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COST Action IS 1409: Gender and health impacts of policies extending working life in western countries

Local workshop:
Multidisciplinary research on life course: academic, public policy and societal level perspectives
REPORT

The local workshop has been organized, with COST support, by Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași in Senate Room, on 15 of April, 2016.

On the event were more participants than previously estimated, close to 200. The meeting facilitated a fruitful dialog between actual and future researchers on social, health, economic and psychologic fields, policy making actors, workers and pensioners, trade unions and employers, other civil society representatives on the topics of Gender, Health and Extended Working Life.

Vice Rector for the Research of the host University expressed his appreciation for the COST Action and event. The Romanian MC members of COST Action IS 1409 presented the Action, the objectives, the working group's aims and the methodological life course frame of the project.

The three speakers offered, on their presentations, academic and practical frameworks in sustaining the COST 1409 objectives. Extended working life from a gender and life course perspective has been approached at academic, public policy and societal levels. Multi-disciplinary results of national and European researches presented by the quest speakers encouraged the dialog of participants - who proposed and agreed on the need to develop a fruitful partnership between all national institutional actors interested on the project topics. The Romanian National Agency for Gender Equality had sent a representative from Bucharest to attend our local workshop. The National Council of Older People, other 4 NGO-s representing pensioners, County employers of small and medium enterprises, The Sanitas Union (the national trade union federation on care and health branch level), Patients associations, Students associations are just few examples of organizations who offered inputs on our meeting. Valuable interventions come also from representatives of National Pension's House, Territorial labor inspectorate, Iasi Prefecture and Local Council. At academic level, a professors involved on several COST actions shared her experiences on technical and contents level; other colleagues shared results of their psychological, sociological, health and multi-disciplinary researches, using different perspectives of life course.

The local workshop we have organized with COST support definitely contribute to raising awareness on Gender, Health and Extended Working Life topic, from a life course perspective. It was a good opportunity to frame partnerships, to share perspectives and to raise scientific knowledge for participants. Book of proceedings, published in Romanian, will contribute more to this awareness.

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