

Short Term Scientific Missions, Overview 2013-2014 first call

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Purpose

- To increase the mobility of researchers in Europe
- To make use of specialised knowledge or equipment at other institutions
- To increase cooperation between institutions and countries

What?

- Funding will be provided for travel costs and subsistence up to €2500
- No research funding

Who?

- Open for anybody, who has a project that will augment the aim of this COST action
- Not only for PhD students or Early Stage Researchers, but they have preference
- Coming from a member state of COST FP1301 which has signed the MoU

When

- Open call, whole year round
- First come, first served
- Open from December until the beginning of November
- STSM's must be completed before end of November, including report and payment

Status November 2014 first call

- 15 applications received
- 1 application refused
- 1 application withdrawn
- 2 STSM's cancelled due to illness
- 1 problem (solved)

How are we doing 1?

- Early stage researchers: 64% ✓ ✓
- Male 54,5 % ✓
- Female 45,5 % ✓
- Budget spent: 80% ✓

How are we doing 2?

- Number of guest countries: 8
- Number of host countries: 4

Italy very popular as host country: 6

How are we doing 3?

Work group relations:

STSM's

- WG1 terminology 1
- WG2 silviculture 3
- WG3 utilization 4
- WG4 conservation 2
- WG5 ownership 1

How much did we spend?

- Available budget €26.600
- Spent budget €21.500 (80 %)
- Underspend: €5.100
- Average STSM cost: €1.950
- Next years budget ???

Application procedure

- Fill in the online form on the COST homepage
- Send in the required documentation to the STSM coordinator (budget, workplan, CV, letter of invitation, letter of motivation, any supporting documents)

Evaluation of application

- Evaluation by the STSM coordinators
- Approval by Steering Committee
- Grant letter from Grant Holder

After STSM completion

- Hand in report on the STSM to the coordinator within 2 weeks of completion of the STSM
- Report to be approved by the STSM coordinator
- Report to be signed by the host
- Report will be published on homepage in full

Payment

- After the STSM is completed and the report has been submitted and approved, the grant holder will be informed and the payment procedure started
- No advance payments
- Delay in payment after completion possible

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- As MC members please advise all and anyone with an interest in coppice in your country of the possibilities to apply for an STSM within this COST Action
- Also inform all institutions about the possibility of being host to an STSM

Apply soon

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