

## Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Reflections

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

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**STSM Title** "Forms and methods of centralized support for four key higher education activities at Masaryk University"

#### **My STSM was about ...**

- 1) Studying the forms and methods of centralized support for TLWR, which are used at Masaryk University.
- 2) Examining what educational services designed to facilitate effective TLWR are offered to students, academic and attending staff.
- 3) Defining basic processes and knowledge transfer schemes involved in the centralized model of support for TLWR.
- 4) Analysing how modern technologies and communication platforms allow for greater collaboration in the agenda of providing centralized institutional supports for the four key activities in order to capitalise on their synergies.

**The most significant thing that I learned from my STSM was ...** support for TLWR is integrated in the University Strategic Plan, Strategic Plans of every Faculty, as well as in the documents related to Quality Assurance. The activities associated with TLWR are among strategic priorities of the University. Thus, support for TLWR must be implemented in an evidence-based manner in the agenda of Quality Assurance, the completion of an internal quality assurance system being a key challenge for the University administration and academic staff.

**What I enjoyed most about my STSM was ...** The STSM has provided me with an excellent opportunity to continue my research in the area of educational management, has enhanced my knowledge on the topic and my research expertise, which is really important for my professional self-development. It has also given me a good opportunity to share my expertise with my colleagues from Masaryk University.

**My advice to colleagues considering an STSM is ...** great opportunities don't come every day, so do not miss a great opportunity to enhance your research expertise in the context of your professional self-development. Careful planning and preparation of your STSM are necessary for successful completion of the mission. It is extremely important to choose a STSM topic that might also benefit your future research career.

**And finally, ...** I hope that the research conducted in the frame of CA15221 has contributed to the overall scientific objectives of the COST Action. I am very glad I had the opportunity to participate in this STSM. Actually, participation in the STSM was a great experience!