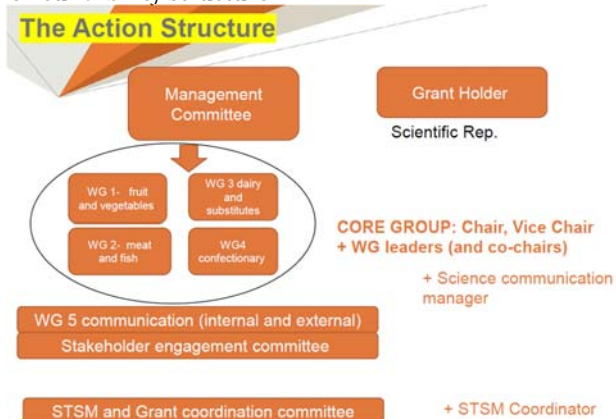


An update to the members of the COST ACTION CA19124 CIRCUL-A-BILITY

Dear all, it is my pleasure to send you this update on behalf of the management committee, the CORE group and my colleague, Giancarlo Colelli, vice-Chair of the COST ACTION.

First of all thank you for your enthusiastic support of the Action. We have received an overwhelming response from people wanting to join, we currently have 180 members, and counting, who have requested to join, from 37 Countries. This letter is a summary of important information which will enable you to actively participate in the action.

Circul-a-bility structure



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This figure indicates the structure as approved by the Management committee held on 29-30 of October, 2020. The Communication team is currently working on a web site, as well as a linkedin group, and we will also be using a email server list to be connected with the broad membership.

To join the action and being part of the list serve, please email Ilke Uysal Ünalán (iuu@food.au.dk); Ilke is an assistant professor of food packaging at Aarhus University.

We are in the process of building a web site which will be launched at the beginning of the year (the domain will be www.circul-a-bility.org) and will contain updates and information, but we will also be connecting through a closed group in linkedin – <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8992517/> please ask to join; there are already 64 followers.



The membership & Activities:

During the meeting, we have established 5 working groups, in addition to a working group on communication and stakeholder engagement. Here are your **contacts**:

Action Chair Milena Corredig mc@food.au.dk
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We have 4 working groups, which will be focusing on specific product categories, to ensure that product specific issues remain center stage, as this action is supposed to link together all the disciplines affecting the life of a product and its package. They will communicate directly with you and include in their projects. The projects for this first year will be very much focused on understanding state of the art, case studies, and identify gaps and opportunities for joint research initiatives. We are also planning to engage the whole community spanning more than 36 Countries to carry out some specific surveys.

The main contact (Chair) for the working groups is indicated below.

WG1 . Fruits and Vegetables Fatima Pocas (PT), Chair (mpocas@porto.ucp.pt) will be assisted by co-chairs Johanna Lahti (FI) and Frederic Debeaufort (FR).

WG2. Meat and Fish Begonya Marcos (ES), Chair (begonya.marcos@irta.cat) will be assisted by Marit Pettersen (NO), Yildirim Selcuk (CH) and Fatih Oz (TR).

WG3. Dairy, cheese, and alternatives Elena Arranz (IE), Chair (elena.arranz@ucc.ie) will be assisted by Tim Claypole (UK), Alexander Bardenshtein (DK), Edlira Shahinasi (AL).

WG4. Bakeries and confectionary, Victoria Krauter (AT), Chair (victoria.krauter@fh-campuswien.ac.at) will be assisted by Ibrahim Gulseren (TR), Maria Milousi (GR).

To join a particular working group and participate to the activities please contact the WG-Chair. You are more than welcome to join more than one working group, especially if you think your discipline and interest spans over many product categories! That is the point of this action.

We have a very active

WG 5. Stakeholder communication. Greg Canczewski (PL) Chair (ganczewski@cobro.org.pl), assisted by Paul Horton (UK), Ana Dotan (IL) Anna Trubetskaya (IE). This group will be forming two task forces to be able to involve and work together with policy makers and industry.

This group task is to find way to engage and communicate with stakeholders and ensure the impact of the Action. Please support them any way you can.

We also have a **Communication team**. The communication science officer is Philip Scholten (CH) (philip.scholten@unifr.ch) and his team composed of Antonio Martin (ES) and Maria Cadarso (PT).

If you have anything you would like to communicate to the wider audience, or to report successes of the Action, please contact the communication officer.

SHORT TERM MISSIONS

One of the main objectives of the Action is to stimulate collaboration between participants and allow scientists, especially the youngest ones, to develop their own collaborative network. We are therefore launching the first STSM call, with two deadlines for applications, one February 1st and one April 1st, 2021. The missions have to be completed by October 2021. *Please see the attached call for general rules.* The awardees will be able to spend from 1 week to 3 months in a foreign lab.

The short term scientific mission committee, who also is in charge of accepting applications for conference grants for ITC Countries, is chaired by Krisztina Dornyey (kdornyey@ibs-b.hu), and consists of other two members, Ilke Unalan (DK) and Matthijs Dekker (NL)

NEXT MEETINGS

In addition to the WG meetings related to specific activities, please *save the date* for an ONLINE meeting on March 25 with a subsequent Management Committee meeting on March 26 (for who is part of that group). We are also planning a conference for September 2021 (Covid permitting). Please stay tuned for webinars, presentations or working group specific communications.

Please be engaged and connect with us.

Looking forward to working with all of you!