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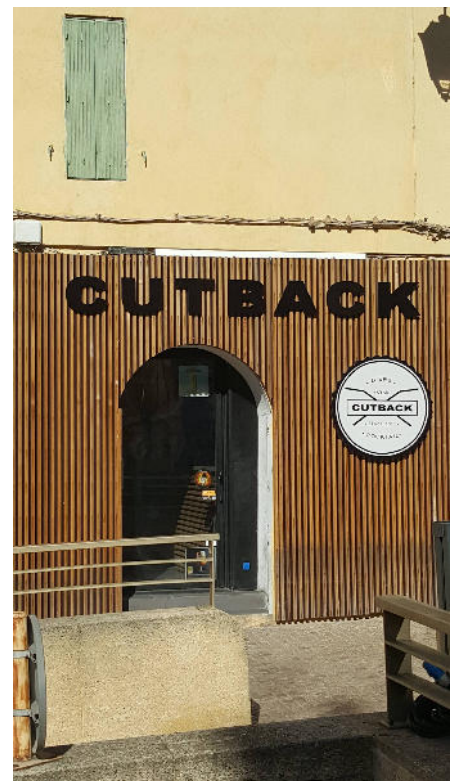
Venue: Aix en Provence, France

Home institution: Potsdam University, Germany

Hosting institution: Aix-Marseille University, IMPGT, France

Hosts: Prof. Dr. Emil Turc & Prof. Dr. Marcel Guenoun

Project: *“Cutback and Austerity Management in European
Local Governments”*



Description of Work:

During my stay (29.01.2016 – 15.02.2016) at Aix-Marseille University at the IMPGT (Institute de Management Public et Gouvernance Territoriale), I mainly worked with my colleagues Prof. Dr. Emil Turc and Prof. Dr. Marcel Guenoun on our common project on “*Cutback and Austerity Management in European Local Governments*”. The project is conducted within the framework of Working Group II of the COST Action IS1207 on Local Public Sector Reforms.

The following activities/outputs/results have been achieved/undertaken during my STSM:

- Work on Method
 - o Understanding mechanics & data correlations
 - o SPSS operations
 - o Cleansing of German dataset
 - o Production of codings for comparative analysis for all countries
 - o Descriptives
 - o Scrutinized methods available / used
 - o First data on SPSS produced and analysed
 - o Principal Component Analysis conducted -> Varimax -> factor analysis, screeplots, cronbach alphas etc.

- Creation of a cutback project presentation (over 120 pages) for presentation to WG, Bern, practitioners etc
- Discussions on available data and comparability
- Comparative first analysis approach -> interpretation of scales, items, factors
- Comparative output via descriptives for FR-GER paper
- Meetings (Turc, Guenoun, Joyce, Tiberghien, Keramidias, Neaves etc.)
- Literature discussion on type, introduction, narrative, city data, indep. Var (OECD), explicative models etc.
- Hypotheses generation
- Preparation of WGII Bern Meeting (schedule & presentations)
- Networking & possibilities for project enlargement (UK)
- Formalization of diffusion strategy -> publication plan, professional output

Yours sincerely



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