

## **CA18214 2<sup>nd</sup>CALL Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) October 2020**

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are funded as part of the **COST Action CA18214: The Geography of New Working Spaces and the Impact on the Periphery**.

### **Action and STSMs Overview:**

#### Action Overview:

This is a research network funded by COST European Cooperation in Science and Technology. The aim of the COST Action is threefold. First, it aims to share the first outcomes of some funded international research projects on the phenomenon of new workplaces, such as Coworking Spaces and Maker Spaces, in order to: (i) identify the typologies (Taxonomy) of such emerging workplaces, and (ii) reveal their spatial distribution, and to explain their location patterns. Secondly, through the comparison and dissemination of the first results of these international research activities, the Action aims at identifying, measuring and evaluating the effects of these new working spaces (Atlas) in order to understand whether and how they have promoted – with or without the help of public subsidies and planning measures : (a) regional competitiveness, economic performance and resilience; (b) entrepreneurial milieu; (c) knowledge creation within regional innovation system, retaining knowledge workers and the creative class; (d) social inclusion and spatial regeneration of peripheral areas. The third aim is to collect, discuss and develop guidelines for tailored policy and planning measures to foster the positive effects of new workplaces through the promotion of agreements and cooperation with local, regional and/or national public administrations/stakeholders, as well as to try to mitigate their negative effects on the neighbourhoods (i.e. parking shortages, noise, or increasing land rent).

#### About STSMs:

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are exchange visits aimed at supporting researchers' individual mobility, strengthening existing networks and fostering collaboration. STSMs are intended especially, but not solely, for young researchers. An STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action, while enabling those partaking in the missions to establish new partnerships, learn new techniques, gain access to specific data, instruments and / or methods not available in their own institutions / organisations.

The COST Action CA18214 has four working groups. STSMs are considered a great opportunity for participants to focus their work in research interests that have been highlighted by WGs or introduce new ones in light of the COST Action objectives.

### **Grant Information:**

#### Eligibility:

STSMs are especially intended for a postgraduate student or postdoctoral fellow or a staff member in an institution, organization or legal entity which participates in this Action and has within its remit a clear association with performing research.



Early Career Investigators, that is, researchers whose career span less than 8 years between the date of the PhD/doctorate (or similar experience) and the date of involvement in this Action will be prioritized.

Postgraduate students, postdoctoral fellows or staff member which participates in this Action and belongs to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> WG (i.e. “Glossary and Taxonomy of new working spaces in Europe and outside” and “Atlas of best practices-direct and indirect effects”) will be prioritized, since the main tasks of these WG are focus in the firsts stages of the action.

Duration:

From 5 to 60 days. STSMs need to be completed before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Financial support:

There is a total of **6 grants of 2,500 EUR each.**

Participants belonging to Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) will receive the 50% of the STSM Grant at the beginning of the STSM action.

Application procedure:

The Applicant should:

1. Obtain the agreement of the host institution, before submitting his/her application.
2. Use the on-line registration tool to register his/her request for an STSM (<https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>).
3. After registration, download the formal STSM application and complete it with supporting documentation stated in the application, namely: full work plan, motivation letter with proposed contribution to the COST Action, CV, list of publications, letter of support from the home institute, written agreement from the host institution.
4. Send the application by e-mail as attachment to:
  1. The future Host institution of the STSM.
  2. The Action STSM Coordinator: Dr. Eva.Belvoncikova ([eva.belvoncikova@euba.sk](mailto:eva.belvoncikova@euba.sk)) )
  3. The Action Chair: Prof. Ilaria Mariotti ([ilaria.mariotti@polimi.it](mailto:ilaria.mariotti@polimi.it)) and Vice Chair: **Dr. Pavel Bednar** ([bednar@utb.cz](mailto:bednar@utb.cz)).

Application deadline: **November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Additional information on the COST Action CA18214:** <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18214/>

**Additional information on the STSM process and application:** <http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum> ,  
<https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/STSM-userguide.pdf>

