

SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS

Short Term Scientific Missions (**STSMs**) are an instrument to foster scientific collaboration and exchanges between the institutes participating in the MPN&MPNr-EuroNet COST Action BM0902. Thanks to STSMs, a member can visit scientists from another institute of the MPN&MPNr-EuroNet project. STSMs target principally young scientists but senior scientists can also apply. We invite all MPN&MPNr-EuroNet members to apply for STSMs as indicated below.

BACKGROUND

STSMs can vary from one week to three months and up to six months for Early Stage Researchers (ESRs). Applicants must be engaged in a research programme in an institution from a COST country which must have accepted the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of the Action concerned. Both home and host institution should be in a COST country which has accepted the MoU and has participated in the COST Action. The average contribution for a mission is a fixed grant based on the applicant's budget request and the decision from the relevant assessment committee. It will normally not exceed EUR 2500 (EUR 3500 for ESRs).

HOW TO APPLY?

Send a STSM proposal in electronic form to the STSM Coordinators (Eric LIPPERT, Niels PALLISGAARD, Jiri SCHWARZ) using their email addresses (eric.lippert@u-bordeaux2.fr, jiri.schwarz@uhkt.cz, Niels.Pallisgaard@slb.regionsyddanmark.dk) with Mrs. Elodie Hervio (elodie.hervio@univ-nantes.fr) in copy. The coordinators will acknowledge the submission, assess the proposal with help from other Management Committee members if necessary, and provide an answer within two weeks.

INFORMATIONS TO BE PROVIDED IN A STSM APPLICATION

1. name and contact information of applicant
2. home institution
3. host institution
4. the MPN&MPNr-EuroNet working group the project fits in
5. duration (in weeks or working days)
6. project: text up to 2-3 pages describing the context, scientific objectives of the visit, and their feasibility. Justify the chosen duration. The applicant must explain how the work undertaken in the host institution will be taken forward on return to the home institution.
7. statement of motivation
8. budget requested: with some details for the travel cost, stay expenses.
9. your Curriculum Vitae (please use the Europass CV template, provided)
10. publication list
11. a support letter from the head of home institution
12. a support letter from the head of the host institution

AFTER THE STSM: HOW TO REPORT?

The applicant should provide

1. a scientific and financial report in the month after the visit, with the following information
 - Description of the main results obtained
 - Future collaboration with host institution (if applicable)
 - Projected publications/articles resulting or to result from the STSM
2. a short report one year after the visit describing

- how the home laboratory and trainee have benefited from the STSM,
- its long-term sustainable benefits,
- its impact in term of communications or publications.

STSM COORDINATORS AND CONTACTS

The coordinators of the short-term scientific missions are:

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Please also send the application, in copy to : Elodie HERVIO : elodie.hervio@univ-nantes.fr

The tasks of the STM coordinators are to :

- launch STSM calls
- collect STSM applications
- evaluate applications
- report the results of STSM activities to the management committee