



COCCOSO

**CO-CONSTRUCTION IN THE FIELD
OF SOCIAL WELFARE**

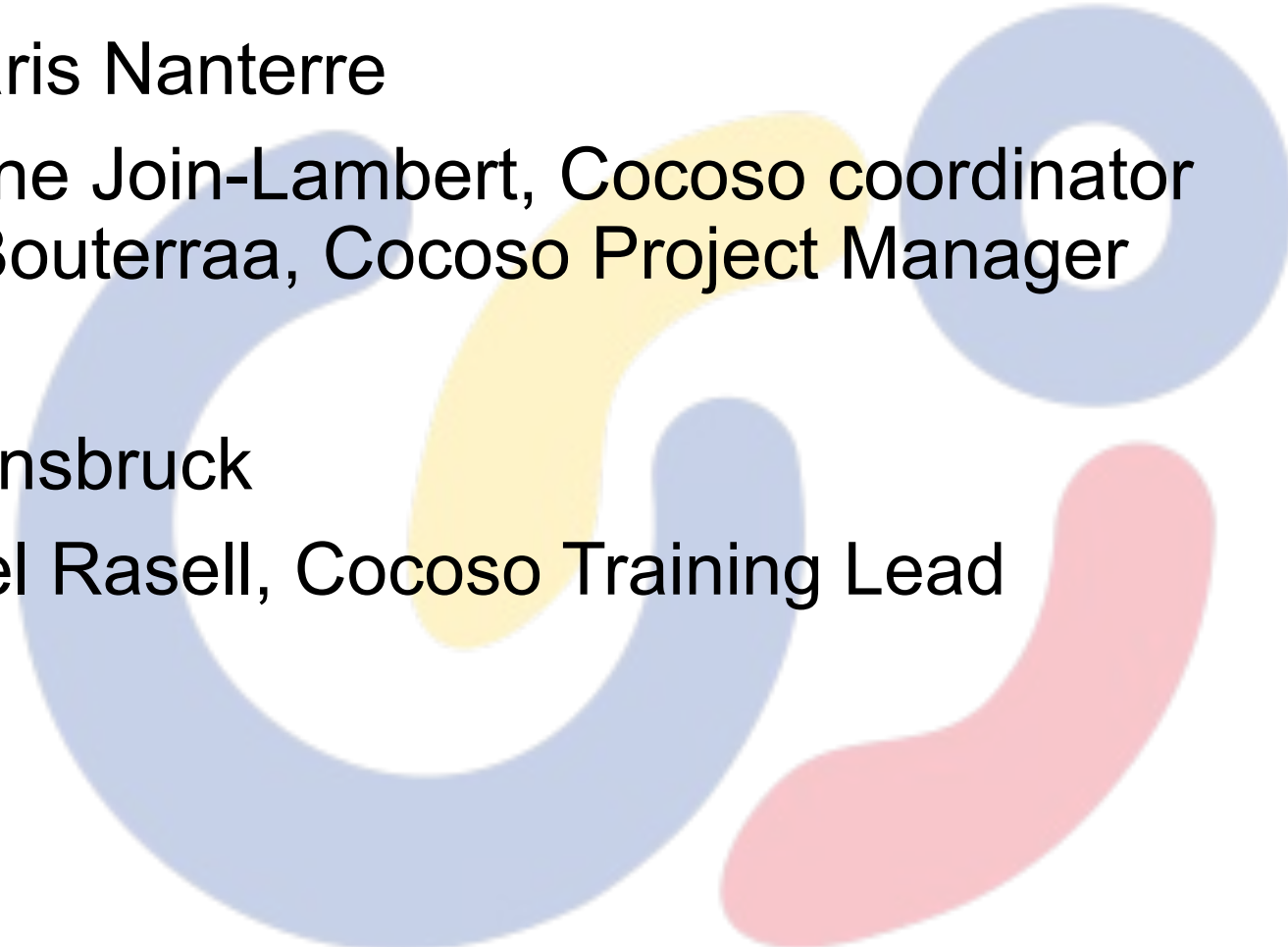
Presenting today

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Cocoso: research and training programme

COCOSO is a MSCA industrial doctoral network

- Runs from 2025 to 2028
- 22 partners from academy and industry
- 4 research and practice objectives
- 15 PhD researchers to be recruited and trained

Overall aim of the network = to make co-construction a meaningful reality for all stakeholders in the field of social welfare



Funded by the
European Union


22 partner organisations from 10 countries

6 universities – 13 NGOs – 3 local authorities

7 « beneficiaries » (Employers)

Université Paris Nanterre	
University of Aalborg	
University of Lisbon	
Democritus University of Thrace	
University of Warsaw	
University of Innsbruck	
Santa Casa da Misericórdia da Amadora	

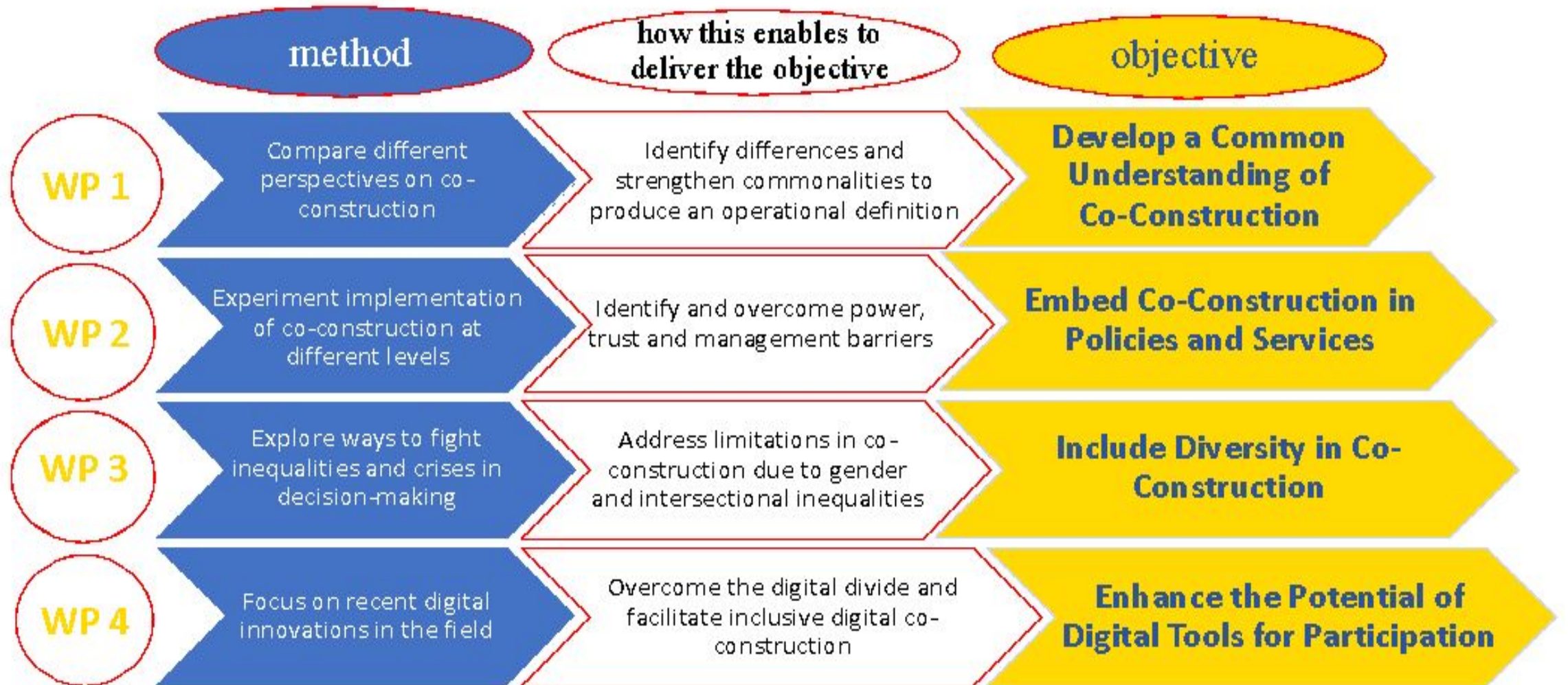
15 « associated partners » (secondments and training)

Aalborg Municipality	
Asociatia Centrul de Formare si Evaluare in Asistenta Sociala	
Jovesolides	
Município de Amadora	
Scientific Association for Care of Children and Adolescents	
Agence Nouvelle des Solidarités Actives	
Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos	
Fondation de l'Armée du Salut	
DanChurch Aid	
East Sussex County Council	
Fundacja Dobra Sieć	
Anziani e non solo	
Beratungsprojekt und digitale Bibliothek	
International Federation of Social Workers – Europe	
ATD Czwarty Świat Polska	

Research objectives

- Citizens experiencing welfare systems are often subject to one or several factors of inequality and vulnerability, which directly or indirectly hinders their participation.
- Cocoso seeks meaningful and efficient participation of citizens involved in social services and policies:
 - people with experience of using social services,
 - practitioners,
 - decision and policy-makers.
- Develop research and practice tools in four key areas

Work packages



	PHD PROJECTS	HOST	University
Work Package 1: Understandings of co-construction	DC1 COMPARED PERSPECTIVES ON CO-CONSTRUCTION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES	AAK	AAU
	DC2 POWER, GENDER AND PARTICIPATION IN THE GLOBAL HISTORY OF THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION	CFCECAS	UIBK
	DC3 CROSS-NATIONAL COMPARISON OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNDERSTANDINGS OF CO-CONSTRUCTION-	JVS	UL
Work Package 2: Co-construction in policies and services	DC4 MULTI-ACTOR CO-CONSTRUCTION IN LOCAL WELFARE POLICIES. CHALLENGES, AND CRITICAL FACTORS IN THE POST-COVID PERIOD	CMA	UL
	DC5 CO-CONSTRUCTIVE LEADERSHIP APPROACH IN NGO SOCIAL SERVICE SECTORS	SCMA	UW
	DC6 SOCIAL SERVICES AND SERVICE USERS IN FAMILY FOSTER CARE PLANNING : CO-DESIGNING AND CO- EVALUATING LONG TERM PLACEMENT	SYMEPE	DUTH
	DC7 EFFECTIVE DISSEMINATION OF CO-CONSTRUCTION STRATEGIES	ANSA	UPN
Work package 3: Addressing intersectional barriers	DC8 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN COMBATTING STIGMA OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS	SSP P S	DUTH
	DC9 CO-CONSTRUCTING EVALUATION OF SERVICES WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE ACROSS SERVICES	FAdS	UPN
	DC10 ROLE OF GENDER FACTORS IN CO-CONSTRUCTING SOLUTIONS WITH HOMELESS CITIZENS	DanChurch	AAU
	DC11 LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVOCACY IN CHILD PROTECTION IN EAST SUSSEX AND PARIS	East Sussex	UPN
Work Package 4: Digital tools	DC12 DIGITAL VOLUNTEERISM: THE TOOL AND SPACE OF NEW FORMS OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION	DS	UW
	DC13 HOW CAN OLDER ADULTS PARTICIPATE IN CO-CONSTRUCTION WHEN CONTACT TO CARERS IS MEDIATED THROUGH TECHNOLOGY	ANS	AAU
	DC14 UNIVERSAL ACCESS AND DIVERSITY IN CO-CONSTRUCTED DIGITAL DISABILITY COMMUNITIES	Bidok	UIBK
	DC15 DIGITAL TOOLS AS ENABLERS OF CO-CONSTRUCTION TO SUPPORT CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN ORGANISATIONS	SCMA	UL

Training objectives in Cocoso

Cocoso will train researchers for diverse social sector jobs, e.g. policy advocacy, direct work with people, consultancy, evaluation, training and supervision, strategic leadership, project design.

- 6 training blocks (2-weeks network wide events):

Event 1 (Paris, France)	Event 2 (Innsbruck, Austria)	Event 3 (Greece)	Event 4 (Aalborg, Denmark)	Event 5 (Lisbon, Portugal)	Event 6 (Warsaw, Poland)	Final Conference (Paris)
Oct-Nov 2025	April-May 2026	Oct-Nov 2026	May-June 2027	Oct-Nov 2027	May-June 2028	Oct-Nov 2028

Training in six key areas:

1. Advanced interdisciplinary research skills
2. Social sector skills training
3. Gender, diversity and ethics
4. Research communication, dissemination, Open Science and data management
5. Transferable and complementary skills
6. Wellbeing and mental health (for doctoral candidates and social welfare sector)

Each PhD project has 1 academic and 1 practice supervisor, plus peer supervision in the work package team

Doctoral candidates

In MSCA doctoral networks:

- PhD projects are 100% full-time jobs.
- The employer is the organisation mentioned in the job description.
- Employment contract runs for maximum 36 months, ending no later than 31 Dec 2028.
- Monthly allowances cover:
 - Salary (living costs), plus family and disability costs if eligible
 - Allowances depend on MSCA rules, and differ between countries of employment
 - You will need to pay taxes/social security
- Training costs (incl. PhD tuition fees if applicable) are covered by the programme

Eligibility under MSCA

You are eligible if:

1. You have not been awarded a doctoral degree
2. You have not resided or carried out your main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the **country of employment** for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to recruitment (first day of employment). **International mobility is a requirement for MSCA.**
3. You are not permanently employed by the university for the position you are applying to
4. You meet the academic and language requirements of the university you are applying to
5. You can carry out the secondments in the social sector partner

Recruitment criteria in Cocoso

Check the criteria for individual jobs!

- academic background in a discipline related to the project
- ability to work in the academic *and* practice environments
- adaptation and intercultural skills
- language skills

How to apply for a PhD position in Cocoso?

- Official advertisements are now available on Euraxess
- all details and links available at <https://cref.parisnanterre.fr/>
 - check EURAXESS for the official Cocoso job announcements (PhD 1 to 15)
 - follow the guidelines given in the announcements
- **Deadline for applications: 3 March 2025**
- Anticipated start date of employment contract: 1 September 2025.