

CA23129 PEACE:

Tips and tricks for the preparation of a COST Action

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Prelude to CA 23129 (1)

➤ **Flemish Peace Institute**

- Strategic Plan

➤ **Geopolitical evolutions**

→ **Need for building a network for peace research**

- Organization?
- Partners?
- Funding?

Prelude to CA 23129 (2)

➤ Online meeting June 2022

- 12 persons from 9 organisations
- Getting to know each other and preparing September workshop

➤ In-person workshop September 2022

- 15 persons from 12 organisations
 - Funded by FPI
- Peace Research:
 - Topical trends and issues?
 - Strengthening credible peace narratives in times of war?
 - Analytical and normative aspects of peace research?
- From theory into practice:
 - Mapping peace research in Europe?
 - Strengthening each other's dissemination efforts?
 - Sweetspots for initiatives?

Reimagining peace

New agendas for research & policy in times of conflict

CONFERENCE

8 & 9 May 2023

Flemish Parliament
Brussels (BE)

Hosted by the Flemish Peace Institute

**PROGRAM &
REGISTRATION**

#ReImaginingPeace2023

Prelude to CA 23129 (3)

➤ Conference “Reimagining Peace”

- Flemish Parliament, 8-9 May 2023
- Flemish Peace Institute, in cooperation with
 - Tampere Peace Research Institute (Finland)
 - Peace Research Center Prague (Czech Republic)
 - Peace Research Center Oslo (Norway)
 - Post-Conflict Research Center Sarajevo (Bosnia)
- Approx 125 participants
- Programme:
 - Thematic break-out groups
 - Keynote speech
 - Interactive panel discussions
 - Next Generation Peace Research

→ follow-up online discussions with original partners

Cost Action proposal

➤ Choice for COST Action

- Best suited, but some important challenges

➤ Joint effort but with core group leading

- Main proposer from FPI + 15 secondary proposals from 10 countries

→ Very good evaluation (46/50)

CA23129 PEACE (1)

➤ Peace Research Community Europe

➤ 5 working groups

- Peace & Climate
- Feminist Peace Research
- Local Peace
- Peace & Emerging Technologies
- Europe: Peace & Security

→ Output

- Conferences
- Workshops
- Research & policy output

CA23129 PEACE (2)

➤ **Next-Generation Mentorship Programme**

➤ **Summer School**

➤ **Communication & outreach, including:**

- Webinars
- Mapping of peace research in Europe

→ **Already over 280 members**

→ **Kick-Off Conference (8 May 2025) and General Meeting (9 May)**

Tips and tricks for preparation

➤ In addition to the 'typical tips' for project proposals:

- Have a good starting base
 - Broad network of secondary proposers
- Interdisciplinary and innovative approach
- Do not duplicate existing initiatives
- Be ambitious, but realistic
- Emphasize diversity
- Include next-generation initiatives
- Make agreements in advance on leadership positions

Challenges in implementation

➤ “Open” network

- Limited resources
- Composition and expectations of Management Committee
- Overrepresentation of participants from a few countries

➤ Too much rules & procedures

➤ No funding for time

More information?

<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA23129/>

→ From tomorrow on:

<https://www.peaceresearchnetwork.eu>

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