

# Multi3Generation

## Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)

### Eligibility

In Section 8.1 of the COST Vademecum there is information on who can be applicants and who can be host institutions for STSMs. Please refer to it for eligibility criteria, and also please make sure you refer to the most recent version of the Vademecum available (as of the time of writing this document, it is [the Vademecum published in May, 2020](#)).

### Deadlines

The current Grant Period started in April, 2020 and will end on 30 April, 2021. Due to the COVID pandemic, we have not yet opened any STSMs calls in the current Grant Period. We are now implementing a rolling deadline for STSM submissions starting immediately. We will have a monthly call for proposals ending on the last day of each month starting from August 2020, and the last call for proposals for a given Grant Period (GP) is 3 months before its end.

In the last 3 months of a given GP and in case there are still funds available for STSMs, the Action's Management Committee (MC) might decide to grant other STSMs in an ad-hoc manner. One important detail is that all STSM proposals submitted within a given GP must be completed within the same GP.

One very important point is that **applicants and hosts must make sure they follow national regulations and recommendations regarding the COVID pandemic, travelling, social distancing, and other requirements.**

### Submission

The core STSM proposal document should include: aim & motivation, expected outcomes, contribution to the Action's scientific objectives, techniques (if applicable), planning/timetable including begin and end dates, estimated budget requested in Euros (according to the STSM grant rules in the COST Vademecum), and information about the host institution (name, address, and person).

The STSM proposal must be written and its submission must be done in both cases by the applicant, i.e. the potential visitor, and in agreement with the potential host. Importantly, the host must provide written agreement that she/he will host the STSM applicant to perform the activities detailed in the submitted proposal within the agreed dates. A suggested pipeline for the submission is: the applicant writes the proposal and sends it to the host; the host sends the

applicant an email formally agreeing to the proposal, which can then be included by the applicant as part of the submitted STSM document.

## **Evaluation criteria**

Submitted STSM proposals will be evaluated by the 15th day of the next month. The MC will review the proposal and evaluate its scientific merit and how aligned it is to the Action's objectives. We also propose a fairness policy regarding the distribution of STSM grants. Participants may ordinarily receive one STSM grant per GP only, and we will try to make sure that Early Career Investigators (ECI) and Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) are well represented in STSM grants. In case there are funds left at the end of a GP, the MC might consider to grant additional STSMs, and exceptionally to participants who have already been granted an STSM in that GP.

## **Reporting**

After an STSM is finished, a scientific report summarising the main results of the STSM must be written by the applicant and approved by the host. This is mandatory and must be done as soon as the STSM is finished.

## **Other Information**

Other information can be found in the COST Vademecum, Section 8.