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Trans-Domain COST Action TD1404 (NEOH)

**Workshop on  
“How One Health works in practice”  
in Thessaloniki**



**for participants from COST inclusiveness countries**

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**Background**

The EU COST funded project Network for Evaluation of One Health (NEOH) is offering a one day workshop on the topic **“How One Health works in practice”** with the aim to raise awareness of One Health activities and their evaluations and encourage capacity building for One Health.

**Basic information**

- **Dates:** 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2018
- **Location:** Hellenic Agricultural Organization Demeter/Veterinary Research Institute/Thermi/Thessaloniki
- **Local organisers:** Dr Anastasios Saratsis ([T.Saratsis@gmx.de](mailto:T.Saratsis@gmx.de)), Dr Smaragda Sotiraki ([smaro\\_sotiraki@yahoo.gr](mailto:smaro_sotiraki@yahoo.gr)), Dr Vaia Kantzoura ([kantzoura@vri.gr](mailto:kantzoura@vri.gr))
- **Number of attendees expected:** 30
- **Number of attendees to be re-imbursed including speakers:** 25
- **Financial provisions:** The standard COST meeting re-imbusement rules apply as defined in the COST Vademecum. Any travel costs to and from the meeting place that are above EUR 400 need to be approved by the grant holder before booking.



### Eligibility

This workshop is specifically for participants from COST inclusiveness target countries participating in NEOH, namely **Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and the Republic of Serbia.**

We will aim to ensure gender and seniority balance and invite people from a variety of backgrounds. People who have previously benefitted from a NEOH workshop will have secondary priority in the selection process. Also, we will aim to achieve a balance of practitioners, decision-makers, and researchers.

Participants either need to be employed by or be a PhD student (other students are not eligible) at an institution in an inclusiveness country, which can be universities, colleges, research institutes, national NGOs, public bodies, etc, but NOT international organisations, or EU institutions. The following official COST eligibility criteria apply as defined in the *COST Vademecum* (<http://www.cost.eu/download/COSTVademecum>):

#### PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBLE TO BE REIMBURSED

1. Action Participants from Participating COST Full Members / COST Cooperating Members.
2. Action Participants from Approved NNC Institutions.
3. Action Participants from Approved European RTD Organisations.
4. Up to four Invited Speakers whose primary affiliation is with an institution located in a non-Participating COST Full Member / COST Cooperating Member (which also includes COST Full Members / COST Cooperating Members listed as being under intention and / or individuals who have not yet obtained Action MC approval to participate in a given Action), individuals in non-approved NNC institutions and individuals located in non-approved IPC institutions. Invited Speakers are specialists who are not Action Participants but can partake in one COST Action meeting throughout the lifetime of the Action. Repeated participation of the same Invited Speakers for meetings cannot be funded under the COST Grant. Invited Speakers must be invited, and listed, as a speaker on the programme / agenda of the relevant Action meeting.

#### PARTICIPANTS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE REIMBURSED

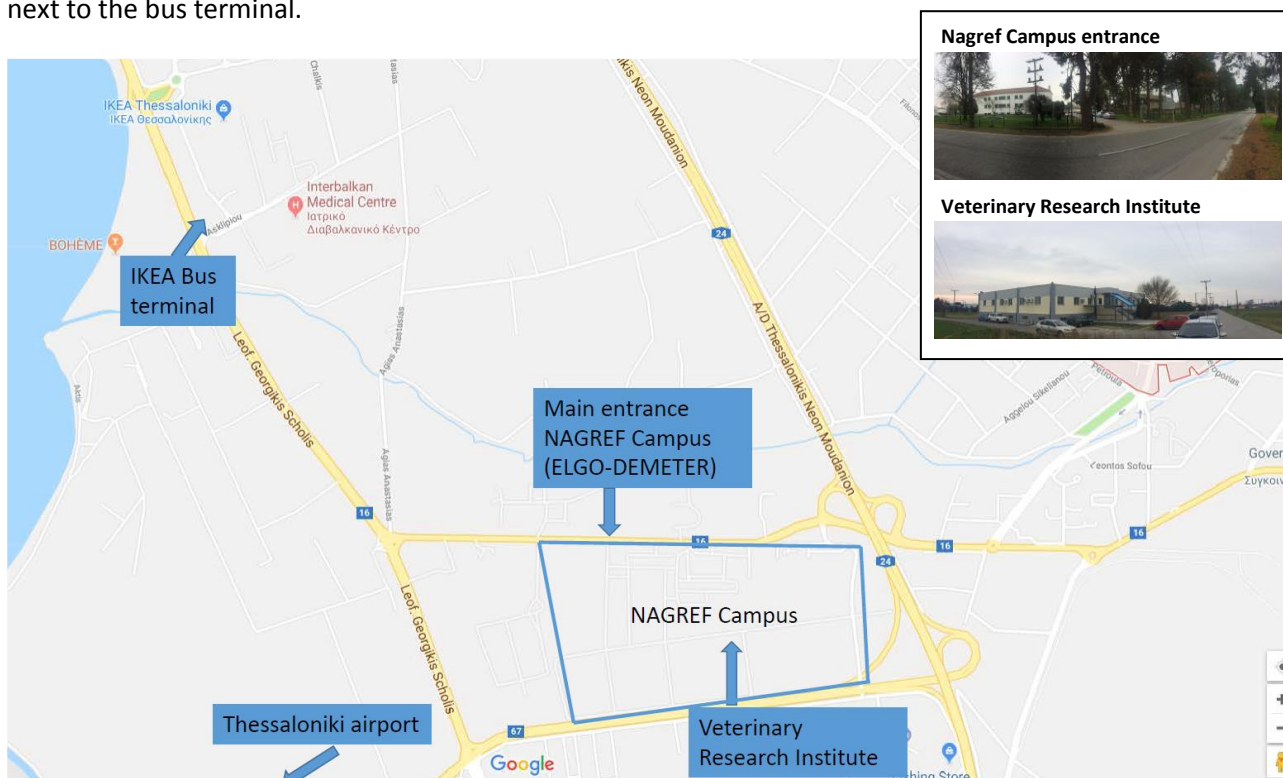
1. Action MC Observers from COST Partner Members, Approved IPC Institutions, Approved IO and EU Commission, bodies, offices and agencies.
2. Any other participant not specifically mentioned as being eligible.

Should we not fill all the places with participants from NEOH Inclusiveness Target Countries, we will open the registration to other NEOH member countries as well.

To apply for this opportunity, please click on the following link providing the relevant information by the **10th of March 2018**: <https://goo.gl/forms/el8U37HijOHNK4vV2>. The organising committee consisting of the local organisers, the NEOH Action chair (Barbara Haesler) and the NEOH Working Group 2 leader (Sara Savic) will then select the participants for the training school and send people the official invitation.

## Logistics

- **Accommodation:** You can find a variety of reasonable priced hotels or apartments at Thessaloniki city center. A city guide to Thessaloniki can be found here: [www.inthessaloniki.com/en/](http://www.inthessaloniki.com/en/)
- **Transfer to – from the airport:** The only means of connection between Thessaloniki airport (SKG) and the city centre is either by bus or by taxi. Bus no 78 connects the airport with the city centre at regular intervals (every 30 min/cost: 2€) during day and night. Information on the schedule and route of the bus can be found at the following website: [www.oasth.gr](http://www.oasth.gr). Taxis are charged by a taximeter based on distance. The approximate cost of the journey from Thessaloniki airport to the city centre is 20€ during the day (05:00-24:00) and 25€ at night (00:01-04:59). Please note that COST has specific rules on the use of taxis, which can be found in the COST Vademecum.
- **Address and map:** The workshop will take place at the Veterinary Research Institute/Hellenic Agricultural Organisation Demeter within the NAGREF Campus/Thermi ([www.vri.gr](http://www.vri.gr)), which is in close proximity to the airport and IKEA. On the day of the meeting we will arrange your pick up at 8:20 am from the IKEA bus terminal (east of the city). From the city center you can take either bus no 3 or bus no 8 in order to reach IKEA bus terminal (last bus stop for both lines). Check the [www.oasth.gr](http://www.oasth.gr) website for bus routes and schedule. Consider at least a 35-40 min drive from the city center in order to be at the IKEA bus terminal on time. Our meeting point will be in front of the National Bank branch, which is next to the bus terminal.






## Programme

16<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 (Monday)

Time	Topic	In charge
09.00-09.15	Welcome and overview of the workshop	Anastasios Saratsis, Smaragda Sotiraki, Vaia Kantzoura
09.15-10.45	The changing One Health landscape – historical considerations and progress in institutionalisation, monitoring and evaluation of One Health	Barbara Häsler and other speakers (to be confirmed)
10.45-11.15	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11.15-12.30	One Health initiatives in practice – examples and their progress, successes and difficulties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Vet Res Institute initiatives in the context of One Health. Current collaborations and examples (especially regarding parasitic and bacterial zoonoses).</li> <li>The Dutch national Zoonoses Structure, an integrated human-veterinary risk analysis structure formally installed by the Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs</li> </ul>	Smaragda Sotiraki  Kitty Maassen
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
13.30-15.00	Examples of evaluations of One Health initiatives and indicators for their evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lessons learned and insights from case studies conducted in the Network for Evaluation of One Health</li> <li>Key findings from Chatham House’s analysis of 100 One Health networks including accountability mechanisms, monitoring and evaluation</li> <li>Highlights from Chatham House roundtable on <i>One Health: Developing Indicators to Monitor Progress towards Implementation</i></li> </ul>	Sara Savic  Chatham House One Health team  Chatham House One Health team
15.00-15.30	<i>Tea/coffee break</i>	
15.30-17.00	Discussion groups with group feedback	Facilitators to provide input in discussions
17.00-17.30	Insights into One Health funding opportunities	Vasileios Takavakoglou
Workshop closes		
19:30-22:00	Voluntary workshop dinner	Details to be confirmed

### Speaker biographies

<p><b>Smaragda Sotiraki</b></p> 	<p><b>Dr Smaragda Sotiraki</b> is a senior researcher and leads a research group on Parasitology and Parasitic diseases at the Veterinary Research Institute Hellenic Agricultural Organisation-Demeter and focuses her R&amp;D activities on epidemiology of parasitic infections, integrated disease management and spread of parasitic zoonoses. She holds a Degree in Veterinary Medicine and a Doctorate in Veterinary Parasitology (1991), both from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece and conducted post-doctoral research at the Royal Agricultural &amp; Veterinary University in Denmark between 2002 and 2004. She is also a <i>de facto</i> member of the European College for Veterinary Parasitology. Dr Sotiraki has over 20 years R&amp;D and teaching experience in parasitology and health management and he has produced over sixty peer-reviewed scientific publications in well recognised journals with a noteworthy number of citations.</p>
<p><b>Kitty Maassen</b></p>	<p><b>Dr Kitty Maassen</b> is head of the department Animal &amp; Vector of the Center of Zoonoses and Environmental microbiology. The focus of this department is to study public health related to zoonotic agents via wild life and livestock, including antibiotic resistance and via vectors such as ticks and mosquito's. She is working at the RIVM since 2011. Before, she was also working in the area of zoonoses at the Central Veterinary Institute in Lelystad (currently WBVR). There she was coordinating the 'zoonoses programme' and the 'food safety research programme' of the Ministry of Agriculture. At that time, she was head of the department 'Food chain quality, antimicrobial resistance and zoonoses'. One of her current tasks is coordinating the signalling forum as part of the Dutch zoonoses structure in which (potential) zoonotic signals are discussed and assessed in a monthly meeting with representatives from the human and veterinary health domains. In line with this work she is coordinator of the project COHESIVE of the European Joint Programme Zoonoses. COHESIVE is the acronym for One Health Structure in Europe. In the Netherlands, there is a lot of livestock farming and also a concern with regard to the health of neighbouring residents. She was programme leader of a large research programme studying the health effects related to livestock farming of people living in close proximity of those farms.</p>
<p><b>Sara Savic</b></p> 	<p><b>Sara Savic, PhD, DVM</b> is Head of Department of serology, immunology and biochemistry, at the Scientific Veterinary Institute "Novi Sad" in Novi Sad, Serbia. She work in a lab in charge of zoonoses, infectious diseases of animals and also vector borne diseases. Dr Savic graduated as DVM at Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Belgrade, Serbia in 1994, MSc in Microbiology and infectious diseases in 2001 at the same faculty, and PhD at the Faculty of agriculture, Department for Veterinary Medicine at University of Novi Sad in 2010. Today she works as a Senior Research Associate at the Scientific Veterinary Institute. Her research is mainly on zoonoses, especially on vector borne zoonoses such as Lyme borreliosis, dirofilariosis and leishmaniasis, from the perspective of public health. She has authored and co-authored many articles in peer-reviewed veterinary and health journals and acts as reviewer of several journals in animal health care.</p>
<p><b>Chatham House</b></p>	<p>Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, is an independent policy institute based in London. Their mission is to help build a sustainably secure, prosperous and just world. Research is at the core of Chatham House as they undertake independent and rigorous analysis of critical global, regional and country-specific challenges and opportunities, and offer new ideas on tackling them in the near to long term. Chatham House's Centre on Global Health Security examines key global health challenges and how they manifest themselves as foreign policy and international affairs problems. Speakers at the meeting are working in the Centre's One Health projects.</p>

<p><b>Barbara Häsler</b></p> 	<p><b>Dr Barbara Häsler</b>, NEOH chair, graduated in veterinary medicine from the University of Bern in 2002 and then did a doctoral thesis at the Swiss Federal Veterinary Office on the epidemiology and economics of neosporosis control. After working as a border veterinary inspector, she joined the Royal Veterinary College, where she did a PhD on the economics of animal health surveillance while simultaneously studying for a Certificate of Higher Education in Economics. Since 2012 she has been working (first as a Post-Doctoral Fellow and now as a lecturer in Agrihealth) for the Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH), Royal Veterinary College. Her main area of interest is the integration of economic, social and epidemiological aspects in animal disease mitigation to provide practical and feasible tools that support decision-makers in the efficient allocation of resources. She is particularly committed to the development of interdisciplinary frameworks that support appropriate surveillance and intervention programmes for the control of foodborne and zoonotic diseases in food systems both in the developed and developing world.</p>
<p><b>Vasileios Takavakoglou</b></p> 	<p><b>Dr Vasileios Takavakoglou</b>, Agronomist, M.Sc. &amp; Ph.D. in Ecology and Agri-Ecosystems Management from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. Specialized training in Technological and Economic Aspects of Soil Bio/Phyto Remediation by United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). More than 20 years of experience in agri-environmental research, project development and funding consultancy. Member of the Focus Group “Water and Agriculture” of the European Innovation Partnership (EIP-AGRI) since 2015. Innovation award in Scientific Research and Entrepreneurship from Region of Central Macedonia (2005). Executive consultant of North Aegean Region in DG Enterprise &amp; Industry of European Commission (2014). Evaluators Registry of European Commission DG Research and Technological Development (Expert ID: EX2013D147460). Evaluator of ERANETMED Programme (2015-2017). Evaluator of SmartAgriFood &amp; ICT –AGRI ERA-NET scheme under the FP7 for Research of European Commission (2015). Development and participation in 75 European and national projects and studies. More than 70 publications in scientific journals, conferences and books.</p>

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