



Training School

Science & Policy Training School



JUNE 2-3, 2026



10:00-17:00



CEU (Central European University),
Budapest, Hungary



DEADLINE

**For applications
20 April 2026**

This Training School will introduce participants to science for policy in the context of our Action, building on our successful 2025 edition.

SCHEDULE

2 June- Methods and design approaches in policy studies.

- Group Discussions

3 June- Policy Briefing

- Group Discussions
- Planning on post-School writing and other future work

TRAINERS



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Learning outcomes

Participants will be able to:



- Understand the basics of policy-driven studies
- Better understand policy-related stakeholders' needs
- Reflect on their own role and capacity as researchers to engage with policy work in a science-policy context
- Gain hands-on experience in approaching and raising interest from policy actors



Selection Criteria

The training school will follow the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy (<https://www.cost.eu/about/strategy/excellence-and-inclusiveness/>) by strongly supporting equality of opportunity and access for all, especially with respect to gender and the geographical spread of participants.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Members of DIVERSICROP Working Groups (WGs).

If you are not yet part of DIVERSICROP, you can simply join in:

<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA22146/>



WHO WILL BE SELECTED TO ATTEND?

Priority will be given to young researchers and innovators (under 40 years) and post-graduate applicants (e.g., PhD and MSc students, post-doctoral researchers).

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS NECESSARY TO APPLY?

A. Motivation letter (1 page maximum) describing:

- the relevance of the topic of the training school to the applicant's research or innovation activities
- how attending this training school will impact on the applicant's research or innovation activities.

B. Short CV (2 pages maximum)

C. Proof of holding a minimum of third-level degree (Bachelors or similar qualification).

WHO IS THE SELECTION COMMITTEE?

Dr. Bálint Balázs (Action Vice-Chair & Lead Trainer)

Dr. Aparajita Banerjee (Lead trainer)

Dr. Ivana Radić (Lead trainer)

HOW TO APPLY?

Send documentation to:

Selected applicants will receive a formal e-COST invitation to travel to Budapest. All Training School expenses are covered by COST.



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