3rd Call for STSM

CA20123- IGCOORD

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Achieving coordination between executive actors of territorial units is one of the major challenges of today's politics. External effects and thus the interdependence of political actions beyond borders of sovereign authority have increased dramatically, necessitating better coordination of decision-making and actions across territorial units as well as across levels of government in an increasingly complex environment. The effectiveness and legitimacy of democratic governance in modern States depends crucially on their coordination ability. There is still a serious lack of knowledge among scholars and practitioners on how to organize and process intergovernmental coordination in those various instances. Moreover, there is still no systematic connection between the various research communities dealing with the issues from their separate perspectives, such as federalism, European governance or local and regional governance scholars.

IGCOORD aims at connecting those different strands of research to provide systematic and comparable insights in the institutions, mechanisms and processes of intergovernmental coordination in the horizontal and in the vertical direction, across levels of government, policy sectors and territorial units. More specifically, it aims at 1) collecting comparative evidence, 2) distilling basic mechanisms and causal explanations from analytic comparison, 3) developing new collaborative research questions and 4) disseminating those insights and results to inform real-world policy-making.

IGCOORD is particularly well suited to tackle those challenges because it links expertise that remained unrelated to date from different countries, (sub-)disciplines and problem situations. Fundamentally, only a broad and diverse network of scholars can generate innovative insights and produce knowledge relevant to the political practice.

1. IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for submission of applications: **There is no specific deadline, applications can be submitted at any time.**

Outcome notification date: **Grant decisions will be communicated on the 1ˢᵗ day of the month after the submission of the application, and the decision of its attribution is based on the merits of the application.**

Period within which STSM must occur: **12 December 2022 – 31 May 2023**

2. OVERVIEW

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are institutional visits by researchers or scholars aimed at fostering cooperation and collaboration. These visits should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of this COST Action "Intergovernmental Coordination from Local to European Governance" (CA20123; henceforth 'Action'), which are outlined in detail in the Memorandum of Understanding.

You may find the eligibility provisions, along with further specifics, conditions and information, in the Action's STSM Guidelines and [COST Annotated Rules](). Please read these two documents carefully before applying.

3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The financial support in the form of an STSM Grant covers travel, accommodation and meal expenses. Please note that the awarded grant will be paid only after the STSM has been completed in accordance with STSM conditions (exceptionally ITC Grantees may claim 50% of the grant after confirmation by the host that the STSM has started). **For this first STSM call for GP2**, the Management Committee of the Action has allocated a **total budget of EUR 20.000 Eur**

Core Group has decided that maximum of EUR 2.500,00 can be allocated to each successful applicant for the entire STSM duration for this first STSM call, with a EUR 300,00 maximum for travel and EUR 160,00 per day for accommodation and meal expenses. COST rules on [daily allowance]() can be an indicative criterion.

The exact amounts granted for each individual STSM will be determined during the evaluation process.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In order to apply for an STSM grant you must:

1. Be enrolled as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow;
2. Be employed by, or affiliated to an institution or legal entity that conducts research.

To submit an application, please follow the steps below:

1. Register for an e-COST profile at https://e-services.cost.eu/, adding your bank account details to your profile (if a returning applicant or already in possession of a COST profile, move to step 2).

2. Complete the application form at the STSM application section of your e-COST profile at https://e-services.cost.eu/, uploading the following documentation:

   a) Letter of invitation from the Host Institution, under the supervision of a senior researcher affiliated with that institution; (optional) recommendation letters.

   b) Full CV (max. 3 pages), including a list of academic publications if applicable (font: 12 pt. Times New Roman).

   c) Fill out the available online "**Short-Term Scientific Mission Grant APPLICATION FORM**": ▪ Goals of the STSM (Purpose and summary of the STSM – 200 words);

      ▪ Working Plan (Description of the work to be carried out by the applicant – 500 Words)

      ▪ Expected outputs and contribution to the Action MoU objectives and deliverables (Main expected results and their contribution to the progress towards the Action objectives (either research coordination and/or capacity building objectives) and deliverables – 500 words).

3. Submit and download your application.

4. Please be aware that after the completed short-term scientific mission each awardee is expected to provide the following outputs:

   - STSM reports on the aims and objectives, achieved results, and dissemination of the work/activities that were performed.

   - Short (max 3 minutes) video summary of the STSM report, emphasising on how STSM has contributed to the awardee's (current and planned) contribution to the COST action IGCOORD.

You will be notified of the outcome by the Action's STSM Coordinator on the outcome notification date of the call.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Failure to submit the scientific report and the supporting documents within 15 days after the end date of the STSMs will <u>effectively</u> cancel the grant.

Grant is payable up to 30 days after the grantee's report and supporting documents have been approved by the Action Chair (or Vice-Chair).

Please note that COST Association and Action's Grant holder may request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by STSM applicants.

Please contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator Miro Hacek via email if any queries relating to STSMs occur: Miro.Hacek@fdv.uni-lj.si.