

## 6th CALL FOR STSM

### About IGCOORD

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 contemporary 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 policymaking.

### 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 is from 1 January 2025 to 30th of August 2025.

**Deadline for delivering the STSM report and video file:** up to 15 days after the conclusion of the STSM.

### 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), 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. IMPORTANT NOTE: The host needs to be in a different country than that of the affiliation of the applicant.

### 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 GP4, the Management Committee of the Action has allocated a total budget of EUR 20.000. An approximate budget, to justify the requested grant must be annexed to the application. The daily allowance for the country of the Host institution as determined in COST Annotated Rules is applicable. The exact amounts granted for each individual STSM will be determined during the evaluation process.

### 4. ILLEGIBILITY

To apply for an STSM grant you must be enrolled as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or be employed by, or affiliated to an institution or legal entity that conducts research.

### 5. FINAL PROVISIONS

Failure to submit the scientific report and the supporting documents within 15 days after the end date of the STSMs will effectively 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).

Each grantee also agrees to provide a short video file, describing his/hers grant experience within 15 days after the end date of the STSM for the purposes of action's dissemination. Please note that both 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](mailto:Miro.Hacek@fdv.uni-lj.si).

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