

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)

Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM) is one of the networking activities which is organized through a Grant Awarding Process in a COST Action.

What is STSM?

STSM is a professional visit of a host organization or institution located in a different country than the country of affiliation by a Researcher or Innovator for a specific project to be implemented and for a determined period of time.

The aim of STSMs is, basically to contribute to the research coordination and capacity building objectives of COST Action CA21122, PROMoting GeRIatric Medicine in countries where it is still eMerging (PROGRAMMING) via establishing new scientific collaborations or strengthening existing ones. The STSM grantee individually benefits gaining new knowledge and abilities as well as improving personal experience in cooperative project management.

The amount of the grant which has a maximum limit of EUR 4000,00 (per grant) is to be decided by the Action's Core Group based on the request of the applicant and considering the duration and location of the STSM. This funding aims to contribute for the expenses of travel, accommodation, living and proposed project.

How to apply?

Open Calls for STSMs are periodically published in the Action's website.

During an Active Grant Period, candidates will be able to reach online application platform in e-COST via their e-COST account to submit their applications. (If the candidate does not already have an e-COST account, could create one [here.](#))

The information to be filled regarding the STSM proposal in e-COST consists of

- Title
- Start and end date (within the active Grant Period)
- Budget requested by the applicant
- Information about the host institution and contact person*

**In case the applicant has not identified a host institute herself/himself, she/he can request aid by the Grant Awarding Coordinator (please write to Meltem Koca <meltem.koca@outlook.com> and the Secretariat EUGMS <secretariat@eugms.org>) for matching her/his interests with potentially available hosting institutions involved in the Action.*

The supporting documentation to be uploaded to e-COST:

- STSM grant Application form ([template available on e-COST](#))
Goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives.
- Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant
- Motivation letter

The statement explaining the candidate's motivation by relating it to the personal professional background, experience, field(s) of interest and the potential benefits that the realization of the mission will provide for the evolution of their own career and, most importantly, for their national community and working environment. The motivation letter should also include the confirmation statement that the candidate speaks English at least at B2 level as well as the information regarding any other spoken languages.

- Support/recommendation letter
- An updated CV

Evaluation of the applications

The submitted applications will be evaluated and ranked by Meltem Koca, the Grant Awarding Coordinator of the Action PROGRAMMING, and the Core Group on behalf of the Action Management Committee (MC) and according to the STSM Evaluation Criteria which are determined and approved by the Action MC to prioritize the Action's objectives on the basis of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness principle.

Evaluation Criteria

- Candidate coming from an ITC country (0/1 points)
- Candidate coming from a country with emerging GM* (0/1 points)
- Active participation in the Action's specific tasks**(0/1/2 points)
- **Motivation letter** (*The statement explaining the candidate's motivation by relating it to the personal professional background, experience, field(s) of interest and the potential benefits that realization of the project will provide for the self and his/her community*) (0/1/2 points)
- Young researchers and innovators (<40yo) (0/1 points)

**Countries with emerging GM will be defined in a list to be prepared according to publicly available official data- The list is to be announced.*

*** Action's specific tasks are tasks and missions serving the Action's objectives, that will be defined by the Core Group according to the Action's evolving need and will be announced for each grant period accordingly.*

Upon approval of the STSM Grant Application, the grantee will be notified with a letter.

Outcomes

The grantee is required to submit the Grant Report following the template provided on e-COST within 30 days from the end of the STSM or within 15 days from the end date of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.

The grant will be paid only after the approval of the submitted report.

Important Dates

Deadline for applications: TBD2023

Deadline for evaluation of the applications: TBD2023

Deadline of for the end date of the missions: 31 October 2023