

4TH CALL FOR STSM (SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS)

COST Action TD1407 - NOTICE: Network on Technology-Critical Elements - TCEs

Who can apply

PhD-students, Postdoctoral fellows, Researchers employed by or officially affiliated to an institution or legal entity, with a proposal related to TCE's. Home and Host Institutions may be public or private entities located in one of the current member states of the COST Action TD1407 (See list of countries: http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/TDP/Actions/TD1407?parties). The Home and the Host Institution should be located in two different participating COST Countries (see Additional Information).

Early Career Investigators (ECI) are specifically encouraged. ECI is a researcher within a time span of **up to 8 years** from the date they obtained their **PhD/doctorate** (full-time equivalent).

Duration of STSMs

The duration of the STSMs must be between minimum **5 days** and maximum **90 days**. For **ECI** must have a minimum of **91 days** and maximum duration of **180 days**.

STSMs should be conducted before 31/03/2019

**Deadline for applications:
Permanent open call, with
evaluation of proposals
every three months.**



COST Action TD1407 invites applications for STSM

The Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are **exchange visits** aimed at **supporting individual mobility**, strengthening existing networks and fostering collaboration between researchers. The STSM should specifically **contribute to the scientific objectives** of the **COST Action TD 1407 - NOTICE**, while at the same time allowing applicants to learn new techniques or gain access to specific data, instruments and / or methods not available in their own institutions / organisations. A maximum of 10 STSM will be granted during this call.



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Application Procedure



1. Complete the online application form: <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>

2. Send your application by email to [ospina \[at\] geo.uni-potsdam.de](mailto:ospina@geo.uni-potsdam.de) with the subject: **NOTICE STSM 'reference number' - 'applicant's last name'**, and attach the following documents (PDF version).

- ✓ Registration downloaded from the COST online system
- ✓ Short CV with list of publications (max 2 pages)
- ✓ Detailed work plan, including: main activities/tasks and timeframe, benefits to COST Action TD1407, benefits to the applicant, dissemination of outcomes from STSM (e.g. publications, presentation in conferences, blog entries, lectures at home/host institute, etc.) and budget (max 3 pages)
- ✓ Signed acceptance letter from the Host institution

Additional Information

The procedure concerning STSM is governed by the COST Vademecum, (numeral 7). Scenarios available to eligible STSM applicants may be consulted on page 28.



COST Action TD1407

The specific aim of the action is to create a network of scientists working and interested on Technology-Critical Elements - TCEs*, from an environmental perspective to potential human health threats, with the aim of defining the current state of knowledge and gaps, proposing priority research lines/activities, and acting as a platform for new collaborations and joint research projects.

*TCE's: Ga, Ge, In, Nb, Ta, Te, Tl, Pt group elements (Ir, Os, Pd, Pt, Rh, Ru) and most of the rare earth elements (Ce, Dy, Er, Eu, Gd, La, Lu, Nd, Pr, Sm, Tb, Y, Yb).

For more information about the action, please visit the Action's webpage: <http://www.costnotice.net>

Financial Support

STSM Grants *do not necessarily cover all expenses* related to performing a given mission. The Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee.

The STSM Committee will perform the scientific and budgetary assessment of the applications considering the action objectives and define an acceptable funding level. Once approved by the STSM Committee, the STSM grant holder will receive the approval and grant letter.

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STSM applicant	Per diem ¹	Travel ²	TOTAL for STSM
Standard	160 €	≈300 €	2.500 €
ECI*	-	-	3.500 €

¹ Accommodation and meal expenses, see Annex I.

² Suggested maximum value. * Early Career Investigator.

There will be special considerations with respect to supporting COST policies on promoting gender balance, enabling Early Career Investigators (ECI) and broadening geographical inclusiveness.

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Annex I. Suggested daily rates for Standard STSM

The following values are not mandatory. These are suggested values for daily rates (accommodation and meal expenses) for Standard STSM conducted in member states of the COST Action TD1407 (NOTICE). Standard applicants must draw up the budget according to their needs.

Values for accommodation correspond to the maximum suggested rate per night hotel. The STSM committee may approve daily budgets greater than 160€ in special cases and under justification, as long as the total amount for the STSM does not exceed 2.500€.

Destination	Meals (1)	Accommodation (2)	Total daily rate (1+2)
Austria	55 €	100 €	155 €
Belgium	50 €	105 €	155 €
Croatia	40 €	90 €	130 €
Denmark	55 €	105 €	160 €
Estonia	40 €	65 €	105 €
France	50 €	110 €	160 €
fYR Macedonia	40 €	80 €	120 €
Germany	50 €	100 €	150 €
Greece	45 €	90 €	135 €
Ireland	50 €	105 €	155 €
Israel	50 €	100 €	150 €
Italy	45 €	110 €	155 €
Luxembourg	50 €	110 €	160 €
Netherlands	50 €	110 €	160 €
Poland	45 €	70 €	115 €
Portugal	50 €	80 €	130 €
Romania	35 €	70 €	105 €
Serbia	40 €	70 €	110 €
Spain	50 €	100 €	150 €
Sweden	50 €	-	160 €
Switzerland	80 €	-	160 €
United Kingdom	50 €	110 €	160 €