

Dear Colleagues!

We would like to inform you about a new COST Action – **Network for Inclusive Cities in Europe (NICE)** – which has been prepared by an initiating team at the University of Lodz (Poland) and representing the Polish Section of the European Regional Science Association (ERSA). Our team has now managed to complete the Technical Annex and we are ready to launch the initiative. We are therefore writing to inform you of this initiative and request that you consider joining the Action.

Please acquaint yourself with:

- a concept paper which is an excerpt of the full Technical Annex and which outlines the key aspects of the proposed Action
- an application form which is to serve as a preliminary declaration of interest and participation (we need to ensure that the Network which is created once the Action is officially submitted is as widespread and complete – in terms of types of partners – as possible).

Should you be interested in participating in this COST Action **please return the application form to the following e-mail address: justyna.danielewicz@uni.lodz.pl as soon as possible.**

In the meantime the partners should register with COST at <https://e-services.cost.eu>. Each partner needs to have their own user profile with COST - partners join Actions as individuals. Please ensure whether your institution has any specific requirements for its employees with regards to joining COST Actions.

Please indicate (in the application form) which of the Working Groups (WGs) you are interested in. The application form also asks if you will be in a position to invite representatives of NGOs, policy makers, business and/or Early Career Investigators (ECIs) to the Action. You may also indicate proposals of cities that could become subject of our joint analyses within the Action.

Please, feel free to share this information with your colleges who may show interest in participating. COST requires that the Network includes partners from at least seven European countries (twelve are already on board) but the broader the Network, the greater the chances of the proposal being considered and accepted. All relevant information concerning COST projects is available at: <http://www.cost.eu/participate>.

Invitations to join the Action will be sent through the e-COST platform to the Partners who submit their application forms. The deadline for submitting the proposal to COST is on April 27, 2018 (Friday). Having said that, additional Partners will also be able to join the Action also after that date.

Looking forward to future cooperation. With kind regards,

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