



Cost Action FP1301 - EuroCoppice

1st Call for STSM

Short Term Scientific Missions

Are you interested in silviculture or harvesting of traditional or short rotation coppice?

Do you want to learn more about other research institutes, countries or cultures?

Are you ready to extend your professional network?

If your answers to the above questions are positive, then a Short Term Scientific Mission is right for you! Choose from 27 European Countries, and until June 2014 also from New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina (*to be confirmed*) for a unique chance to learn something new, study a novel method or apply your knowledge in a different working environment.

All this is possible through:

Cost action FP1301

“Innovative management and multifunctional utilization of traditional coppice forests - an answer to future ecological, economic and social challenges in the European forestry sector (EuroCoppice)”

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The aim of a STSM as defined by [COST guidelines](#) is to contribute to the scientific objectives of a COST Action. These Missions aim at strengthening the COST Actions by allowing scientists to go to an institution or laboratory in another country to foster collaboration, to learn new techniques or to take measurements using instruments and/or methods not available in their own institution/laboratory. They are particularly intended for young scientists.

All you need to know

The applicant:

The applicant should normally be engaged in a programme of research as a post graduate student or postdoctoral fellow or be employed in an institution of a COST Country having accepted the MoU of this action.

Duration:

Minimum one week (five working days) – Maximum 3 months.

For early stage researchers (less than PhD + 8 years), the management committee may approve an extension to a duration beyond 3 months, but normally not more than 6 months in total.

The STSMs must take place between November, 2013 and November, 2014

Participating Countries:

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, FYR of Macedonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, as well as South Africa, New Zealand and Argentina.

More information about participating countries and institutions can be found at http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/fps/Actions/FP1301 (or <http://www.eurocoppice.uni-freiburg.de> *running soon*)





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Financial support:

The financial support is a contribution to the cost of an STSM and may not necessarily cover all the costs in each case. The grant should normally cover travel and subsistence.

A STSM grant is a fixed contribution based on the budget requested by the applicant and the evaluation of the application. An amount of €60 to €90 for the daily allowance in particular for longer stays and €300 for travel is recommended but not obligatory.

The total of an STSM shall normally not exceed €2 500 (€3 500 for Early Stage Researchers, for a duration of more than 91 days and travel to New Zealand or Argentina).

Any exception needs special justification and prior approval from the COST Office.

In any case the cost associated with the STSM must not exceed the limits set in the rules for reimbursement by COST of expenses eligible for reimbursement.

You can download the [STSM guidelines](http://www.cost.eu/download/COST_Vademecum_Part_1) and procedures from the following link: http://www.cost.eu/download/COST_Vademecum_Part_1

The financial support will be paid after the completion of the STSM and after a report on the STSM has been approved by the STSM coordinator and vice coordinator. Also it is mandatory to supply an abstract of the report for publication on the Action's homepage. The report must be approved by the host institute.





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Application procedure:

How to submit an STSM Application:

The applicant must use the on-line registration tool to register their request for an STSM (Please follow this link to [apply for a Short-term scientific mission](https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm) - <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>).

After on-line registration the following information must be send to the STSM coordinator of this COST Action:

- a copy of the on-line registration
- a short CV of the applicant
- a workplan for the STSM
- a time plan for the STSM, with duration and start and finish date
- a detailed budget request for the STSM
- a letter of invitation from the host institution
- bank details where the reimbursement has to be sent to, complete with IBAN and SWIFT codes

For more information, please contact the STSM coordinator of this COST Action or his substitute:

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