

**COST Action IS 1404
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Title

PROGRESS REVIEW AT MONTH 24

This report assessing the period stated above is submitted by the Rapporteur.

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Summary assessment of progress (for publication):

Action Rapporteur enters 500 word summary monitoring the progress of the Action here

The E-READ Action shows excellent progress after 24 months, in line with the objectives and deliverables in the Action Memorandum of Understanding. The activities/deliverables already achieved, under development or planned for the second half of the Action comprehensively span the Action's main objective and the secondary objectives.

The scientific production (already published and under preparation) is of a very high level. It is imbued with the multidisciplinary and integrative spirit that is central to the Action's main objective. A cornerstone of the scientific production is the integrative framework for reading research published in 2016, which provides a clear reference for the scientific production within and across Action Working Groups.

The Action evidences activities and production of scientific publications (articles, books, book chapters) resulting from collaboration within and across Action Working Groups, with clear participation from authors from COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs).

Great care has been put into involving Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) in the Action activities, notably in the Short-Term Scientific Missions – where ESRs account for 71% of the grantees –, and in the Training Schools – where ESRs account for 44% of the grantees.

The Action is being managed in full accordance with the workplan included in the MoU as regards network meetings, scientific missions, training schools, working groups, etc.

Awareness-raising and dissemination activities, channels and tools have been put in place, which will be essential as more outputs become available in the second half of the Action. Investing in a dissemination strategy that is mindful of the needs and requirements of the different stakeholders will yield an enhanced impact.

The Action has been most successful in raising interest in the scientific and academic community. It should be praised for managing to register an expansion from the initial 20 countries to the current 34 countries, corresponding to about 170 members. In addition, COST policies as regards ESRs, ITCs and gender balance are being implemented as a matter of routine in the different Action activities.

The Action appears to struggle to accommodate all those interested in taking part in the network due to financial constraints which seem to have become a burden to the Action Management Committee and the Core Group.