



Sustainability@Leave

CA21150

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New Opportunities for
Collaboration in Parental Leave
Policy Research



What is „Sustainability“?

- The concept of Sustainability was first proposed in the Brundtland Report “Our Common Future” (1987)
 - **“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”**
- “Social Sustainability” as one of four dimensions of sustainability
- Importance of PPL policies for the **social sustainability** of societies has hardly been systematically discussed and researched so far

Working Groups

WG1 | Theoretical understanding of PPL policies in the context of social sustainability

WG2 | PPL policies and social inequalities

WG3 | PPL policies and their significance for children's development and well-being

WG4 | Sustainable PPL terminology

WG5 | Sustainable PPL data

For more information please see the „Memorandum of Understanding“ (MoU)

https://e-services.cost.eu/files/domain_files/CA/Action_CA21150/mou/CA21150-e.pdf

→ Drive forward PPL research and disseminate findings

- Build an international European-based interdisciplinary **network of academics and stakeholders**;
- Establish a **knowledge bank on PPL research** that can inform academics at all career stages, stakeholders, policymakers, media and the broader public in a targeted manner;
- Generate cooperation on **research projects** and open access **publications** to advance PPL knowledge;
- Translate and disseminate research findings in a timely manner to policymakers by means of **policy briefs** and **white papers**;
- Communicate the Action's events and findings through **email distribution lists**, **short videos** and **press releases**.



Members of CA21150 by country

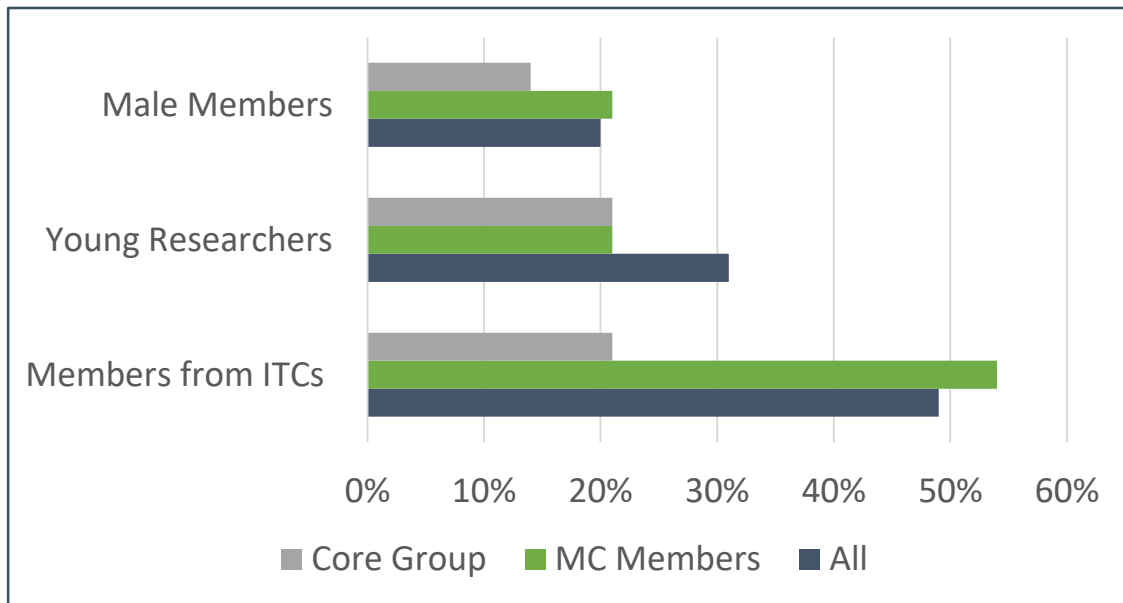
- COST Full Members
 - Europe (currently without Switzerland and Latvia; 134 members)
- COST Cooperating Member
 - Israel (2)
- Near Neighbour Country
 - Kosovo (1)
- International Partners
 - Canada (2) & US (1) & Japan (1)



CA21150 Members Accross Europe



Monitoring the composition of the network in its current state



- → Attract more male members & Young Researchers
- → Improve the composition of the Core Group in the future (ITC & Gender)
- → More members of non-COST-member-states & specific organizations desirable

Main Contacts & Leaders of CA21150

<https://www.sustainability-at-leave.uni-hamburg.de/structure.html>



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COST Science Officer | Dr. Mickael Pero

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Science Communication Coordinator | Dr. Merve Uzunalioglu

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WG2 Leader | Dr. Johanna Lammi-Taskula

WG3 Leader | Prof. Guðný Björk Eydal

WG4 Leader | Prof. Gerardo Meil

WG5 Leader | Dr. Ivana Dobrotić



Why participate in CA21150?

- Networking on regular basis (either face-to-face or online)
- Engaging in one (or more) of the Working Groups (all members)
- Funding opportunities (not for non-COST member states; however, invitation from non-COST member states possible)
- Reimbursement of travel to CA21150 events (not eligible: Members from non-COST member states)
- In summary: As a member, you will have
 - access to information on ongoing activities and
 - funding opportunities (according to country affiliation)
 - opportunities to build collaboration for future research



Funding opportunities

- Short-term scientific missions (STSMs)
 - Open to each member of CA21150; not restricted to visits in COST member states
 - Specific amount in budget available
- Conference Dissemination Grants
 - Grants for attending conferences (across the world)
- Workshop & Training School
 - Funds available for organization & invitation of keynote speakers (from across the world)

Membership application

- Read the MoU and decide in which WG you would like to participate
- Create an account at e-COST
- Apply for membership (important: expertise in parental leave research or, for young researchers, planning to do research on parental leave)

→ Please apply for membership!

→ Where? → <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21150/> (or just “google” **CA21150 + COST**)

Thank you!

- Any questions?
- Our website:
- <https://www.sustainability-at-leave.uni-hamburg.de/about.html>
- Here you find information on topics, people, activities