

**Researching the collaborative dimension
of social enterprise for sustainable regional
and rural development**

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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RATIONALE

After five successful editions of the EMES PhD Summer Schools, at University of Corsica (France) in 2008; Roskilde University (Denmark) in 2010; the University of Trento (Italy) in 2012; the West University of Timișoara (Romania) in 2014; the Glasgow Caledonian University, in partnership with the Yunus Centre for Social Business and Health (GCU-YC) in Glasgow (UK) in 2016, the launch of the Empower-SE COST Action enabled the 6th edition to take the form of a co-organised COST training school jointly run by LEST, the CNRS and the University of Aix-Marseille in 2018. The seventh edition will be held at University College Cork from 29th June to 2nd July 2020.

Some 200 students and 100 researchers from over 37 countries have participated in these unique learning events.



PhDs constitute a central part of EMES as shown by the special membership category for PhD students and the seat reserved for PhD students in the EMES Board of Directors. Moreover, work continues to be conducted jointly resulting in outputs like: the publication of a PhD Reader; the launching of an EMES PhD Student Network in 2008 and the EMES Alumni Network in 2015; the creation of the dedicated EMES Junior Experts Blog (EJEB) in 2011; and the creation of an active Facebook group.

Social enterprises, often characterised by strong local involvement with an ability to combine different goals and resources, are increasingly viewed as an expression of collective social entrepreneurship with the capacity to contribute to sustainable regional and rural development.

In this context, the Empower-SE COST Action, EMES and CUBS, UCC jointly organise the 7th EMES Training School aimed at researchers and PhD students who conduct research in the wide “SE fields” and wish to strengthen their theoretical and methodological background. SE fields refer to social enterprise, social entrepreneurship, social economy and solidarity economy as well as social innovation. With this event, Empower-SE, EMES and UCC aim to:

- Emphasize the research design, epistemology and methodology involved in any research project, specifically in a doctoral path.
- Strengthen the interdisciplinary dialogue in the fields of social entrepreneurship and social enterprise, social economy, regional and rural development.
- Strengthen the training of PhD students by means of methodological and theoretical lectures, debates, and professional and social media workshops.
- Provide personalised feedback and support via well-supported small group discussion sessions on participants’ research projects, their research questions, approaches and theoretical understandings; more precisely, in addition to various opportunities of informal discussion, at least a full hour will be devoted to every student’s research project within group sessions (for presentation by the student, feed-back by professors and their peers, discussion and synthesis of recommendations).
- Provide space for social and intellectual discussion so that doctoral students will have ample opportunity to establish and expand their own peer networks and benefit from contacts and feedback from established scholars;
- Encourage a broad and diverse range of participants, since exchanges between researchers from different countries, continents, cultures and academic disciplines can support stimulating and fertile reflections on research approaches.

PhD students coming from different disciplinary backgrounds (such as sociology, management, economics, political sciences, law, anthropology, geography, and so on) whose research projects are connected to this field are welcome to apply for this training school.



FACULTY BODY

The 7th EMES Training school faculty body will include well-known professors from recognised research centres covering a wide spectrum of research themes, and this multi-disciplinary approach will represent a major strength for the participants. They include:

1. Kate Cooney, Yale University, USA - TBC
2. Angela T. Cooper - TBC
3. Sílvia Ferreira, University of Coimbra, Portugal
4. Luiz Inácio Gaiger, UNISINOS, Brazil
5. Giulia Galera, European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises, Italy
6. Malin Gawell, Södertörn University, Sweden
7. Helen Haugh, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom TBC
8. Lars Hulgård, Roskilde University, Denmark
9. Jean-Louis Laville, CNAM/LISE, France TBC
10. Margie Mendell, Concordia University TBC
11. Rory Ridley-Duff, Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom
12. Sybille Mertens, HEC-University of Liege, Belgium - TBC
13. Marthe Nyssens, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
14. Mary O'Saughnessy, University College Cork, Ireland
15. Francesca Petrella, LEST - Aix-Marseille University, France

APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

The 7th EMES Training School offers six registration options, depending on whether the participant is a member of EMES and whether s/he is coming from non-OECD countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America:

Fees	EMES Members	Non-EMES members
Full registration	335€ <input type="checkbox"/>	395€ <input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced registration type 1 (ITC & NNC countries)	195€ <input type="checkbox"/>	245€ <input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced registration type 2	65€ <input type="checkbox"/>	125€ <input type="checkbox"/>



* Participants registering under this fee will need to provide proof of membership (username). If you are not an EMES member and would like to join, you can do so directly on-line [here](#) (please select the “Graduate membership” fee of 50€).

Reduced registration type 1 – For applicants from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) and associated Near Neighbour Countries (NNC).¹

Reduced registration type 2 - Only for applicants coming from non-OECD countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The registration cost covers registration fees (as described in the table above). Accommodation and food expenses amount to 320€ that will have to be paid when registering upon acceptance of applications directly to the UCC on-campus accommodation services.

Participants can benefit from support through the EMPOWER-SE COST Action upon reimbursement up to a fixed amount to be decided in January 2020 by the Management Committee of the Action. This amount will be reimbursed in its entirety by COST upon submission of a claiming form by the participant after the training school and it is aimed at covering accommodation and food and contributing to participants’ travel expenses.

If you are interested in applying for this partial grant support, please mark so in the section marked “Grant options (for accepted applicants)” in the Application Form (). For those interested, once your application has been accepted, in addition to the scientific excellence criterion (evaluation score), applications must address the specific objectives described in the EMPOWER-SE [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (page 3-4). Moreover, the following specific COST criteria apply: gender balance, ITC origin (see list in footnote 1) and ECI² stage.

Applications to participate in the Training School are accepted until **14th February 2020**. In order to apply, please download and complete the **Application Form** available [here](https://bit.ly/2ZGg3aU) (<https://bit.ly/2ZGg3aU>). The result of the selection process will be communicated to applicants **by 6th March 2020 at the latest**.

VENUE

All the academic activities of the Training School will take place at University College Cork <https://www.ucc.ie/en/>

¹ ITC are Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey. The six currently NNC associated to the Action are Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Lebanon, Morocco, and Russia).

² Early Career Investigators (ECI) are researchers with PhD plus a maximum of 8 years of experience.

On-campus



accommodation will be located at: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/campusaccom/student-accom/universityhall/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Application submission deadline: **14th February 2020**

Results of the selection process: **6th March 2020**

Registration deadline: **17th April 2020**

Arrival of participants: **29th June 2020**

The composition of the faculty body as well as the application and registration process will be published shortly on www.emes.net and www.empowarse.eu

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