

## Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Reflections

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

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#### The goal of my STSM...

The aim of my scientific mission was to examine the perceptions and applications of continuous professional development of language teachers and their reflection in teaching, learning, research and writing in the frame of organizational climate.

#### The most significant thing that I learned from my STSM...

This STSM gave me the opportunity to experience a different situation in another university in terms of continuous professional development and reflect and compare the perceptions and applications of the continuous professional development of language teachers in another organizational climate with my Home institute. The actions taken concerning continuous professional development in higher education in Latvia really made me gain another perspective about what could be done for the continuous development of the language teachers in higher education institutions.

#### I very much enjoyed...

I really enjoyed my visit to Latvia and appreciated the warm welcoming of the Host University. It was great to meet all the colleagues, exchange ideas with them and focus on my research in a warm atmosphere for at least one week.

#### My advice to colleagues considering an STSM is ...

As long as the requirements of the COST Action are fulfilled, it is not difficult to relate your research areas of interest with those of the STSM. All you need to do is to create time for that.

#### And finally, ...

This STSM got me to take a breath among all the heavy workload and gave me the opportunity to focus on my research area. It was hard work, but very relaxing and enjoyable.