

## Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Reflections

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

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**STSM Title:** ESTIMATION OF DIFFERENT RESEARCH EXPECTATIONS OF FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS FROM THE SPORT SCIENCE PROGRAMMES AND THEIR TEACHERS FROM VARIOUS STAGES OF THEIR PROFICIENCY

**The goal of my STSM** that I have conducted during my stay at the host institution was twofold. From the reason the different research expectations of students and their teachers were found to be considerable in the previous literature (students' expectations differ from their experiences, but not substantially and teachers likely have very different research expectations of first-year and senior students), the first goal was focused on identifying how first-year students' from the Sport Science programmes at the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education at the University of Novi Sad and teachers' expectations of student research differ. The relationship between their expectations has not been fully investigated considering all the relevant dimensions, while some specific characteristics might be found in the area of Sport Science, due to the unique teaching and researching process. On the other hand, the second goal was focused on identifying how teachers' expectations differ based on stages of their proficiency, from novice, advanced beginner, competent, proficient, to expert, primary from the reason there are not too many studies focused on this issue and from the reason the stages of proficiency might influence the teachers' expectations, mostly because the teachers who prefer the old fashion teaching approach (probably older and "more experienced" teachers) are less focused on students' research expectations and their needs.

**The most significant thing that I learned from my STSM** is reflected to the fact that joint work that conduct face to face with our colleagues brings much more benefits. Namely, by developing modern technologies, the work of a modern researcher has turned into sitting beside the computer, researching available literature and writing own manuscripts that are redistributed to others by electronic means. Sometimes, field work direct us to meet other people more in person, but verbal communication is minimized. So, my STSM gave me a chance to remember the old days and to realize that it is necessary to spend much more time with the colleagues I cooperate with, and the outcomes will be much effective.

**I very much enjoyed** that I had the opportunity, in addition to the work that we did, to get to know the private life of my colleague with whom I worked, to strengthen our friendly relations and, in that way, to secure my future project activities with him and his institution.

**My advice to colleagues considering an STSM** is obliged to be prepared well and propose a project to a potential host with a sufficiently interesting research question and clear hypotheses. Furthermore, they should recognize the COST Action needs and be as much as possible in the line of COST Action objectives.

**And finally**, when you dream to achieve the highest results in your research projects, accordingly, large cup of coffee and good colleagues are needed. STSM supports you for this purpose because it offers you to choose an adequate host with whom you will share your knowledge and skills. SO, GO AHEAD AND LET'S APPLY FOR NEXT GRANT PERIOD.