

Dear all,

You receive this email as an applicant of WG 3: Laboratory of the [COST ACTION DATAMIG](#). You find the detailed information about the Cost Action including the working groups (objectivities, planned activities, tasks and deliverables) in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the website.

We would like to share with you an update about what has happened already and further information about the upcoming year, as well as an outlook to our meeting this Friday.

In September 2023, we officially launched DATAMIG with an event in Brussels hosted by the European Cooperation in Science and Technology. It was a great opportunity to meet the members of our [Management Committee](#) in person. Since then, a core group consisting of the people elected for the [leadership positions](#) has been nominated to help DATAMIG carry out plans and activities. We have been working hard to understand the ins and outs of the COST Actions, and had to take a number of bureaucratic hurdles. But now we are finally very excited to start this year by bringing together the community of DATAMIG, getting to know each other, and unfolding the potential of this vibrant network!

We have planned a number of online meetings and in-person events throughout the year. We encourage you to participate in the kick-off-meeting of the WG. If you cannot make it to the meeting, we will share some minutes afterwards. The kick-off-meeting is meant to give you a better idea of what to expect, and to share your ideas and questions. We also like to inform you that the confirmation of your application is taken care of within the next weeks, and you will receive a formal response about that later on.

A note for your calendars about the meetings of WG 3 in the 1st year of the DATAMIG (until Sep/2024): Our DATAMIG annual conference will take place in Athens June 25 - 27th. We hope to see many of you there!

## MEETING SCHEDULE

February

WG 3: 2 February 2024, 10.-12.00 CET (Online), Kick-off-meeting

March

WG 3: 7 March 2024, 10.-13.00 CET (Online), 2nd meeting

June 2024:

COST ACTION annual workshop, together with meetings of WG 1, 2, 3, Management Committee Meeting, during the week June 25, 10h00 - June 27, 16h00 2024 (Athens) (hybrid)

September 2024:

WG 3: 16-17 September, Universidade de Lisboa (Lisbon, Portugal) (hybrid) (tbc) Here you find

the meeting agenda and can see what we have planned for the upcoming meeting on Friday: **Meeting**

### **Agenda, February 2, 10.-12.00 CET.**

Introduction (Nina Amelung, Institute of Social Science, University of Lisbon, Portugal; Brigitta Kuster, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany; Katharina Wuropulos, Norway): What the laboratory of DATAMIG is and could be about? How do COST ACTIONS work? (20 min)

Breakout sessions: What are the issues/problems of migration, borders and datafication? What is the potential of this laboratory to critically and creatively engage with these issues and collaborate

with each other? What are you interested in and what can you contribute and do with and for the lab? (45 minutes)

Break (10 min)

Plenary and joint discussion: sharing from the breakout session and additional ideas; how to move on from here and what are next steps (40 min)

Closure, outlook to the following meetings (5 min)

You also find the zoom link here again: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86003468724?pwd=RzJxb2RYUmRrc2JIY2VIRkpkjekJGZz09>

For further questions regarding the working groups, you can reach out to the working group leader via [datamig.laboratory@gmail.com](mailto:datamig.laboratory@gmail.com) (WG3).

With best wishes,

Nina Amelung, Brigitta Kuster and Katharina Wuropulos