



# UNDERGROUND4VALUE

#COST Action CA18110

**Underground Built Heritage as catalyser for Community Valorisation**

## **Call for Applications for the Second Underground4value Training School**

**Murcia, 24-28 May 2021**

**Application deadline: 15 March 2021**

The COST Action CA18110 – *Underground Built Heritage as catalyser for Community Valorisation* is issuing a Call for Applications for its second Training School, managed by the University of Murcia, which will be held in Murcia from May 24 to 28, 2021, in the *Facultad de Ciencias del Trabajo*, hosted by the University of Murcia.

The aim of the school is training new skills for planners, decision-makers, promoters, and local development facilitators. The training school will deal with innovative approaches to surveys, analyses, monitoring and testing Underground Built heritage (UBH) in regards to Historic Urban Landscape (HUL), foster the uptake of new tools for empowering local communities, as well as for supporting planners and decision-makers. The training integrates multi-disciplinary knowledge about the underground heritage in a planning framework based on HUL, boosting new job profiles on cultural planning, strategic spatial planning, transition planning and management. These new job profiles will guarantee interaction with local communities, dissemination of innovative thinking, and methodologies for supporting the exploration of alternative social trajectories in an adaptive, forward-looking manner.

### **1. TOPICS**

Organised in lessons and tutored research teamwork modules, the school is developed around three topics:

- Underground Built Heritage valorisation: Planning and Management
- UBH concepts, classification and ontology
- Assessment and monitoring tools for UBH conservation

### **2. PARTICIPANTS**

The training school is addressed to planners, local community facilitators, promoters, and decision-makers, working on issues related to underground built heritage and community engagement for its conservation, monitoring and valorisation.

### **3. CONTENTS**

The school is based on scientific approaches (regional sciences, urban geography, computer sciences, and economic policy), with the input of disciplines in the humanities, for taking into account cultural issues, as well as strategies and tools for urban/rural regeneration policies, sustainable tourism, community empowerment, and UBH conservation. Lectures and results of the school will contribute to produce a training toolkit for decision-makers, practitioners, stakeholders and local communities and will integrate a procedure for testing and validating the new training and learning methods. In particular, the training will expand the HUL framework by developing new specific modules about UBH and introducing Strategic Transition Management (STM). It will provide the participants with tools for



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stimulating, developing and supporting real-life experiments (Living Labs) in a goal-oriented modulation, aimed at shaping processes of strategic dialogue, co-evolution and co-creation.

Trainers and trainees will work together on specific topics related to four case studies, by exploring and preparing discussion arguments. These researches will provide a first moment of confrontation among participants – trainers and trainees. In particular, by applying the STM approach, students will interactively learn how to facilitate communities' dialogue, and develop new social, economic and cultural behaviours from the opportunities offered by the UBH reuse also in terms of new lifestyles.

### 4. IMPORTANT NOTES

Applicants may apply for one of the **20 (twenty) grants of Euro 860 (eighty-hundred-sixty)** for the participation at the training school. To apply, please see the information and instructions in the following paragraph "Applications Process". Spanish applicants are excluded from the grants, but they can apply for participating without a grant.

Applications can be sent to César García ([cesar.garcia@observalocal.com](mailto:cesar.garcia@observalocal.com)) until March 15th, 2021. In case you have questions regarding the call, the application process or the Training School, please contact Susana Martínez-Rodríguez, the Action's Training School Coordinator ([susanamartinezr@um.es](mailto:susanamartinezr@um.es)).

More details regarding the programme of the Training School are forthcoming. Please watch the page dedicated to the Training School on the Action's website at:

<http://underground4value.eu/training-school/>.

Please feel free to disseminate this message within your own research communities. Early Career Investigators (ECI) from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) are strongly encouraged to apply:

[http://www.cost.eu/about\\_cost/strategy/excellence-inclusiveness](http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/strategy/excellence-inclusiveness)

In case of pandemics national restrictions and/or Murcia University services closure, the training school will be held online on the ZOOM platform.

### 5. APPLICATION PROCESS

#### How to apply for a grant:

**To apply for one of the 20 grants, please do the following things before March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021:**

1. Register a profile on e-COST and include your bank data there should be linked to the following URL:  
<http://underground4value.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/How-to-register-at-ecostdocx.pdf>
2. Prepare the following documents:
  - A one-page *Curriculum Vitae* (PDF)
  - A one-page motivation letter specifying the following:
    - a clear statement of intent to participate in *one* of the two workshops;
    - why you would like to attend the training school;



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- information about your current level of knowledge/ experience in underground built heritage and community engagement tools;
- what your expectations are (trainers & taught materials).

Applications need to be sent to César García ([cesar.garcia@observalocal.com](mailto:cesar.garcia@observalocal.com)).

**After submission, all applicants are kindly asked to make sure they receive a confirmation of receipt within 24 hours**, then to print it, signing and dating it, and send back to the Action's Training School Coordinator ([susanamartinezr@um.es](mailto:susanamartinezr@um.es)) in pdf format.

**If you don't receive the confirmation of receipt, please do not hesitate to contact us again.**

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

The grant is a **flat rate grant** of Euro 860 – which the non-Spanish participant will receive after her/his participation to the training school on the basis of the daily attendance list and without need to justify any expenditure.

### Selection criteria:

*Basic COST eligibility criteria need to be met:*

- Applicants with research interests relevant to the Underground4value's goals and activities are prioritised (*Rank 1*).
- Applicants who are early career researchers (including doctoral researchers) and applicants from COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) are prioritised over other applicants (*Rank 2*).
- Insofar as is allowable by the applications received and the selection criteria above, representation across as many COST countries as possible and a gender balance will be observed among the grantees (*Rank 3*).
- Where all the above criteria are satisfied, places are offered on a first come-first served basis (*Rank 4*)

### Participation without a grant:

Participants who can cover their travel and accommodation expenses from other funds and do not need a grant are also welcomed to join our Training School. If this is your case, although recommended, you do not need to register a profile on the COST website. However, we still ask you to submit the application materials (CV and motivation letter) by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to the email addresses mentioned above.

You will be notified of acceptance to the training school before March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Note that the **maximum number of participants is 40.**