

STSM Criteria for approving an STSM proposal

In Barcelona COST Action meeting June 2015, the STSM committee consisting of Tine Eri, Jette Aaroe Clausen, Ans Luyben, Claudia Magistretti and Olga Gouni, decided on the following criteria of accessing STSM proposals.

A. AIM OF THE MISSION

Since the proposal needs to be in alignment with the COST Action IS1405 memorandum and support the work of the working groups that have been created to implement the goals of the action, the STSM proposal needs to make it very clear

HOW the STSM PROPOSAL RELATES TO THE COST ACTION IS1405 in general and the WORKING GROUP 1-6 specifically.

B. INNOVATION

STSM COST guidelines ask for the innovative proposals support. The STSM Proposal needs to explain

WHY THE SPECIFIC STSM PROPOSAL IS INNOVATIVE

C. LACK OF EXPERTISE IN THE CANDIDATE'S COUNTRY

COST STSM guidelines say that the expertise or knowledge that is sought to be obtained in a host country should not be found in the country of origin of the applicant. Thus, the STSM proposal needs to support that

THERE IS LACK OF THE EXPERTISE/KNOWLEDGE OF THE KIND DESCRIBED IN THE PROPOSAL IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

D. USE & BENEFITS FOR THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

COST STSM guidelines say that the expertise/ knowledge should be brought back to the country of origin and benefit the country. Thus, the STSM Proposal needs to

MENTION THE WAYS HE/SHE IS GOING TO USE THE EXPERTISE/ KNOWLEDGE GAINED IN THE HOST COUNTRY WHEN BACK IN HIS/HER COUNTRY. AND WHY THIS IS TO BENEFIT THE COUNTRY OF HIS/HER ORIGIN.

E. WORKPLAN

An **extensive workplan** should also be included describing what the applicant intends to do on a daily basis. E.g

Day	Actions/ activities	Expected outcomes
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The STSM COMMITTEE