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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to confirm that both from an individual and an institutional perspective, I entirely support your COST project, “unification, from Antiquity to modern times (EMU)”.

My own researches as you well know, are directly linked to the global project you aim to organize, while the IDHE – Institutions et Dynamiques Historiques de l’Economie – has been working on financial and monetary issues for years, making it one of its four main research areas.

Money exists and circulates in “reticular” organisations, i.e. dynamic networks, that know no clear boundaries in space, time, gender or classes. As such, a national focus, alas necessary for empirical motives – if only to master too rich a primary material – misses the point. The only way out is to build a scientific network such as to replicate the monetary reticular logics and overcome national or single-handed researches through cross-fertilization, comparison and cases build-ups.

Your project appears perfectly fit to that goal and lead me to offer it my full support.

Sincerely yours,

Patrice Baubeau