of taxpayer status, i.e. residence form for 2023** from your country of residence. Each country has a slightly different form to confirm your residence/taxpayer status but it is usually issued both in English and in the official language of the country. Please ask for an English or bilingual version. The original of the form should be signed and stamped by the respective authority in your country (e.g. local Public Revenue Office, Tax Inspectorate or Ministry). The certificate needs to be issued on the basis of an agreement for double taxation benefits between your country of residence and North Macedonia.
2. **A full-colour scan of the main page of your passport** which exhibits your name and surname and passport number.
3. **Scanned copy of invoices**, receipts, bills, tickets and other proofs of payments for all types of costs, including for hotel accommodation, travel, meals, etc.
4. **Signed grant agreement** with the Grant Holder Institution.

The reimbursement claim shall be declined unless the certificate of taxpayer status/ residence form for 2023 is delivered to the grant holder manager before the start date of the training school!

For further questions regarding the required documents please email ENTAN's Grant Holder Manager Stefan Noshpal at entan@uacs.edu.mk