

## CA21145 EURESTOP – LAST-MINUTE STSMs call in Grant Period 1 (GP1)

IMPORTANT NOTE: GP1 ends in 31/10/2023

### CALL

We are proud to launch a call for last-minute Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs). In EURESTOP, STSMs represent an important tool to achieve MoU objectives as described below:

- *Capacity building* – Increase and disseminate the know-how on DR bacteria from a multidisciplinary and translational perspective, and use this knowledge in training young scientists including Ph.D. students, ECIs, and established researchers via Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs).
- *Capacity building* – Enhance the individual capacity of institutions participating in the Action by promoting and facilitating the implementation of high-quality research activities through STSMs.
- *Capacity building* – Stimulate the exchange of expertise, materials, and data among Action's members through STSMs, training schools, and joint Action activities, such as compound screening or genomic/proteomic/glycomic analyses.
- *Research coordination* – Integrate diverse expertise and research interests such as genetics, chemistry, molecular, cell, computational and structural biology, immunology, physics, bioinformatics, and medicine into a common pipeline that meets the needs of diagnosis and therapy.

### Deadline and budget

The **deadline for application is on August 22nd, 2023**. After the deadline, the Grant Awarding Coordinator with the support of the Core Group will release a list of selected candidates that will be requested to finalize their application in eCOST, mandatorily no later than 1 week from the notification date.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Total budget for STSMs in GP1: **3900 €**

Number of STSMs: **3** (average 1.300,00 €/STSM)

### Selection criteria

- Selection of applicants will be made according to the following criteria (in order of importance):
- First come, first service;
- host institution already involved in the Action;
- coherence with MoU objectives;
- YR&I;
- WG related to the STSM;
- ITCs;
- gender balance;
- budget availability.

### Application procedure

Applications shall be submitted before the deadline of August 22nd, 2023 **ONLY via email at [info@eurestop.eu](mailto:info@eurestop.eu)**, with the following information collected in a single PDF document.

→To apply for a STSM, please copy/paste the following list in a new Word document, fill in all the fields, and save into PDF.

- Name/Surname of the applicant:
- Date of application:
- Country of origin:
- YR&I (under40): YES/NO
- Gender:
- Career stage: title, and years after the degree
- Do you have a role in EURESTOP: YES/NO
  - if YES: describe your role (WG member, MC member)
  - if NO: write the name of your PI/Supervisor affiliated to EURESTOP
- WG relative to the topic of the proposed STSM:
- Name of the host institution and laboratory:
- Country of the host institution:
- Name of the PI at the host institution:
- Is the PI at the host institution already involved in EURESTOP? YES/NO
  - if YES, what is his/her role? WG member/MC member
- Do you already have a preliminary agreement with the hosting institution/PI? YES/NO
- Expected starting date of the STSM:
- Expected duration of the STSM\*:
- Topic of the STSM: *(please provide a short description of the main project that will be carried out – max 300 words)*
- Are you (or your PI) already involved in a collaboration with the hosting institution or hosting PI? YES/NO
  - If YES, is the proposed STSM placed within the framework of the existing collaboration?
- Motivation for the STSM: *(max 200 words)*
- Techniques to be used and skills to be developed: *(max 100 words)*
- Benefit for EURESTOP: *(max 200 words)*
- Expected outcomes from *a)* career development, and *b)* scientific development standpoints: *(max 300 words)*

\* STSMs approved in GP1 must be completed by October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Useful Information

Before to apply, please carefully read the COST Annotated Rules (available at <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/12/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.3.pdf>) with respect to STSMs, including definitions, obligations, and timeline for reimbursement.

For your convenience, a non-exhaustive summary of the most important rules for STSMs are reported here below. Please refer to the COST Annotated Rules above for any official documentation.

### Definition

Short-Term Scientific Mission consists in a visit to a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation by a researcher or innovator for 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.

Short-Term Scientific Missions:

- Support capacity building and transfer of knowledge through bilateral/multilateral collaborations;
- Support specific/general topic that can help achieving the Action MoU objectives and deliverables (research coordination);
- Are very flexible and inclusive networking activities crucial to establish new collaborations or reinforce existing collaborations across disciplines and different sectors (e.g., academia and industry/SMEs) with possible impact on career development;
- Outcomes (e.g. spin-off publications and (funded) projects) contribute to the visibility and impact of the COST Actions, encouraging other researchers to join.

### Application in eCOST (ONLY for selected applicants, see above)

*To be filled in e-COST:*

- Title
- Start and end date (within the active Grant Period, i.e. no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods)
- 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;
- Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant;
- Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)

Upon approval of the application, the Grantee receives a Grant Letter from the Grant Holder stating the approved amount and the conditions for receiving the grant.

### Implementation of the Activity

The STSM grantee performs the tasks in line with the approved application

### Reporting and claim for payment of the grant

The required report/documentation for claiming a STSM Grant is:

Report to the Action MC on the work developed, main achievements of the STSM and planned future follow up activities.

### **Receiving payment of the grant**

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder Institution after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation.

### **Duration & grant amount**

The minimum duration of STSM is 5 days, while there is no maximum duration. All STSMs must be completed within a GP (e.g., before October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

The maximum amount is up to EUR 4 000,00 per grant.