



Call for Short Term Scientific Missions



COST Action FP0902



5th Call for Short Term Scientific Missions

Are you interested in the harvesting and utilization of forest biomass for energy?

Do you want to learn more about other countries & cultures?

Are you ready to extend your professional network?

If your answers to the above questions are positive then a **Short Term Scientific Mission** is right for you! Choose from 27 European Countries, South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia for a unique chance to learn something new, study a novel method or apply your knowledge in a different working environment.

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“Development and Harmonization of New Operational Research and Forest Assessment Procedures for Sustainable Forest Biomass Supply”

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All you need to know:

The Applicant:

The Applicant should normally be engaged in a programme of research as a post graduate student or postdoctoral fellow or be employed in an institution of a COST Country having accepted the MoU of the Action.

Duration:

Minimum one week (5 working days) - Maximum 3 months.
For Early Stage Researchers (less than PhD + 8 years) the Management Committee may approve an extension to a duration beyond 3 months, but normally not more than 6 months in total.

Financial Support:

The financial support is a contribution to the costs of a STSM and may not necessarily cover all the costs in each case. The grant should normally cover travel and subsistence. The total of a STSM shall normally not exceed EUR 2 500 (EUR 3 500 for Early Stage Researchers).

Participating countries:

Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, FYR of Macedonia, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia

[More information about participating countries and institutions can be found at:](#)

www.forestenergy.org



Application procedure:

How to Submit an STSM Application:

The Applicant must use the **on-line registration** tool to register their request for an STSM (<http://www.cost.esf.org/stsm>).

The following information has to be encoded with the registration:

- Applicant's title, name, work place, postal address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address
- name, postal address, telephone, fax and email of the prospective host at the receiving institute
- the planned dates and length of stay
- the title of the planned STSM
- a short description of the proposed workplan (about 250 words)
- a short curriculum vitae
- a budget request with breakdown for the costs of the STSM
- bank details

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The financial contribution for a STSM will be a fixed grant based on the Applicant's budget request and the evaluation of the application by the STSM assessment committee. An amount of EUR 60 to 90 for the daily allowance in particular for longer stays and EUR 300 for the travel is recommended but not obligatory. The total of a STSM shall normally not exceed EUR 2 500 (EUR 3 500 for Early Stage Researchers and travel to Australia or New Zealand).

Any exception needs special justification and prior approval from the COST Office.

In any case the costs associated with the STSM must not exceed the limits set in the rules for reimbursement by COST of expenses for experts eligible for reimbursement.

You can download the STSM guidelines and procedures from the following link:

<http://www.cost.esf.org/module/download/7181>



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