

TD1402 RADIOMAG

Call № 8 for

Short Term Scientific Mission Applications

8th Call for STSM Applications for Missions occurring between 1st of October 2017 and 30 of April 2018.

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are exchange visits aimed at supporting individual mobility, strengthening existing networks and fostering collaboration between researchers. A STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action, whilst at the same time allowing those partaking in the missions to learn new techniques, gain access to specific data, instruments and / or methods not available in their own institutions / organisations. Participation of “Early Career Investigator” (ECI) in STSM is particularly encouraged. An applicant can be considered as being an “Early Career Investigator” when a researcher whose career spanned less than 8 years between the date of the PhD/doctorate (or similar experience) and the date of involvement in the COST Action TD 1402. Periods of career leave have to be added to this time span.

STSM must respect the following criteria:

1. They must have a minimum duration of 5 days.
2. They must have a maximum duration of 90 days.
3. STSM need to be carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period and always within the Action's lifetime.

Specific additional provisions have been enacted by the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to encourage the participation of Early Career Investigators (ECI) in STSM.

To qualify for these specific provisions, the following conditions apply:

1. The mission must have a minimum duration of 91 days.
2. The mission must have a maximum duration of 180 days.
3. STSM performed by ECI need to be carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period and always within the Action's lifetime.

An STSM grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the STSM application. STSM Grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to undertaking a given mission. A STSM Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee.

For this call, the Management Committee of COST Action TD1402 RADIOMAG has allocated a total budget of EUR 18,700. **An average cost of EUR 1,870 per each STSM is expected for this Call.** The amounts granted for each individual STSM will be determined during the evaluation process by the nominally appointed person (s). The selection of applicants is based on the scientific scope of the STSM application which must clearly complement the overall objectives of the Action. Applicants from COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) are particularly encouraged to submit a proposal.

How to apply for an STSM

Interested Researchers are advised to follow the directions provided below and submit their application and supporting documents to **Dr. Beata Kalska-Szostko**, kalskaszo@gmail.com by the deadline of the **15 of September 2017, 23:59 h GMT**.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in section 7 of the *COST Vademecum*. This document is available at: <http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines>.
2. All applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> - adding their bank account details to their profile.
3. All applicants must obtain a letter of invitation from the Host institution confirming that they can undertake the STSM on the given dates prior to submitting an application.
4. All applicants must complete, submit and download their STSM application online at: <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>.
5. **All applicants must send their submitted STSM application form and the relevant supporting documents to Dr. Beata Kalska-Szostko, kalskaszo@gmail.com for evaluation before the application submission deadline expires.**

The list of supporting documents to be submitted for the evaluation are:

- Letter (e.g. e-mail) of invitation to the applicant from a senior Researcher affiliated to the Host institution.
 - The submitted STSM application form (downloadable when the online application is submitted - see point 4 above).
 - A motivation letter (cf. form attached) including an overview of the proposed activities that will be performed which must contain a plan of work for the visit highlighting the proposed contribution to the scientific objectives of the respective COST Action.
 - A letter of support (e.g. e-mail) from the Home Institution.
 - A Full C.V. (including a list of academic publications – if applicable).
6. The application will then be assessed by the formally delegated person **Dr. Beata Kalska-Szostko** against the perceived contribution that the proposed visit will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
 7. The applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their STSM application by **Dr. Beata Kalska-Szostko**.
 8. **Within 30 days from the end date of the STSM, the successful applicant must submit a scientific report to the Host institution and to the Dr. Beata Kalska-Szostko. The applicant is also responsible for acquiring an official acceptance letter / Email confirmation of acceptance from a senior Researcher affiliated to the Host institution formally accepting the scientific report.** This formal acceptance of the scientific report has to be sent to the Grant Holder **Dr. Simo Spassov** (simo@meteo.be) and the STSM manager **Dr. Beata Kalska-Szostko** for archiving purposes.

Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days from the end date of the STSM will effectively cancel the grant.

Please note that COST can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by STSM applicants.

Deadline for applications to be submitted: [15 / 09 / 2017]

Notification of application outcome: [30 / 09 / 2017]

Period of STSM: between [01 / 10 / 2017] and [30 / 04 / 2018]

