

# NETWORKING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED THROUGH A GRANT AWARDING PROCESS

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Mobility of  
researchers and  
innovators

Presentations at  
the Conferences  
organised by the  
third party

Short-term  
Scientific  
missions

Inclusiveness  
Target Countries  
Conference

Virtual Mobility

Dissemination  
Conference

# Short-term Scientific Mission (STSM)

- Short-Term Scientific Mission:
  - a **visit of a host organization** located in a different country than the country of affiliation
  - **by a Researcher or Innovator**
  - for **the specific work** to be carried out and
  - **for a determined period of time**
- STSM Grantee:
  - receives **funding for implementing** a project with an international team and
  - gains **new knowledge** or access to **equipment or techniques** not available in the home institution;
- STSM Host:
  - receives an international partner in their institution and can develop long lasting collaboration.

# Virtual Mobility

- Consist of **collaboration in virtual settings** among reserchers and inovators within the COST action to **exchange knowledge**, learn new technicques...
- Examples of activities under Virtual mobility grant:
  - Virtual mentoring scheme – capacity building
  - Setting up survey, creating the discusion, preparing the questionnaires and response scheme, all among the Action members – harmonization and standardization
  - To support the implementation of research coordination, which do not require in- person presence.

## Application in the e-COST system:

To fill in e-COST:

- Title
- Start and end date (within the active Grant Period)
- Budget requested by the applicant;
- Information about the host institution and contact person (STSM)

To be uploaded to e-COST:

- Application form (template available on e-COST) describing the activity.
- Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant (STSM);
- Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)

## **STSM Grant** - up to EUR 4 000,00 per grant

- for travelling,
- accommodation and subsistence expenses,
- implementation of the project,
- delivery of the report to the COST Action MC and
- overall effort

## **Virtual Mobility Grant** –up to EUR 1 500,00 per grant:

- for overall effort, not necessarily covered by an employer or by a Grant Holder institution

# ITC Conference / Dissemination Conference

- Presentation of the own work by **the young researchers and innovators** coming from **Inclusiveness target Country/ Near Neighbour Country** in conference - ITC Conference
- Presentation of **the work of the Action** in the conference by an Action participant - Dissemination Conference
- Young Researcher and Innovator = a researcher or innovator under the age of 40

- ITC/NNC:

COST Inclusiveness Target Countries are as follows:

Full Members that are EU Member States	EU Member States Outermost Regions	Full Members that are not EU Member States
Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia	French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion Island and Saint-Martin (France), Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain)	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey.

**COST Near Neighbour Countries:**

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo<sup>2</sup>, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine<sup>3</sup>, [Russia]<sup>4</sup>, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine.

## Application in the e-COST system:

To fill in e-COST:

- Title
- Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period) and country
- Budget requested by the applicant;
- • Attendance Type (face to face or virtual)

To be uploaded to e-COST:

- Application form (template available on e-COST) describing:
  - Relevance of the conference topic to the Action, motivation and the potential for impact on the applicant's career;
  - Alignment with the Action Science Communication plan and Expected impact to the COST Action.
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers;

## **ITC/Dissemination Conference Grant - up to EUR 2 000,00 for face-to-face conferences or EUR 500 for virtual conferences**

- for travelling,
- accommodation and subsistence expenses,
- registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort.

# Dissemination and Communication Products - Eligible expenses

**Scientific publication in Open Access** (Proof of delivery: Accepted publication in pdf format (or link or DOI), expenses which can be covered:

- Open Access fee for scientific publications
- Proof reading, editing, translation and layout expenses

Specific conditions:

- Be the result of the work of the Action.
- Be authored by Action participants from at least 3 different COST Members

All the actions should acknowledge the main objectives of  
European Burden of disease Network COST Action.

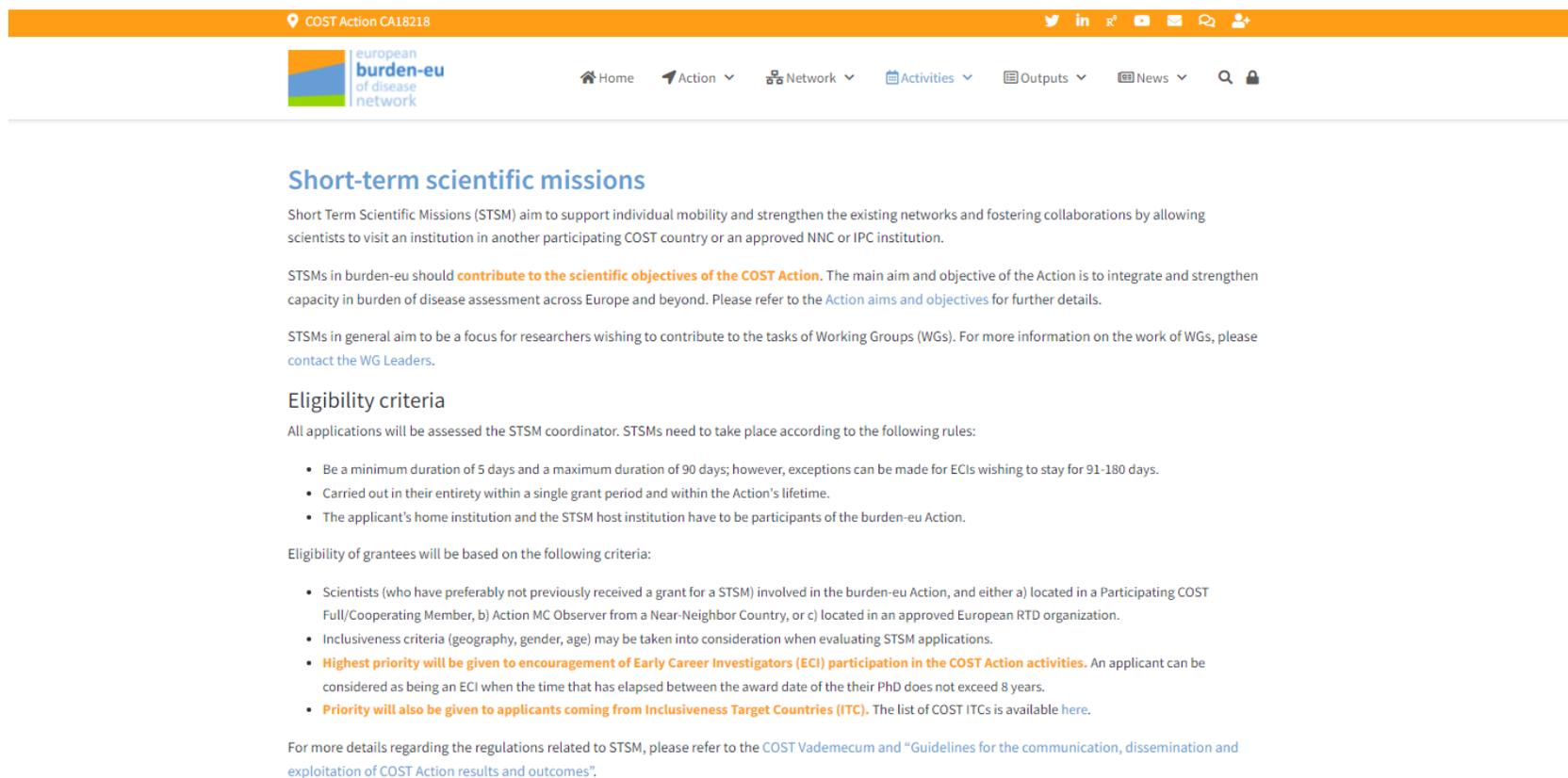
## Brief statistic

Grant	N	Title
<b>STSM</b>	1	Estimating burden of diabetes in Malta
<b>ITC</b>	2	16th World Congress on public health
<b>Virtual mobility</b>	6	The implementation of a framework on BoD evidence use in practice
		Comparison of methods for YLL calculations
		Scientific communication activities of the EBoDNetwork
		Burden of COVID-19 Working Group
		Infectious disease burden activities across Europe: systematic literature review of data sources and methodological choices
		A systematic literature review of studies estimating the burden attributable to risk factors in Europe

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### Short-term scientific missions

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) aim to support individual mobility and strengthen the existing networks and fostering collaborations by allowing scientists to visit an institution in another participating COST country or an approved NNC or IPC institution.

STSMs in burden-eu should **contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action**. The main aim and objective of the Action is to integrate and strengthen capacity in burden of disease assessment across Europe and beyond. Please refer to the [Action aims and objectives](#) for further details.

STSMs in general aim to be a focus for researchers wishing to contribute to the tasks of Working Groups (WGs). For more information on the work of WGs, please [contact the WG Leaders](#).

### Eligibility criteria

All applications will be assessed the STSM coordinator. STSMs need to take place according to the following rules:

- Be a minimum duration of 5 days and a maximum duration of 90 days; however, exceptions can be made for ECIs wishing to stay for 91-180 days.
- Carried out in their entirety within a single grant period and within the Action's lifetime.
- The applicant's home institution and the STSM host institution have to be participants of the burden-eu Action.

Eligibility of grantees will be based on the following criteria:

- Scientists (who have preferably not previously received a grant for a STSM) involved in the burden-eu Action, and either a) located in a Participating COST Full/Cooperating Member, b) Action MC Observer from a Near-Neighbor Country, or c) located in an approved European RTD organization.
- Inclusiveness criteria (geography, gender, age) may be taken into consideration when evaluating STSM applications.
- **Highest priority will be given to encouragement of Early Career Investigators (ECI) participation in the COST Action activities.** An applicant can be considered as being an ECI when the time that has elapsed between the award date of their PhD does not exceed 8 years.
- **Priority will also be given to applicants coming from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC).** The list of COST ITCs is available [here](#).

For more details regarding the regulations related to STSM, please refer to the [COST Vademecum](#) and "Guidelines for the communication, dissemination and exploitation of COST Action results and outcomes".