CA15137
European Network for Research Evaluation in the Social Sciences and the Humanities (ENRESSH)

Call Number 3_2
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implementation from 15th October 2018 to 31st January 2019

What is the purpose of an STSM?

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are aimed at strengthening existing networks and fostering collaborations by facilitating Researchers participating in a given COST Action to visit an institution or laboratory **in another <u>Participating COST Country</u> / an <u>approved NNC institution</u> or an <u>approved IPC institution</u>**. A STSM should specifically contribute to the overall scientific objectives of the COST Action*, whilst at the same time enable eligible researchers to learn new techniques or gain access to specific expertise, instruments and/or methods not available in their own institutions.

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The challenge of the Action is to enable the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) to better demonstrate their true place in academia and society. To do so, the Action proposes to bring together different strands of work consecrated to SSH research evaluation, currently under development in different parts of Europe, in order to gain momentum, to exchange best practices and results, and to avoid unnecessary duplication.

A call for 5 topics has been opened:
T1.1 Research on evaluation and career of SSH researchers (WG1);
T1.2 Peer Review as an Evaluation Process in the Social Sciences and Humanities (WG1);
T2 Delineating the field of SSH impact: lessons from an expert survey (WG2);
T3.1 Metadata standards in the frame of the ENRESSH-VIRTA information service (WG3);
T3.2 Coverage of SSH publications in major international indexes (WG3).

Topic WG2: Identify the structural barriers that Impact Evaluation creates for Early Career Investigators

Host institution: The University of Porto, School of Criminology – Faculty of Law of (Portugal)

Description of the topic:

The creation of societal impact from research activities is an increasingly important component of what is considered to be good science, and increasing emphasis is being placed in scientific training upon encouraging early career investigators to be more positively oriented towards impact generation. But at the same time ECIs are subject to a wide range of pressures that may serve to undermine the value of impact to them as they develop their careers. This may come through a focus on very limited kinds of impacts such as creation of spin-off companies or patents, institutional or systemic progression mechanisms in which impact is invisible with reference to teaching and research, or simply the absence of time to create meaningful impacts. Better equipping ECIs to create impact requires as much addressing these structural pressures as in fine-tuning impact evaluations, and this STSM will participate in a pilot study seeking to identify the top level dimensions of contextual issues for ECIs seeking to create impact generation.

Objectives: This STSM aims to advance the understanding of the contextual conditions of SSH societal impact creation (Task 1 of WG2) as well as to the work of the focus groups within the ENRESSH Special Interest Group for Early Career Investigators (SIG ECI). WG2 and SIG ECI collectively seek to mobilise a debate on the structural conditions of ECIs in SSH and the creation of societal impact, and this STSM is a first step towards identifying the structural barriers that ECIs face in creating societal impact. This STSM builds on discussions emerging in the Training School in Zagreb (February 2018) as well as antecedent work within the focus groups. In practical terms, the STSM will analyse a pilot questionnaire completed by a sample of ECIs in Autumn 2018 and produce as its final output a categorisation of the levels and sectors within which the key barriers emerge for impact generation by ECIs.

Special criteria for this STSM: the applicant has knowledge of the theories, practices and policies for the stimulation of societal impact from SSH research activities. The applicant must also have knowledge of academic careers and science systems or be willing to learn that skill

Results: The proposed STSM will provide an empirical analysis to deepen the initial findings on impacts and career development emerging the focus groups within SIG ECI. This will result in co-authored publications between host, STSM candidate, as well as the WG2 leadership team Paul Benneworth, Reetta Muhonen and Julia Olmos-Peñuela (who will be involved in distance supervision).

Practical details:
Working group: WG2 (Societal Impact of SSH Research)
Duration and timing: between 2 weeks and 2 months, Jan-Feb 2019
Location: School of Criminology, University of Porto, Portugal.
Contact: Rita Faria Rfaria@direito.up.pt

Topic WG3: Productivity and a structure of outputs in various SSH disciplines (WP3)

Host institution: Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

Topic: This STSM will confront productivity and a structure of outputs in various SSH disciplines. The focus of the STSM will lie in a cross-country comparison of the SSH publication patterns, especially in terms of publication languages and types (e.g., the share of monographs

and non-English publications). The task will encompass the comparative analysis of the SSH output of the grantee's country database as well as the Polish Scholarly Bibliography.

Objectives:
- To Confront productivity and structure of outputs in various SSH disciplines, using data from existing national information systems or other databases and repositories (identify dissemination profiles, clusters and hybrids);
- To analyse characteristics of divers dissemination channels used in the SSH.
Results: One or more publications as well as establishment of new collaboration(s) (or development of the existing ones) between the Adam Mickiewicz University and the applicant's organisation.

Special criteria for this STSM: The applicant has access to (or can get access to) and is familiar with the data infrastructure in their own country or region.

Practical details:
Working group: WG3 (databases and uses of data for understanding SSH research)
Duration: between two weeks and two months, preferably two weeks,
Location: Scholarly Communication Research Group – Faculty of Social Sciences, Szamarzewskiego 89c 60-568 Poznań, POLAND
Contact: Emanuel Kulczycki (emek@amu.edu.pl)

Open topic

Topic: This is an open call serving to respond to any needs of collaboration within ongoing or new projects within the ENRESSH Action. Any topic/work plan that can contribute to fulfilment of specific WG goals and deliverables is eligible. Before submitting, a potential applicant must contact a respective WG or SIG leader to discuss his/her work plan. As this is an open call, both the host institution as well as the visiting scholar apply together.

Results: results include but are not limited to reviews, reports, conference presentations and publications in peer-reviewed journals.

Host institution: any institution in a participating COST country / an approved NNC institution or an approved IPC institution. It is possible to apply (i) by finding a host institution not involved in the COST Action CA15137, or (ii) applying to a host institution already involved in the Action.

Special criteria: The applicant is familiar with topics covered by ENRESSH, especially with the organization of SSH research and evaluation and ideally possess the following:
- Masters degree or Ph.D. in social sciences/humanities research, relevant to the topic of the STSM;
- High interdisciplinary openness;
- Solid English language skills (oral and written);
- High communicative and inter-cultural competence.

Practical details: it depends on the topic and a host organization

Contact:

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SIG Books: Geoffrey Williams (williams@evalhum.eu)

Who is eligible to partake in ENRESSH STSM?

A STSM applicant must be engaged in a research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an Institution or legal entity which has within its remit a clear association with performing scientific research.

If the above requirements are satisfied researchers from the following countries (their primary affiliation is held) are eligible to receive an ENRESSH STSM grant:
1. Researchers holding their primary affiliation at an institution located in a Participating COST Country. A list of Participating COST Countries can be found on the respective COST Action Webpage at www.cost.eu.

2. For Researchers holding their primary affiliation in a Near Neighbour Country (NNC), the consideration for being eligible to receive a STSM grant is linked to whether their institution has been formally approved onto the Action or not – The eligibility status of Researchers located in NNC is restricted to those affiliated to approved NNC institutions.
The complete list of NNC can be found at
http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/cost_countries/international_cooperation/nnc. A list of approved NNC Institutions can be found on the respective COST Action Webpage at www.cost.eu.

3. For Researchers holding their primary affiliation at a European RTD Organisation, the consideration for being eligible to receive a STSM grant is linked to whether their institution has been formally approved onto the Action or not. The eligibility status of Researchers located in European RTD Organisations is restricted to those affiliated to approved European RTD Organisations. A list of European RTD organisations is detailed in Annex II of the COST Vademecum Part 1: COST Action (see http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines). A list of approved European RTD Organisations can be found on the respective COST Action Webpage at www.cost.eu.

Timeframe of the STSMs

Call 3_2 for STSM Applications for Missions Occurring between 15/10/2018 and 30/01/2019
Duration of all STSM activities is from 2 weeks up to 3 months .

Financial support

The financial support is a contribution to the overall expenses incurred during the STSM and may not necessarily cover all of the associated outgoings. The following funding conditions apply and must be respected:

1. Travel expenses cannot exceed EUR 500;

2. For accommodation and meal expenses, a maximum amount of EUR 160 per day can be considered;

3. A maximum of EUR 2500 in total can be afforded to the grantee.

4. The final amount of the grant is dependent on the duration of the STSM and the level of prices at the host country.

4. STSM activities must occur in their entirety within the dates specified in this call.

Financial support is limited to cover travel and subsistence expenses and is paid as a grant. Payment of the Grant is subject to the scientific report (**after the completion of STMS**) being approved by the Action Chair, STSM Coordinator and a researcher affiliated to the Host institution.

Selection criteria

- **The application of the research to the field of the Action** – a detailed work plan will help determine if the scientific aims of the work will be applicable to the Action's aims.
- **The home institution of the researcher** – We will take into account the number of applications from each institution to ensure a fair spread of researches across the network.
- **The experience of the researcher** – in line with COST Office rules, we will preferentially award STSMs to early stage researchers (PhD + <8 years). This should not discourage more experienced researchers from applying but their chances of being selected are slightly reduced.
- **The publication potential of the research carried out** – a short publication plan as part of the workplan, including intended journal, aim/working title and timescale for submission, will help to identify the most promising research.
- **Geographical and gender balance** issues will be taken into consideration;
- **The research should fit into the host institutions' research profile.**

How to apply for an STSM

Interested Researchers are advised to follow the directions provided below and submit their application and supporting documents to Mimi Urbanc (mimi.urbanc@zrc-sazu.si) by the deadline of the 20/09/2018.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in section 6 of the *COST Vademecum: COST Action Part 1 - Short Term Scientific Mission (pages 32–35)*. This document is available at: http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines and http://www.google.si/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0ahUKEwi0uOvj 77vOAhUC7BQKHQ8aD1IQFggmMAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cost.eu%2Fdownload%2FC OST_Vademecum_Part_1_COST_Actions&usg=AFQjCNELzE83WJOCe-263FVg6mdDwY0RVA&sig2=13nkkxBQE404fZRRxjGV0Q&bvm=bv.129422649,d.bGg.

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 complete, submit and download their STSM application online at: https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm.

4. All applicants must send their submitted STSM application form and the relevant supporting documents to Mimi Urbanc mimi.urbanc@zrc-sazu.si for evaluation before the application submission deadline expires.

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

- The submitted **STSM application form** (downloadable when the online application is submitted - see point 3 above)
- **A motivation letter** including an overview of the proposed activities that will be performed which must contain a **work plan** for the visit highlighting the proposed contribution to the scientific objectives of the ENRESSH COST Action and the general activities of the host institution;
- **A letter of support** from the home Institution;
- **A written agreement** of the host institution
- **A Full C.V** (including a list of academic publications – if applicable). The CV must include the award date of the applicants PhD and their current position.

The applications will then be assessed by the Action Steering Committee and researchers affiliated to the Host institutions.

7. The applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their STSM application by Mimi Urbanc by 15/09/2018.

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 Mimi Urbanc. 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 and Mimi Urbanc 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).

Dates to remember

Deadline for applications to be submitted: 20/09/2018
Notification of application outcome: 30/09/2018
Period of STSM: between 15/10/2018 and 31/01/2019
Submitting the reports: within 30 days from the end date (not later than by 28/02/2019)
Accepting/ rejecting the reports: by 10/03/2019
Execution the payment of the grant: after receipt of the approval (by 25/03/2019).