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## GRANT AWARDING PROCESS

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# Introduction

Networking activities organized through a Grant Awarding Process encompass mobility of researchers and innovators and presentation at conferences organized by third parties.



# SCOPE AND BENEFITS

## The grant awarding by COST Actions and its implementation:

- **Contributes to the visibility of COST as an open, flexible, and inclusive funding programme**
- **Offers a valuable experience for Young Researchers and Innovators as well as for the already established researchers in supporting their career development**
- **Can strengthen the existing networks by allowing researchers and innovators to foster collaboration both in a face-to-face and virtual setting, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, disseminate the Action results etc.**



# MOBILITY OF RESEARCHERS AND INNOVATORS

## Short-Term Scientific Missions and Virtual Mobility:

- Support capacity building and transfer of knowledge through bilateral/multilateral collaborations
- Support specific / general topic that can help achieving the Action MoU objectives and deliverables (research coordination)
- Are very flexible and inclusive networking activities crucial to establish new collaborations or reinforce existing collaborations across disciplines and different sectors (e.g., academia and industry / SMEs) with possible impact on career development
- Outcomes (e.g. spin-off publications and (funded) projects) contribute to the visibility and impact of the COST Actions, encouraging other researchers to join.



# SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS (STSM)

STSM consists in a visit to a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation by a researcher or innovator for specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time





## Short-Term Scientific Missions benefit to:

- **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 (VM)

VM consists of a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc.

VM benefit to:

- **COST Action:** uses a flexible tool to implement virtual activities inside the network, achieve the MoU objectives and significantly increase their impact and reach. Contributes to European leadership in knowledge creation and increasing its innovation potential
- **VM grantee:** develop(s) capacity in virtual collaboration and networking in a pan-European framework.







- **Virtual mentoring scheme, with special focus on activities and exchanges that can generate capacity building and new skills, particularly for Young Researchers and Innovators (e.g. managerial skills, methodological skills, communication skills, etc);**
- **To support the harmonisation and standardisation of methods and procedures within the Action networking activities, e.g.**
  - **setting up a survey amongst all Action members to collect different results and outcomes from experiments done in their respective labs and research groups;**
  - **coordinating the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network afterwards;**
  - **preparing questionnaires and response scales to be used by the Action members as part of virtual networking activities.**
- **To support the implementation of research coordination related activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence, e.g.**
  - **computational or modelling activities;**
  - **data analysis of the Action for a specific report or activity**





# PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

## ITC CONFERENCE

ITC Conference consists in a presentation of the own work given by a Young Researcher and Innovator affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country for their participation in high-level conferences fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action





## ITC Conference:

- **Serve COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy**
- **Support Young Researchers and Innovators affiliated in a legal entity in an Inclusiveness Target Countries/Near Neighbour Countries to establish a strong network and increase their visibility in the research community through sharing their work and to gain knowledge**
- **Can contribute to increasing visibility of the Action**





## DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE

Dissemination Conference consists in an oral presentation by an Action Participant of the work of the Action in high-level conferences fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.



### Dissemination Conference:

- **Significantly increase visibility of the Action in the research community, can contribute to increasing visibility of the presenter;**
- **Attract additional participants and stakeholders and disseminate Action results to relevant end-users at high profile conferences in the field on a topic relevant to the Action.**

### Dissemination Conference benefit to:

- **Dissemination Conference Grantee: receives support for attending and delivering an oral presentation of the Action, their activities, and results at a conference and for developing new contacts and potential future collaborations;**
- **COST Action: receives increased visibility and awareness, new contacts with potential stakeholders**



# Grant Awarding Coordinator

The Grant Awarding Coordinator is the person appointed by the Action Management Committee (MC) charged to coordinate and approve on behalf of the Acton MC the awarding of all types of grants for supporting the mobility of Researchers and Innovators and the presentation of Action results at a conference organized by a third party



# Important dates

Open call 01.04.2023

Closing date 31.08.2023

