

## SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION BRIEF

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### Research interest:

Ana-Maria Cozma's recent research has focussed on the French online consultation during the 'Estates General of Bioethics 2018', that she has approached from the perspective of argumentative semantics and of the speech act theory. Her STSM at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa is relevant to the work groups WG1 (as it brings insight into a specific corpus) and WG3 (as it sheds light on the argumentative design of an online public consultation platform) of the COST Action CA17132. The STSM is thus an opportunity for discussing the gap between citizens' and policymakers' argumentation (i.e. the Gap 1 defined within the frame of the Action) and the 'argumentative procedures that reflect institutional conventions and design' (at the macro-level of argumentation defined in the Action).

### STSM Summary

The STSM had two main purposes: 1) to meet the members of the ArgLab that are involved in the APPLY Action and discuss the argumentative features of online consultation platforms based on the corpus of the Estates General of Bioethics 2018, and 2) to work on the draft of a joint paper with Marcin Lewiński, the representative of the Host Institution and Chair of the Action.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, the STSM had to be shortened – after a COST communique dated 13 March and the decision of the Portuguese government on the 12th of March to close universities and limit travel – and, consequently, the first objective could not be fully reached. The STSM thus served mostly the second objective. The meetings focused on exchanging views on the speech act of proposal and planning the joint paper. The STSM grantee and the host discussed theoretical approaches and methodologies of speech acts, reflected on the speech act of proposal in the particular context of an online consultation as well as more generally in deliberative contexts, and exchanged the most up-to-date literature on the topic. These meetings were essential for building a common ground for a joint study on the proposal, since the grantee’s approach of speech acts is mainly a semantical one and is oriented towards discourse analysis, while the host’s view on speech acts pertains to the philosophy of language and argumentation theory. In the end, in spite of the uncertain situation during the STSM and the shorter duration, the goals have been achieved to a good extent. The submission of the joint paper is scheduled for the end of 2020, and the grantee got acquainted – even if mostly virtually and by email – with the members of the ArgLab involved the APPLY action, which will facilitate exchanges and collaboration in the future.