

What are Opinions? Integrating Theory and Methods for Automatically Analyzing Opinionated Communication (OPINION)

PUBLICATION POLICY

The OPINION COST Network adopts the following Publication policy:

General

1. Relevant publications covered by this policy include academic conference papers, journal articles and books, but also other formats such as white papers, learning materials/tutorials, repositories, software, etc.
2. All publications of OPINION should comply with FAIR (findability, accessibility, interoperability, reusability) principles and be made available to the public via open access. If possible, “gold” open access strategies (i.e., open access granted by the publishing platform or publisher) should be chosen; possibly incurred Article Processing Charges are eligible for financial support by the network. Where this route is unavailable, “green” open access (i.e., rendering publications available via accessible repositories or self-publishing, while complying with legal constraints imposed by the publisher) should be used.
3. All publications of OPINION need to acknowledge COST as funding source and recognize OPINION (preferably, including a link to the action website) as part of the scientific origin of the publication.
4. Any publications of OPINION will be listed on its web page and other inventories of outcomes, and advertised via OPINION’s social media activities.

Joint WG Publications:

1. Joint WG Publications are any publications that arise from the joint work of the Working Group. Each Working Group is responsible for creating its own joint publications. The Science Communication Plan defines, for each Working Group, the minimum publications that are expected.
2. Authorship for Joint WG Publications is contingent upon active contribution to the published outcome (e.g., in the form of writing, key conceptual work, data analysis). Participation in the WG debate related to the publication, editing or commenting upon drafts does not constitute authorship; nor does holding an office in the WG, or editorial responsibility for a venue wherein a publication is included (e.g., special issues, edited volumes). For any publication, the WG leadership may define additional forms of contributions that are not covered by

the above to constitute a claim to authorship (e.g., data collection). Lead authorship is allocated based on the extent of active contribution. In case of disputes whether the extent of contribution warrants authorship (or lead authorship), the WG leadership arbitrates.

3. For all Joint WG Publications, any members of the WG are invited to contribute and earn authorship if they wish. Projects that are intended to result in Joint WG Publications are to be announced to the entire WG membership, in a fashion that enables members to make an informed decision whether they wish to become co-authors.
4. All WG members that are not co-authors, but that did contribute in less salient ways (e.g., commenting on drafts, contributing to discussions on key themes) are to be acknowledged by name in a footnote or acknowledgement section, or in other ways adequate for the type of publication.
5. The Working Group leadership defines the suitable format and venue of joint publications in collaboration with the lead authors.
6. Any Article Processing Charges that are incurred while publishing Joint WG Publications should be covered by the network, subject to available funds.

Should any joint publications arise above the level of WGs (e.g., from the collaboration across multiple WGs or the entire network), the same rules apply correspondingly.

Publications that arise from OPINION

1. Publications that arise from OPINION are any publications that are (co-)authored by its members that are directly relevant to OPINION's objectives, draw upon opportunities and ideas created by OPINION, and are recognized as such by the network.
2. For any other publications to be recognized as outcomes of OPINION, the following criteria apply:
 - a. OPINION recognizes publications upon request by the authors. Specifically, authors should email the leadership of the Working Group(s) most relevant to their publication to request recognition, including the full reference and link to their published work, and a short paragraph offering evidence that the publication in question meets the criteria defined hereunder. The WG leadership then informs the network leadership and Science Communication Officer of their decision.
 - b. Publications need to be relevant to the work of the network, and result in plausible ways from its work (e.g., from discussions at OPINION meetings, contacts created there). To document relevance, authors need to explain in a

short paragraph how their publication is related to OPINION, and receive the endorsement of at least one WG for their publication.

c. Publications need to be authored by OPINION members:

- (i) from at least three different COST Member countries; or
- (ii) from at least two different COST Member countries and one Near Neighbor Countries; or
- (iii) from at least two different COST Member countries if the publication resulted from an STSM funded by the network.

If there are multiple additional authors who are not members of OPINION, members need to be prominent among the authors (e.g., a majority of authors; leading roles).

3. Any recognized publications are in principle eligible for receiving financial support for Article Processing Charges, subject to diversity and inclusion criteria, excellence, and potentially other priorities set by the WG, as well as sufficient funding.