

Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Reflections

'Celebrating collaboration' - COST Action 15221 – We ReLaTe

STSM recipient name Aleksandra Figurek

STSM recipient institution and country University of Banja Luka

Host institution and country Karl Landsteiner University of Health Sciences, Krems, Austria

Dates of visit 08/07/2019 to 22/07/2019

STSM Title: Exploring the performance of academic institutional model

The goal of my STSM was to find an effective model towards cohesive teaching, learning, research and writing (RWLT). Establishing synergies among RWLT and how these four areas could complement each other towards greater success, productivity for staff and students and capacity building for institutions is crucial for all stakeholders in the educational sector. During STSM, we identified factors that contribute to success, productivity and quality of research, writing, teaching and learning in the educational system of Austria.

The most significant thing that I learned from my STSM

The work of a higher education teacher is not based only at the transfer of knowledge to students and at scientific research activity. Very important aspect of the researcher mission is also sharing the experience between each other. So, I would add fifth-word NETWORKING to the action moto – teaching, learning, research, writing and networking.

I very much enjoyed the willingness to share knowledge, new achievements, collegiality.

My advice to colleagues considering an STSM is to apply for scientific mission, to take their time for scientific improvement, because it is worth. COST action support diversity - diversity of the scientific area, diversity of age, diversity of countries. Having all this in mind, and if we go more deep in the sense of the definition and main concept of the COST, I am sure that we all together can do a lot for the future science. We will have different concepts during the identification of problems, we will look at it from a different perspectives and "with different eyes", but we will have more solutions for them.

And finally, I am thankful very much to the COST and our chair of the action for support, for recognizing the need to support researchers from ITC countries to share experiences and new developments from developed to developing countries. Through networking and developing new models in RTWL, the most important results of this Cost action are already achieved. This proves once again the expediency and excellence of the project proposal from the proponent of this COST action - Alison Farrell, who continuously supports all members in the action - to share their experience and knowledge with the aim for development RTWL models in each country.