



## Call for Applications

### RECAST Short-Term Scientific Missions

Grant Period 4 (1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021)

#### *General Presentation*

COST Action 16211 *Reappraising Intellectual Debates on Civic Rights and Democracy in Europe* (RECAST) operates through a series of Networking Tools (<https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/110332/networking-tools>), being the Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM) one of its mobility resources.

For Grant Period 4, running from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2021, the Management Committee has agreed to allocate initially 9 000 euros to be distributed in three grants of up to 3 000 euros each. This budget may rise thanks to the reallocation of unspent funds from other networking tools.

#### *Aims of the STSM*

They complement other forms of cooperation within the COST Action by supporting international mobility of Action members. They are “institutional visits aimed at supporting individual mobility, fostering collaboration between individuals.” (COST *Vademecum*, May 2020 edition, section 8)

#### *Eligibility Rules*

“STSM applicants must be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing research. The institutions / organisation or legal entity where applicants pursue their main strand of research are considered as Home Institutions. The Host Institution is the institution / organisation that will host the successful applicant.” (section 8.1)

The following table shows the scenarios available to eligible STSM applicants:

<b>Applicant's Home Institution</b>	<b>STSM Host Institution</b>
<b>Located in a Participating COST Full Member / COST Cooperating Member</b>	Located in another Participating COST Full Member / COST Cooperating Member
	Located in a Participating COST Partner Member
	An Approved IPC Institution
	An Approved NNC Institution
	The EU Commission or a EU Body, Office or Agency
	An Approved European RTD Organisation
	An Approved International Organisation
<b>Located in an Approved NNC Institution</b>	Located in a Participating COST Full Member / COST Cooperating Member
<b>Located in an Approved European RTD Organisation</b>	Located in a Participating COST Full Member / COST Cooperating Member



### *Duration of the STSM*

STSMs “shall have a minimum duration of 5 calendar days that includes travel.” STSMs “need to be carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period and always within the Action’s lifetime.” (section 8.3)

### *Evaluation Criteria*

“The selection of successful STSM applicants must be done so in consideration of the scientific scope of the proposed mission and how the mission can support the Action in achieving its scientific objectives. There should be special considerations made by the Action MC with respect to supporting COST policies on promoting gender balance, enabling Early Career Investigators (ECI), broadening geographical inclusiveness.” (section 8.2)

### *Submission of Proposals*

Eligible STSM applicants must submit their applications online at the following web address: <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>

Applications should provide the following information:

- Description of the STSM: aims, prospective timetable (maximum 3000 words)
- Budget request
- Justification of its affinity with the Action’s scientific objectives and aims of the call
- Letter of support from the applicant’s home institution
- Letter of acceptance by the Host Institution
- Candidate’s curriculum and contact details

### *Selection Procedure*

The Selection Committee (<https://www.uma.es/costactionrecast/info/112927/stsm-selection-committee>) will assess the applications. Decisions will be notified to the applicants by the Chair of the Selection Committee, then published on the Action website.

Based on the evaluation criteria, the applications positively evaluated will be ranked. After allocating the grants to the first successful applicants, should further funds be available throughout the grant period, they will be assigned to successful applicants from a waiting list.

### *Realization of the STSM*

The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the COST Action are not STSM grantees’ employers. Grantees shall make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security and pension matters. (section 8.3)

Acceptance of the STSM grants entails the compliance with COST Rules. Grants are disbursed after completion of the visit. However, “Specific provisions have been introduced



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to enable researchers from ITC participating in the COST Action to request a pre-payment of 50% of their STSM Grant when they complete the first day of their STSM. In such case, the representative of the Host Institution must confirm by e-mail to the Grant Holder that the STSM applicant has officially started the mission on day 1. Only then the Grant Holder can arrange the payment of 50% of the STSM grant. The remaining 50% of the Grant is payable once the administrative requirements have been satisfied after the STSM.” (section 8.4)

### *Further Information*

COST *Vademecum*, section 8, available at

<https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Vademecum-V8-1-May-2020.pdf>

For queries on applications, please contact the Chair of the Selection Committee, Dr. Petr Krčál: pkrchal at kap.zcu.cz

