



## *RECAST in Numbers*

COST Action CA 16211 *Reappraising Intellectual Debates on Civic Rights and Democracy in Europe* (RECAST), 15 September 2017 to 14 September 2021

- Website: <https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast>
- At the website of COST: <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA16211>
- RECAST's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CA16211RECAST>

### A bit of history

A first version, *Claming Civic Rights and the Practice of Democracy*, submitted in February 2016, was not approved. A thoroughly revised version, RECAST, also backed by the original nineteen members of the Network of Proposers (<https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110392/network-proposers>) and submitted in November 2016, was approved in June 2017 by the COST Committee of Senior Officials.

Ever since then, over the past four years through its various networking tools (management committee meetings, training schools, working group workshops, short-term scientific missions, communication and dissemination actions, and inclusiveness target countries conference grants), RECAST has distributed more than 400 participation shares (being some participants involved in several activities throughout the Action's time span) among participants from thirty-two countries (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA16211/#tabs+Name:Parties>).

### Networking

Four capacity-building objectives have oriented RECAST's networking programme:

1. *Strengthening interdisciplinary cooperation*
2. *Expanding its international membership*
3. *Developing an integrated, interdisciplinary training programme*
4. *Focusing the Action as a networking programme of publications-oriented activities with the added aim of contributing to public debates*

To develop this programme, as presented in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding, we've tried to keep balances in research profiles in the humanities and the social sciences, gender, institutions, and countries by launching six calls for applications (for short-term scientific missions and inclusiveness target countries conference grants), three calls for applications for the Training School in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, and twelve calls for papers (three by each of the four working groups: 1: Practices, 2: Languages and Ideologies, 3: Concepts, 4: Debates).

All in all this has made COST Action 16211 work as a redistributive mechanism of networking and international mobility resources and opportunities for a growing number of participants, from 92 in the first grant period to more than 135 in the fourth one.

## ITCs, ECIs, and gender balance

Re the implementation of COST policies to promote gender balance and Early Career Investigators (ECI), as well as inclusiveness and excellence (see the list of Inclusiveness Target Countries at <https://www.cost.eu/about/cost-strategy/excellence-and-inclusiveness>) RECAST has kept the balance reached by September 2018:

<b>Action: Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs)</b>				
	Participating countries % ITC	MC Members & ITC	Leadership roles % ITC	Relative representation of ITCs in leadership roles
Action CA 16211	48	45	33	73
All Actions	49	47	23	49

This proportion has been the result of networking based on scholarly profiles and shared interests. Some preference has been given to ITC, assuming COST's ITC policy, but keeping the above-mentioned criteria as guidelines. The Action's results prove that high-quality activities can be organised in ITC

<b>Action: Early Career Investigators (ECIs)</b>			
	MC Members % ECI	Leadership roles % ECI	Relative representation of ITCs in leadership roles
Action CA 16211	38	50	132
All Actions	26	19	73

That has been a personal commitment from the beginning of the Action. I believe ECI represent the future in many if not all scholarly and networking aspects in Europe. On average ECI have a much less stable professional position. Yet that is compensated by their genuine involvement. Knowing it, my relation with ECI colleagues is based on this kind of trust. The results are encouraging

<b>Action: Gender Balance</b>			
	MC Members % Female	Leadership roles % Female	Relative representation of females in leadership roles
Action CA 16211	51	67	131
All Actions	39	41	105

This proportion has been the result of networking based on scholarly profiles and shared interests. I've only followed in this regard meritocratic standards. It's a spontaneous outcome

## Publications

As part of RECAST's deliverables, a number of edited collections drawn on the WG workshops are under way (<https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/119351/Edited-collections>) till approximately 2023. Since April 2020 the leaders and vice-leaders of the working groups and the chair have held a preparatory meeting every month.

**WG 1 Practices:** Ruzha Smilova, Claudia Wiesner and Meike Schmidt-Gleim, eds., *Revisiting the Crisis of Democracy: The Dialectics of Politicisation and Depoliticisation*. Baden-Baden: Nomos, forthcoming.

**WG 2 Languages and Ideologies:** Rosario López, Lenka Stranadová, Martin Beckstein and Eno Trimçev, eds., *Liberalism and Conservatism: Reconsidering the Ideological Divide*, special issue proposal currently under review.

**WG 3 Concepts:** Hanna-Mari Kivistö, Gonçalo Marcelo and Gabriella Silvestrini, eds., *Democracy, Migration and Rights in Europe: From Theory to Praxis*, currently under review. Hanna-Mari Kivistö, Gonçalo Marcelo and José María Rosales, eds., *Reconceptualizing State of Exception / Emergency Rule: European Lessons from the Pandemic*, special issue initially accepted by Emerald Publishing, in preparation.

**WG 4 Debates:** Maria Brown, Taru Haapala and Lilia Raycheva, eds., Citizenship Education for Political Agency in European Democracies: Transnational Appraisals and Debates, special issue of the journal *Postcolonial Directions in Education*, forthcoming.

Besides, ever since 2018, the journal *Annales Universitatis Mariae Curie-Skłodowska*, Section K Politologia (<https://journals.umcs.pl/k>), edited by Maria Marczevska-Rytko, has peer reviewed contributions by participants in RECAST Training School.

## Activities

<b>Grant Period 1 (15 September 2017 – 30 April 2018)</b>			
<i>Networking Tool / Activity</i>	<i>Total number of participants</i>	<i>Participants reimbursed</i>	<i>Participants from ITC</i>
Management Committee kick-off meeting 15 September 2017, COST Association, Brussels	35	34	16
Planning Meeting Working Groups and Communication Team, 24 November 2017, University of Málaga, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110329/wg-joint-meetings">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110329/wg-joint-meetings</a>	11	9	6
Planning Meeting Training School and Communication Teams, 4 December 2017, University of Málaga, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110330/ts-joint-meetings">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110330/ts-joint-meetings</a>	7	6	2
WG 2 Languages & Ideologies Workshop 1, <i>Re-inventing Liberal Universalisms</i> , 26–27 February 2018, University of Greifswald, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110336/wg-2-workshop-1">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110336/wg-2-workshop-1</a>	20	18	4
WG 1 Practices Workshop 1, <i>The Role of Practices at the Intersection of Civic Rights and Democracy</i> , 23–24 March 2018, University of Sofia, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110335/wg-1-workshop-1">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110335/wg-1-workshop-1</a>	19	17	15+NNC

<b>Grant Period 2 (1 May 2018 – 30 April 2019)</b>			
<i>Networking Tool / Activity</i>	<i>Total number of participants</i>	<i>Participants reimbursed</i>	<i>Participants from ITC</i>
WG 4 Debates Workshop 1, <i>Controversies in the Scholarly and Public Debates on Civic Rights and Democracy in Europe</i> , 24–25 May 2018, University of Malta, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110346/wg-4-workshop-1">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110346/wg-4-workshop-1</a>	19	16	9
2nd MC Meeting, 2 November 2018, University of Coimbra	28	28	13
WG 3 Concepts Workshop 1, <i>Reconceptualizing Civic Rights and Democracy</i> , 2–3 November 2018, University of Coimbra, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110345/wg-3-workshop-1">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110345/wg-3-workshop-1</a>	23	18	11
WG 2 Languages & Ideologies Workshop 2, <i>Critiques of Liberalism and Challenges to Democracy: Understanding the Conservative Standpoint</i> , 14–15 February 2019, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen,	22	22	12

<a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/115481/wg-2-workshop-2">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/115481/wg-2-workshop-2</a>			
WG Work Meeting, 16 February 2019, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110329/wg-joint-meetings">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110329/wg-joint-meetings</a>	8	8	3
STSMs, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/114103/stsm-grantees-gp-2">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/114103/stsm-grantees-gp-2</a>		7	4+NNC
ITCCGs, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/114102/itccg-gp-2-grantees">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/114102/itccg-gp-2-grantees</a>		4	4
Edition 2018 Training School in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, <i>Framing Democracy and Rights</i> , 5–7 December 2018, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin (trainers), <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/114362/ts-2018-edition">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/114362/ts-2018-edition</a>	8	8	3
Edition 2018 Training School in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, <i>Framing Democracy and Rights</i> , 5–7 December 2018, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin (trainees), <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/114062/trainin-g-school-2018-edition">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/114062/trainin-g-school-2018-edition</a>	20	20	10

<b>Completed activities of Grant Period 3 (1 May 2019 – 30 April 2020)</b>			
<i>Networking Tool / Activity</i>	<i>Total number of participants</i>	<i>Participants reimbursed</i>	<i>Participants from ITC</i>
WG 4 Debates Workshop 2, <i>Visions of Democratic Europe under Debate</i> , 29–30 May 2019, University of Bucharest, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/117002/wg-4-workshop-2">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/117002/wg-4-workshop-2</a>	18	16	10
Dissemination Meeting, 30 May 2019, Spanish Research Council, Madrid, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110328/dissemi-nation-meetings">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110328/dissemi-nation-meetings</a>	1	1	
3rd MC Meeting, 19 September 2019, Central European University, Budapest	32	31	16
WG 1 Practices Workshop 2, <i>New Forms of Social and Political Mobilization: Reinventing Democracy and Civic Rights?</i> , 19–20 Septiembre 2019, Central European University, Budapest, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/118201/wg-2-workshop-2">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/118201/wg-2-workshop-2</a>	28	23	18
STSMs, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/123625/stsm-grantees-gp-3">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/123625/stsm-grantees-gp-3</a>		5	2
ITCCGs, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/123624/itccg-gp-3-grantees">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/123624/itccg-gp-3-grantees</a>		1	1
Edition 2019 Training School in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, <i>Politics, the Rule of Law and the Facets of Democracy</i> , 5–7 November 2019, Norwegian Institute at Athens (trainers), <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/120281/training-">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/120281/training-</a>	8	8	1

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Edition 2019 Training School in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, <i>Politics, the Rule of Law and the Facets of Democracy</i> , 5–7 November 2019, Norwegian Institute at Athens (trainees), <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/118920/training-school-2019-edition">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/118920/training-school-2019-edition</a>	19	19	10

<b>Completed activities of Grant Period 4 (1 May 2020 – extended to 14 September 2021)</b>			
<i>Networking Tool / Activity</i>	<i>Total number of participants</i>	<i>Participants reimbursed</i>	<i>Participants from ITC</i>
WG 3 Concepts Workshop 2, <i>Migration, Rights and Democracy: Conceptual Reappraisals</i> , 15–16 June 2020, online, University of Jyväskylä and University of Piemonte Orientale, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/121664/wg-3-w-2">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/121664/wg-3-w-2</a>	22		5
WG 4 Debates Workshop 3, <i>Citizenship Education in European Democracies: Appraisals and Debates</i> , 4–5 March 2021, online, Autonomous University of Madrid and University of Malta, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/126845/wg-4-workshop-3">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/126845/wg-4-workshop-3</a>	16		5
WG 3 Concepts Workshop 3, <i>Reconceptualizing the State of Exception and its Challenges to Democracy and Rights in Europe</i> , 7–8 June 2021, online, University of Coimbra and University of Jyväskylä, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/128460/wg3-workshop-3">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/128460/wg3-workshop-3</a>	15		6
WG 2 Languages and Ideologies Workshop 3, <i>Liberalism and Conservatism as Ideological Counterparts</i> , 21–22 June 2021, online, University of West Bohemia and University of Málaga, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/129671/wg-2-workshop-3">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/129671/wg-2-workshop-3</a>	9		1
WG 1 Practices Workshop 3, <i>Liberal Democracy in Crisis? Dialectics of Politicization and Depoliticization</i> , 8–9 July 2021, in person and online, Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, Croatia, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/129406/wg1-workshop-3">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/129406/wg1-workshop-3</a>	18 (11 in person, 7 online)	11	12 (7 in person, 5 online)
Edition 2021 Training School in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, <i>Democratic Constitutionalism and Rights</i> , 10–12 February 2021, online, Moldovan Academy of Sciences (trainers), <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/126046/training-school-2021-edition">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/126046/training-school-2021-edition</a>	9		4
Edition 2021 Training School in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, <i>Democratic Constitutionalism and Rights</i> , 10–12 February 2021, online, Moldovan Academy of Sciences (trainees), <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/126044/training-school-2021-edition">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/126044/training-school-2021-edition</a>	11		5
4th MC Meeting, 10 September 2021, in person and online, University of Málaga, <a href="https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110748/mc-meetings">https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110748/mc-meetings</a>	36 (12 in person, 24 online)	12	17 (5 in person, 12 online)