

## Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Reflections

'Celebrating collaboration' - COST Action 15221 – We ReLaTe

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### The goal of my STSM

The fact of lack of adequate institutional support for W(riting)R(earch)L(earning)T(eaching) at my home institution (University of Montenegro), was an inspiration for this STSM aiming two points:

- analysis of model of WRLT institutional support at the host institution (University of Granada);
- analysis of the possibility of applying similar model at the home institution (University of Montenegro).

University of Granada has been chosen as a host institution for several reasons – its tradition and excellence, as well as already existing cooperation in research field between the two (home and host) institutions.

This STSM was concentrated to CA 15221 topic in the field of civil engineering, with particularly emphasised items of *teaching* and *writing*.

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

It is not always (much) better situation in another institution, even though we sometimes have such impression. Neither institution offers ideal conditions. Regardless of numerous advantages of another institution in comparison with our own one, it is very likely that we have a plenty of similar problems and considerations of their solutions. It is amazing how much in common have teaching staff of two rather different universities, from two rather different countries (different from numerous aspects), when it comes to seemingly plain, but still crucial problematic issues of their everyday job – a plenty of same worries and concerns bother us. Hence, there is always opportunity to learn from each other, in both directions!

**I very much enjoyed** hospitality at the University of Granada, warmth and openness of people, readiness to contribute to my research by sharing their experiences and attitudes. It was revealing to see how this topic provoked their interest and how they were willing to discuss it.

**My advice to colleagues considering an STSM is:** Don't waste your time in considering it. Just do it! Make a good plan and go for it! You will not regret! Contrary, you will be glad for getting such a great experience!

**And finally,** I am grateful to COST CA 15221 and to the University of Granada for the opportunity to realise this study through the STSM. It was valuable and interesting experience for me personally as well as for colleagues who took part in my survey. Hopefully, it will be beneficial to both home and host institutions, and, finally, to COST CA 15221.