The new Lead Me COST Action

A research network for media accessibility

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COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) is a funding organisation for research and innovation networks.

Our Actions help connect research initiatives across Europe and beyond and enable researchers and innovators to grow their ideas in any science and technology field by sharing them with their peers. COST Actions are bottom-up networks with a duration of four years that boost research, innovation and careers.

- Open and Inclusive
- Multi and interdisciplinary
- Pan-European
- Career enhancing
- 45,000 researches and innovators involved
- 240 running Actions
LEAD-ME aims to help European stakeholders in the field of Media Accessibility to meet legal milestones requested by European legislation. Researchers, engineers and scholars as well as businesses and policy makers will be empowered by LEAD-ME with a common and unique platform which will collect, create, and disseminate innovative technologies and solutions, best practices and guidelines.

26 Participating COST countries: Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.
COST Action Structure
WG chairs

WG 1 - Technical Platform that allows a single point-of-access to relevant Media Accessibility
Giacomo Inches - Fincons Group

WG 2 - Guidelines and Curricula for Teaching and Training Media Accessibility
Loreta Huber - Vilnius University

WG 3 - Quality and Standardization
Krzysztof Krejtz - SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities

WG 4 - Status-quo and Future Directions of Media Accessibility
Klaus Hoeckner - Austrian Association Supporting the Blind and Visually Impaired aka HGB
LEAD-ME STSM Grants

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are aimed at strengthening existing networks and fostering collaboration by facilitating researchers and scholars participating in the Action to visit an institution in another Country.

A STSM should specifically contribute to the objectives of LEAD ME.

STSM Coordinator: Chris Hughes
LEAD-ME ITC Grants

ITC Conference Grants are aimed at supporting PhD students and ECI researchers from Participating ITC to attend international science and technology related conferences not specifically organized by the COST Action.

ITC Conference Grant Coordinator: Chris Hughes
Winter School UAB November 2020

Presentations 16
Lectures 6
Guest lectures 3
Workshops 2
Participants 29
Student presentations 13
Thanks for your attention!

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