

## COST ACTION CA15207

### Professionalization and Social Impact of European Political Science - PROSEPS

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#### WG 4: The advisory role of political scientists in Europe

In the PROSEPS general meeting in Lisbon there took place four meetings of Working Group 4 (WG4). Two in day one and two in day two.

##### DAY 1: Country briefs

In day one the members of WG4 were asked to give a brief overview of the situation in their country regarding a) the configuration of the domestic policy advisory system, b) the policy advisory roles of political scientists on the basis of the typology developed in previous PROSEPS meetings (table 1 as it stands after WG4 in Lisbon), and c) the actual debates in European countries and the EU in which political scientists take up advisory roles. During two sessions (morning and afternoon) 12 presentations were given on Germany, Malta, Latvia, Hungary, Norway, the Netherlands, Turkey, Bulgaria, Sweden, Denmark, Italy and Belgium (chronological order). Members of WG4 were able to identify convergences and divergences across countries and discuss potential problems with the adopted typology due to theoretical challenges, normative issues, or country idiosyncrasies.

##### DAY 2: Short mission: C412-Impact

The first session (morning) of day two focused on a presentation of the results of call 412 on impact (<http://proseps.campusfc.unibo.it/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/call-412-1.pdf>), which were put on a working paper by some PROSEPS members. The presentation took the form of a live focus group directed by WG4 leader and an invited expert. Attendants were asked to think and elaborate on the way they personally perceived scientific impact to society, whether it is a threat to academic freedom, or not, as well as the way in which they understood the various incentive structures for enhancing or preventing impact led research in their domestic academic environments. The session was recorded and its results will be used as additional information to the data collected by the short surveys and the document analysis conducted by a scholar of the University of Edinburgh under Call 412.

During the second session (afternoon) of day two the members of WG4 discussed the form of future publications, on the basis of the results from the PROSEPS survey and other additional data collection efforts. The discussion revolved around the possibility of producing an edited book volume, either on the basis of separate country chapters, or on the basis of different themes explaining political scientists policy adviser roles.

<b>Advisory Role</b>	<b>Frequency of Advice</b>	<b>Formality of advice</b>	<b>Principal Recipient of Advice</b>	<b>Type of Knowledge</b>	<b>Channels of Advice Dissemination</b>
<b><i>Pure academic</i></b>	Never	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b><i>The Expert</i></b>	Variable	Formal	Policy makers in the administration, think tanks, committees	Scientific or Applied (what works)	Policy memos, strategy papers, scientific reports
<b><i>The Pundit</i></b>	Very frequently	Informal	Politicians and Policy Makers, the General Public, Journalists	Opinionated normative science or <i>phronesis</i>	All media channels, non-scientific conferences and events, roundtables
<b><i>The public intellectual</i></b>	Very frequently	Formal informal	Everyone	<i>Episteme, Techne and Phronesis</i>	All channels