

COST ACTION CA16111  
INTERNATIONAL ETHNIC AND IMMIGRANT  
MINORITIES' SURVEY DATA NETWORK  
ETHMIGSURVEYDATA

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SECOND CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR:

**SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS (STSM) – RESEARCH STAYS  
TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE 30 APRIL 2018**

(CALL OPEN UNTIL 31 MARCH 2018)

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As part of the COST Action CA16111 "International Ethnic and Immigrant Minorities' Survey Data Network" ([ETHMIGSURVEYDATA](#)), we invite applications for funding to complete a number of research stays (Short Term Scientific Missions, STSM) in line with the goals of the Action (see [Memorandum of Understanding](#)).

- **Organizers**

COST Action CA16111 (International Ethnic and Immigrant Minorities' Survey Data Network, ETHMIGSURVEYDATA). The STSM must be hosted by a participating institution of the Action and the work carried out by the STSM Grantee must be coordinated and supervised by a member of the Action.

- **Aim of the Short Term Scientific Missions**

STSMs are primarily aimed at assisting Work Group members of the COST Action in completing specific tasks. Grantees may assist researchers of the COST Action in preparing applications for funding, in undertaking empirical research, or in collaborating on substantive research. Applications explicitly aimed at contributing to achieve the COST Action's goals set for Year 1 will be given priority. Proposals with alternative goals but still within the overall Action goals as specified in the Memorandum of Understanding will also be taken into consideration.

PhD students, Post-doctoral researchers, and senior researchers affiliated with an institution located in any country participating in the COST Action CA16111 (or approved institution)<sup>1</sup> can apply to spend a research stay period at another institution, organization, or research centre participating in the Action. Any active researcher can benefit from financial support for these research visits, but Early Career Investigators (ECI) — considering as such those who are within 8 years after the completion of their PhD — are particularly encouraged to apply.

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<sup>1</sup> Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, fYR Macedonia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom. Specific Organisations: FRA, EUROFOUND, EASO.

- **Duration of the Short Term Scientific Missions**

STSMs will take place for a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 90 days, as a general rule. However, ECIs can apply for a stay of maximum 180 days. The research stay should end before the end of the Grant period, in this case 30 April 2018. For more information on eligibility and other related rules, please see the COST [Vademecum](#), section 7.

- **Eligibility**

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

Applications must explicitly meet the following criteria:

- The host institution must be part of COST Action CA16111.
- The beneficiary of the STSM grant should assist an Action Participant in tasks related to the Cost Action 16111. For example: specific WG tasks (WG1-2: compilation of existing surveys; collecting metadata; pooling and management of data received from the national teams; WG3: writing a report on EMMs integration related topics; WG4: design and management of network activities; WG5: website design and management; etc.); elaboration of a scientific article using a EMMs survey dataset; writing of a grant proposal to obtain funding for tasks related to the COST Action.

- **Financial Support**

Financial contributions will be granted to contribute to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the grantee. This fixed financial contribution takes into consideration the budget request by the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the STSM application. STSM Grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to undertaking a given mission. The calculation of the financial contribution for each STSM must respect the following criteria:

- Up to a maximum of EUR 2,500 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant;
- Up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses.

For ECIs, the calculation for an increased financial contribution must respect the following criteria:

- Up to a maximum of EUR 3,500 in total can be afforded to ECIs for missions with a duration of between 91 and 180 calendar days;
- Up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses.

The awarded grants will be paid after the STSM has been completed and the scientific report has been submitted and approved.

Specific provisions are in place only for researchers from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC)<sup>2</sup> who may receive 50% of their STSM Grant when they complete the first day of their STSM and the remaining 50% of the Grant once the administrative requirements have been satisfied.

The grantee has 30 days from the end of the stay to submit a scientific report (800 - 1500 words). This should describe the work carried out and the results of the STSM. Payment of the Grant is subject to a scientific report being approved on behalf of the Action by the delegated person(s) responsible and by a senior researcher affiliated to the host institution.

- **Applications**

- 1- Choose the Work Group (WG) that best matches your interests and profile;
- 2- Contact a [WG co-leader](#) or a [management committee representative](#) to get indications about potential host institutions and who to get in touch with to discuss your work plan;
- 3- Fill in the online application form via the COST website, at <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm> and upload/fill out the following documents:
  - a. Letter of support from the home institution;
  - b. 2000-word work plan summary;
  - c. Written agreement from the host institution;
  - d. CV;
  - e. Budget request.

Selection criteria:

- Applications which clearly demonstrate links to Action Goals for Year 1 and specific Work Group Goals will be given priority.
- The evaluation committee will evaluate the scientific scope of the mission and how the mission can support the Action in achieving its scientific objectives.
- The committee will also take into consideration aspects regarding promoting gender balance, enabling Early Career Investigators (ECI), and broadening geographical inclusiveness.

Applications will be accepted for evaluation on a rolling basis **until 31 March 2018**.

For more further information, please consult the COST [Vademecum](#) or get in touch with the STSM Coordinator, Marie-Laure Mallet ([mllauremallet@gmail.com](mailto:mllauremallet@gmail.com)), or with the Network Coordinator, Siresa Lopez ([siresa.lopez@sciencespo.fr](mailto:siresa.lopez@sciencespo.fr)).

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<sup>2</sup> Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.