



## CA21145 EURESTOP – First STSMs call in Grant Period 2 (GP2)

IMPORTANT NOTE: GP2 ends in 31/10/2024

**This call is formally a collection of applications, which will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria defined below. Selected applicants will be invited to submit their applications online through eCOST. So, please DO NOT apply in eCOST but simply follow the instructions given below.**

### CALL

We are proud to launch a call for 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 January 31st 2024**. 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 finalise their application in eCOST, mandatorily no later than 1 week from the notification date.

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

STSMs approved in GP2 must be preferably completed by June 15th, 2024. STSMs shall initiate not earlier than February 2024

Total budget for STSMs in this call: **8000 €**

Number of STSMs: **6** (average 1.333,00 €/STSM)

The grant amount can be modulated only if the selected applicants request an amount lower than 1.333,00 €. Additional STSMs can be granted based on budget availability.

## Selection criteria

Selection of applicants will be made according to the following criteria (in order of importance):

- First come, first service;
- Have not already benefited a STSM grant within EURESTOP
- host institution already involved in the Action;
- length of the STSM (priority to longer STSMs)
- 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 January 31st, 2024 **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
- Have you already applied for a STSM within EURESTOP? YES/NO
- Have you already benefited from a STSM grant within EURESTOP? YES/NO
- 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\*:
- Expected budget (if lower than 1333 €):
- 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)*

## REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE

Expenses can be reimbursed through the Grant Holder, which is the University of Siena (UNISI). In order for this to occur, you will need to be registered with UNISI, and to have an Italian fiscal code. For those who are not in possession of an Italian fiscal code, the University of Siena will take care of the application procedure. It is assured that the procedure does not involve the payment of any fee.

## NOTE

A second call will be published at the beginning of April 2024, with a deadline approximately at the end of April 2024 and STSMs to be started preferably in May/June. Call's budget: around 15000 €.

Before you apply, please carefully read the COST Annotated Rules (available at <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2023/11/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.4-Final-.pdf>) with respect to ITC Conference grants, including definitions, obligations, and the timeline for reimbursement.