Call for Short Term Scientific Missions Applications CA22101 – Cultural Expertise Junior Network (K-Peritia)

Important Dates

1. Starting date for submission of applications: **as soon as possible after the approval by the Management Committee of the Action**

2. Outcome notification date: **as soon as possible after the approval by the Management Committee of the Action**

3. **There are no dedicated calls for STSM applications, and all the applications are considered individually on a rolling basis. If the total budget is spent before the end of the Grant Period (October 31 each year), the STSM will need to be postponed to the following Grant Period**

1. Overview

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are institutional visits by researchers or scholars aimed at fostering cooperation and collaboration (you may find more details in the COST Annotated Rules). These visits should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of this COST Action CA22101 - Cultural Expertise Junior Network (K-Peritia; hence 'Action'), which are outlined in detail in the Memorandum of Understanding of the Action.

2. Financial Support & Duration

The financial support on offer is a contribution to the overall expenses incurred during the STSM and may not necessarily cover all the associated costs. Financial support is limited to cover travel, accommodation and meal expenses and is paid in the form of a Grant, in the amounts and for the duration outlined below:

a. STSM must last from a **minimum of 5 days to a maximum of 90 days**;

b. The Amount of funding may vary depending on availability at the time of receiving the application

Please note that the awarded grant will be paid only after the STSM has been completed (the procedure for the conclusion of STSM is outlined in chapter 5 of the Action's STSM Guidelines).

The amounts granted for each individual STSM will be determined during the evaluation process.

3. Application procedure

Before you apply, please read carefully the Action's STSM Guidelines, which also include the Conditions applicable, **and Cost Annotated Rules in their** entirety.

In order to submit an application for an STSM, please follow the following steps before the expiration of the application deadline:

1. Register for an e-COST profile at https://e-services.cost.eu/, adding your bank account details to your profile (if a returning applicant or already in possession of a COST profile, move to step 2).

2. Check the Grant Award User guide at https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2025/01/COST-Grant-Awarding-user-guide.pdf

3. Complete the application form at the STSM application section of your e-COST profile on https://e-services.cost.eu/, uploading the following supporting documentation:

   a. Letter of support from the Home Institution;

   b. Letter of invitation to the applicant from the Host institution under the supervision of a senior researcher affiliated to that institution;

   c. A full CV, including a list of academic publications if applicable, of no more than 3 pages (font: 12 pt. Times New Roman, page borders: 1.2 inches).

   d. The filled application form https://www.cost.eu/STSM_GrantApplication

   Please note that in the section of the online application titled "Motivation and Workplan Summary," the text to be entered should be the same as the motivation letter sent to the Action's STSM Coordinator [below 4(c)].

4. Submit and download your application;

5. Send the following documentation in .pdf form via email to the STSM Coordinator of the Action, Dr. Venetia Argyropoulou at venetaki@hotmail.com:

   a. The submitted COST online application;

   b. All supporting documentation submitted in the online COST application (above; attached as separate documents in the email);

c. A motivation letter (max. 2.000 words), including the following sections:

- Aims and objectives, description, expected results, and dissemination of the work/activities to be performed;
- Justification for the choice of the Host Institution;
- Diagram or table (e.g. Gantt chart) of duties to be performed (work plan);
- Contribution towards the scientific objections of the Action and benefits to the applicant;

You will be notified of the outcome by the Action's STSM Coordinator as soon as possible after receiving the application.
