

## Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Reflections

### 'Celebrating collaboration' - COST Action 15221 – We ReLaTe

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#### STSM Title

Towards a common understanding of the desirable functions of higher education centralised support for teaching, learning, research and writing

**The goal of my STSM** was to provide an extensive and comprehensive qualitative analysis of the common ground shared between 43 COST ACTION MC members regarding the support and development of the four key higher education activities – teaching, learning, research and writing. The final report presents a systematic overview over the member's heterogeneous perspectives on desirable functions of centralised supports for the four key higher education activities.

**The most significant thing that I learned from my STSM** was how important – and fruitful! – not only international, but also interdisciplinary communication and exchange regarding different perspectives and research-pragmatic angles from which to tackle research are.

**I very much enjoyed** having the opportunity to spend time in a foreign work environment and to have had the opportunity to further familiarize himself to qualitative data analysis in the context of Writing- and Learning Centre research.

**My advice to colleagues considering an STSM** is ... prepare thoroughly, so that you can be flexible and open for new/creative stimuli during your stay.

**And finally**, I would wholeheartedly recommend conducting an STSM to all early career researchers.