

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications

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

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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 Participating COST Country / an approved NNC institution or an approved IPC institution**. 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 xx topics has been opened:

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Description of the topic: The grantee of this STSM will contribute to both technical and contextual development of VIRTA-ENRESSH data model and how it could be used as a basis for research publication metadata transfers between CRIS systems and planned European Research Information Infrastructure. The STSM will use the outcome of ENRESSH-VIRTA project, conducted in activities of working group 3, as a starting point and investigate the potential of VIRTA-ENRESSH based publication metadata transfers by producing a minimum set of CERIF data model elements needed in publication metadata transfers. In addition, the STSM will provide review of this data transfer from the point of view of ENRESSH-VIRTA infrastructure as national publication metadata aggregator.

Objectives:

- Develop the existing VIRTA-ENRESSH data model by taking into consideration the CERIF data model and achieve wider interoperability by forming a minimum set of CERIF elements needed in publication metadata transfers
- Investigate the potential of VIRTA-ENRESSH data model as a basis of research publication metadata transfers in European context and outline how the research publication metadata could be transferred by using the ENRESSH-VIRTA infrastructure as an example of national metadata aggregator

Expected results:

- A summary of minimum CERIF data model elements needed in research publication metadata transfers considering CRIS systems and national aggregators in European context
- An outline of implementing the research publication metadata transfer in ENRESSH-VIRTA infrastructure

Special criteria for this STSM: Preferably the applicant has access to and is familiar with the data infrastructure of ENRESSH-VIRTA. Understanding of the CERIF data model is an advantage.

Practical details: Working group: WG3 (databases and uses of data for understanding SSH research);

Duration: between 2 weeks and 2 months;

Host institution: University of Novi Sad

Location: University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, Serbia

Contact: Dragan Ivanović (dragan.ivanovic@uns.ac.rs).

Topic 3.3 The development of the International Register of Book Publishers (IRAP) (WG3)

Description of the topic: The development of the International Register of Book Publishers (IRAP) in the framework of ENRESSH COST action will entail joint research and technical work at least in three specific topics: a) collecting and standardisation of information for book publishers from different countries; b) analysing the diversity of the European book publishing landscape; c) database design (structure, metadata, book publishers' discoverability, etc.) and data visualization.

Objectives: The general objective of the proposal is conducting research and technical work for making possible a comprehensive information system on academic book publishers for research evaluation purposes.

Expected results:

- Broadening the current book publishers' coverage of SPI Expanded
- Providing a new brand to the information system.
- Designing a database for discoverability, analysis and visualization of academic book publishers.

Duration: between 2 weeks and 2 months;

Host institution: Spanish National Research Council

Location: Calle Albasanz, 26-28. 28037. Madrid (Spain)

Contact: elea.gimenez@cchs.csic.es

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 15/05/2019.

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=0ahUKEwi0uOvj77vOAhUC7BQKHQ8aD1IQFggmMAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cost.eu%2Fdownload%2FCOST Vademecum Part 1 COST Actions&usq=AFQjCNELzE83WJOce-263FVg6mdDwYORVA&sig2=13nkxBQE404fZRRxjGV0Q&bvm=bv.129422649,d.bGg](http://www.google.si/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0ahUKEwi0uOvj77vOAhUC7BQKHQ8aD1IQFggmMAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cost.eu%2Fdownload%2FCOST%20Vademecum%20Part%201%20COST%20Actions&usq=AFQjCNELzE83WJOce-263FVg6mdDwYORVA&sig2=13nkxBQE404fZRRxjGV0Q&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 CV** (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 16/05/2019.

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 20 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: 15/05/2019

Notification of application outcome: 16/05/2019

Period of STSM: between 01/06/2019 and 30/07/2019

Submitting the reports: within 30 days from the end date

Accepting/ rejecting the reports: by 15/09/2019

Execution the payment of the grant: after receipt of the approval (by 25/09/2019).