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COST Action CA21120
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OPEN CALL for SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION GRANTS

Third Call: December 2024

1. Important Dates

1. Deadline for submission of applications: on a rolling basis between 1 December 2024 and 31 June 2025

2. Total number of Grants: 5 STSM grants (in person events only) of €1,000 each

3. Selection procedure: all grant applications submitted within one month will be assessed at the end of that month. The selection process stops as soon as all the grants have been awarded.

4. Outcome notification: The successful candidates will be notified in the first five days of the following month and the grant must be approved according to the rules of the Management Committee of the Action.

5. Period within which the STSM Grants must be used: 1 January - 30 September 2025.

2. Overview

COST Action Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are a Researcher's visit to a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation by a researcher or innovator for a specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time. STSM grants are available for all confirmed CA 21120 Working Group Members. COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy and COST Principles of Openness and Inclusiveness will be considered when deciding on Grants. The Grant amount requested should cover travel expenses, accommodation, and meal allowances based on a personalized Budget that must be included in the application.

The participation to the STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of this COST Action, which are outlined in detail in the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) of the Action.

3. Eligibility criteria

All applications will be assessed by the Grant Awarding Coordinator. Grant applications need to meet the following criteria:

a. The applicant must be an active member in one of the Action's Working Groups
b. The STSM must take place in a COST Action country, different from the country of the applicant

c. Minimum duration: 5 days.

4. Financial Support

The STSM grant is a contribution to the overall expenses incurred by the visiting researcher and may not necessarily cover all of the associated costs.

5. Application procedure

In order to submit an application for an STSM Grant, please follow these steps:

1. Upload on e-COST (in the section dedicated to STSM) the following documents:
   a. An application form that includes details about the STSM (title, start and end date, country), goals of the STSM, working plan, expected outputs and a budget for the STSM. The application form is available at the STSM application section of your e-COST profile on https://e-services.cost.eu/
   b. A letter of acceptance from the host institution
   c. A letter of support from the home institution
   d. The applicant's CV is automatically added by the e-COST system

2. Submit and download your application.

The selection of successful applicants will be done in consideration of the scientific scope of the proposed STSM and how it will support the Action in achieving its scientific objectives.

Successful applicants must complete and submit within 30 days from the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first:

1. A report – the template is available on e-COST – that must be signed by the host. The report must be submitted online, in the e-COST system.
2. A blog post of 500 words to the Grant Award Coordinator (Sergiu Gherghina, sergiulor@yahoo.com). The report must be accompanied by 3 photos taken during the STSM.

Please note that COST can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by applicants.