

GDHR Network (CA19143) Call for Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications

Second Call Number 3 for Grant Period III

3rd Call for STSM Applications for Missions occurring between 2 May 2023 until 31st October 2023 (Third Grant period).

All STSM activities must occur in their entirety until the date specified above.

PURPOSE OF A SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION (STSM)

Short-Term Scientific Mission consists in a visit of a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation (for Affiliation, see Article 4)1.1.a.1)) by a Researcher or Innovator for the specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time.

Short-Term Scientific Missions **benefit to:**

- **STSM Grantee** receives funding for implementing a project with an international team and gains new knowledge or access to equipment or techniques not available in the home institution.
- **STSM Host** receives an international partner in their institution and can develop long lasting collaboration.

Providing a contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, implementation of the project, delivery of the report to the COST Action MC and overall effort. Based on budget availability, awarded STSMs in this second call will benefit of a grant contribution up to **3,000 EUR**, with the requested sum proportionate to the costs and length of the visit. The STSM Committee may decide to award a lower grant amount if deemed necessary.

DEADLINE:

Interested researchers can apply by following the instructions provided below and submitting their application and supporting documents to eCOST by the deadline of **2nd May 2023**.

HOW TO APPLY:

The application process in details is as follows:

1. All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in Annotated rules for Cost actions. This document is available here.

2. All applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> - adding their bank account details to their profile.

3. The applicant must complete and submit his/her STSM grant application online at e-Cost:

<https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/add>

To be filled in e-COST:

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

To be uploaded to e-COST:

- Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives including scientific dissemination plan
- Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant;
- Applicant's CV and recommendation letters

4. Receiving payment of the grant: Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation; STSMs grantees may request up to 50% pre-payment of the approved grant. Report to the Action MC on the main achievements of the STSM and planned future follow up activities.

CONTACTS:

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Chair of the Management Committee of the Action - Prof. Mart Susi -

EVALUATION

The applications will be assessed by the STSM Committee, which will perform the scientific and budgetary assessment of the applications against the perceived contribution that the proposed visit will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The evaluation committee is also taking into account the possible previous grants received during the Action in order to find a fair share of grants during the Action. Previously successful applicants can only receive funding if not enough high-quality submissions were received.

STSM Committee consists of the Action Vice Chair Vygante Milasiute and Grant Awarding Coordinator Jukka Viljanen. WG Leaders relevant to the STSM topic/plan may be consulted if needed. In case of Conflict of Interest (CoI) arises and specifically, if such CoI affects the STSM Committee, directly or indirectly, ad-hoc replacement with other members (selected from the MC) will be carried out.

Evaluation criteria:

Scientific quality of the proposal. The Evaluation Committee considers the scientific level of the project and how it is correlated to the aims of the GDHR Network Action.

The STSM should have results that contribute to the scientific objectives of GDHR Network. The selection of applicants is based on the scientific aims and scope of the STSM application which must clearly contribute to the overall objectives of GDHR Network (<https://gdhrnet.eu/overview/objectives/>). Especially concrete deliverables of the STSM to the Action like a scientific article, and a dissemination plan, are considered as a merit. Secondly the issue of methodology is also considered, this includes chosen approaches, methods, materials and research partners. Third key consideration is related to the feasibility of the proposal (e.g. project management, realistic workplan). Finally, the Committee will also make an evaluation of relevant costs and benefits of the STSM along with an assessment of risks and contribution to be expected.

Candidate ranking will be done by summing up the scores of the whole research proposal and its individual parts (see below) on a 0-3 scale (3 = outstanding, 2 = excellent, 1 = average, 0 = insufficient).

WHAT IS REQUIRED AFTER COMPLETING THE STMS:

Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the required reports and relevant documentation in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the Grant;

Claims the payment of the grant via e-COST;

The required report/documentation for claiming the grant of a STSM is: Report to the Action MC on the main achievements of the STSM and planned future follow up activities

Expected date of notification of application outcome:

Up to two weeks from receiving the application and deadline of this call.