

COST Action CA18119 ‘Who cares in Europe?’

<https://whocaresineurope.eu>

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**Call for Applications for SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS**

**3 grants up to 2.000,00Eur each**

**Deadline for Application: December 12th, 2022**

The COST Action CA18119 ‘Who cares in Europe?’ encourages Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs; see below “What are STSMs?”).

**At this moment, we privilege the application from the Action members, contributing to the transversal projects. The projects are listed here:**

<https://whocaresineurope.eu/transversal-projects/>

**About the Action**

The main aim and objective of COST Action CA18119 is to explore the relationships among voluntary associations, families and states in the creation of social welfare in Europe. How did state welfare emerge from social welfare provided by non-profit, non-state institutions and individuals; how did it develop and why, did it enter into crisis in many countries? The Action emphasizes the welfare state’s deep historical roots, and will use local case studies to recover the “voices” and contributions of individuals, families and voluntary associations. This will give us a much deeper and richer story about social protection in Europe than is currently available. By analysing the long-term development of welfare within a triadic optic that examines the interactions among families, voluntary welfare associations and states in the creation of social welfare, the Action has the potential to radically shift dominant paradigms in the field of welfare studies. The Action will contribute to welfare policy development and debate by offering a historical perspective on current problems and debates and the principles and premises that underpin them.

## What are STSMs?

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are exchange visits that are aimed at strengthening the existing network by allowing individual scientists/researchers to go to an institution in other COST countries to foster collaboration, learn new methods and gain access to specific resources not available in their own institutions. STSMs shall have a minimum duration of 5 calendar days, including travel. To learn more about the COST rules on the Short-Term Scientific Missions please check the COST Annotated Rules

<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/02/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-2022-02-15.pdf>

## Financial Support

An STSM grant is a fixed *contribution* which may be used for travel and subsistence costs only, though it might not necessarily cover all such expenses. The contribution is based on the requested budget. The financial support granted is, thus, a contribution to the costs of an STSM and may not cover all costs.

Successful applicants will receive an allowance up to **maximum total budget of 2.000,00 EUR**.

**The required amount must be explained in the proposal** following the formula:

***Long distance travel amount (predicted price of the plane/ train ticket) + daily allowance x number of days of the stay*** (please check the daily allowances for each country on cost.eu website<sup>1</sup>).

According to the COST Annotated Rules, no additional costs can be requested.

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation. However, STSMs grantees may request up to 50% pre-payment of the approved grant. This amount is subject to availability of funds and approval by the Grant Holder Institution.

## STSM Applicant

The selection of STSM applicants<sup>2</sup> is based on the scientific scope of the STSM application, which must be in line with the COST Action CA18119 objectives.

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<sup>1</sup> Current daily allowance rates can be found here: [https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/04/2022\\_Daily-allowance-table.pdf](https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/04/2022_Daily-allowance-table.pdf)). Please check for updates regularly on the cost.eu website.

<sup>2</sup> STSM applicants shall 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.

The STSM applicant must be engaged in a research programme as a postdoctoral fellow or be employed by an institution of a COST Country that has signed the Memorandum of Understanding of the Action.

The grantees must make their own arrangements for all health, social, personal security and pension matters.

### **Application procedure**

Complete the on-line application form (log in at <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>)

#### **Obligatory supporting documents to upload:**

1. *Grant Application template:* (<https://www.cost.eu/STSM GrantApplication>) must contain
  - a) explanation on how your work will benefit from this STSM and how this STSM will contribute to the achievement of the COST CA18119 objectives,
  - b) Work plan specifying what you intend to do, the start and end dates,
  - c) Explanation of the costs – the amount required (formula for cost calculation: long distance travel amount (predicted price of the plane/ train ticket) + daily allowance x number of days of the stay (please check the daily allowances for each country on cost.eu website<sup>3</sup>),
2. *Written invitation from the host institution.*

#### **Optional supporting documents to upload:**

3. Letter of support from the home institution,
4. CV (2 pages),
5. List of publications.

Applications have to be submitted in e-COST until **December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**.

The activity needs to take place before September 2023.

### **After the STSM**

Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the required reports and relevant documentation in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.

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The report (template: [https://www.cost.eu/STSM\\_Report](https://www.cost.eu/STSM_Report)) must contain the following information:

- Purpose of the STSM,
- Description of the work carried out during the STSM,
- Description of the main results obtained,
- Future collaboration with the host institution and foreseen publications resulting from the STSM (if applicable).

### **Assessment**

Applications will be assessed by the Cost Action CA18119 WG Leaders and the Core group according to the following criteria:

- Relevance of proposed topics to the COST Action CA18119,
- Anticipated outcomes with respect to Action objectives,
- Contribution to personal development of the candidate,
- Quality and structure of proposed visit and work plan.

A detailed description of opportunities and rules can be found in the following documents

- <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/02/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-2022-02-15.pdf>
- <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/12/Grant-Awarding-userguide.pdf>

In case of contradiction between the current call and the official documents generated by the COST Association, the official COST documents are considered to have higher relevance.

### **Templates:**

[https://www.cost.eu/STSM\\_GrantApplication](https://www.cost.eu/STSM_GrantApplication)

[https://www.cost.eu/STSM\\_Report](https://www.cost.eu/STSM_Report)

For questions, please write to COST Action Who Cares in Europe? Grant Awarding Coordinator Dr. Tamara Prevendar [tamara.prevendar@gmail.com](mailto:tamara.prevendar@gmail.com)