PIMo Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)
GP3 Open Call

GP3 Open Call - Two application periods:
1st application period closes 15th February, 2022
2nd application period closes 15th May, 2022

Conditions of application:

- Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are directed to supporting individual mobility, institutional visits, and collaboration between individual scholars located in a COST Full/Cooperating Member, or an European RTD, or a Near Neighbour Country (NNC) Institution. **STSMs funding is incompatible with funding obtained from other sources to cover the same expenses for the same period of the mobility. Applicants should disclose whether they have applied for other sources of funding at the time when they are submitting their STSM applications.**

- STSM mobility cannot start before six weeks since the application deadline have passed, i.e., not before **30 March 2022** for the 1st application period, or **30 June 2022** for the second application period. STSMs need to be fully completed by **30 September 2022**. An STSM must have a minimum duration of 5 calendar days, including travel.

- **STSMs can take place anywhere in the world.**

- STSM applicants (Researchers or Innovators) must be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow, or may be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation, or legal entity which has a clear association with research in its remit. The institutions, organisations, or legal entities where applicants pursue their main project of research are considered to be Home Institutions, while Host Institutions are those that will host successful applicants for the duration of their STSM. **Host institutions must be located in a different country than the country of the applicant.**

- Neither the COST Association nor the Grant Holder of the Action can be considered the STSM applicant’s employer. STSM applicants must make their own arrangements for all provisions relating to personal security, health, taxation, social security, and pension matters.

Applications should include a CV and a Motivation and Workplan summary (2000 words max), as well as a detailed budget and a timetable of the proposed mission.
Applicants should also nominate a senior researcher at the Host Institution who has agreed to supervise or mentor the applicant during the course of their research visit. A formal letter of invitation from a representative/researcher from the Host Institution to the applicant should be attached to the application.

**Reporting requirements:**

- The STSM Grantee has 30 calendar days from the end date of the mission to submit (via the COST platform) a scientific report to the STSM Coordinator and to the supervisor/mentor affiliated to the Host Institution. Payment of the Grant is conditional on an STSM scientific report being approved on behalf of the Action’s MC by the STSM Coordinator and by a senior researcher affiliated to the Host Institution. The deadline to submit the last supporting documents is 30 days from the end of the STSM. The submission of the supporting documents is mandatory or the Grant is cancelled. Late submission, beyond the deadline, can also lead to the cancellation of the Grant A scientific report template is available on the Supporting documents page or on-line here: [http://www.cost.eu/STSM_report_template](http://www.cost.eu/STSM_report_template)
- Applicants are not permitted to submit more than one application per grant period, and more than two applications in the whole Action’s life.
- Eligible STSM applicants must submit their STSM applications online at the following web address: [https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm](https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm).

**Evaluation Criteria:**

**Essential:**

- Relevance of the mission from a scientific point of view, with respect to the Action’s research focus and aims (the application is expected to create the opportunity for significant collaboration at a Host Institution and/or provide the applicant with access to documents, sources, works of art, etc, necessary to foster her/his research). Candidates are strongly encouraged to frame their projects specifically within the scope and goals of a particular Working Group, namely: (1) Things in Motion, (2) Ideas in Motion, (3) Paper in Motion, (4) People in Motion ([http://www.peopleinmotioncostaction.org/workgroups/](http://www.peopleinmotioncostaction.org/workgroups/)). The expected outcomes (in terms of publications) of the STSM mobility should also be discussed (up to 6 points).
- Applicant’s CV (up to 3 points).
Preferential:


- Early Career Investigators

In the overall selection of applicants, gender balance will be pursued. Applications will be evaluated by the PIMo Core Team.

Financial details:

- An STSM Grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the STSM application. STSM Grants do not necessarily cover all expenses relating to a given mission. An STSM Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee for a defined project.

- A maximum of EUR 1,200 in total can be disbursed to each successful applicant. In the event of a high number of applications, the STMS Committee may propose a cap on the maximum allowances in order to provide more grants.

- All grants will be paid within the deadline of 45 days after the completion of the STSM.

Deadline (1st round):

- Applications should be submitted online via the COST platform (https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm) by 15 February 2022 (successful applicants will be advised before 30 March, 2022).

Enquiries:

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