

## **COST ACTION 18114 ENTAN – European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network**

# **Call for ‘Short Term Scientific Missions’ (STSM)**

STSMs have to be finished by 30 September 2022.

**ENTAN** – is a COST Action aimed at examining the concept of non-territorial autonomy (NTA). ENTAN particularly focuses on NTA arrangements for reducing inter-ethnic tensions within a state and on the accommodation of the needs of different communities while preventing calls to separate statehood. The main objective is to investigate the existing NTA mechanisms and policies and to develop new modalities for the accommodation of differences in the context of growing challenges stemming from globalisation, regionalisation and European supranational integration. The network fosters interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary group work, and provides for training and empowerment of young researchers, academic conferences and publications, as well as for the dissemination of results to policy makers, civil society organisations and communities.

ENTAN will provide for up to 9 STSM grants under this call.



## PURPOSE OF STSM:

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are institutional visits aimed at supporting individual mobility and fostering collaboration.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Eligible to apply are researchers who are affiliated with a legal entity in: a [COST Full/Cooperating Member country](#), [COST Near Neighbour country](#), or European [RTD](#). Applications from young researchers and investigators (YRI) under the age of 40 and researchers from inclusiveness target countries ([ITC](#)) are strongly encouraged. Also, applicants willing to work on specific NTA case studies from a comparative legal and political perspective or from the standpoint of cultural identities or regional development (either in relation to relevant arrangements in one or more states or to NTA institutions of a specific minority) are particularly encouraged to apply.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Funding rules are described in detail in the [COST Annotated Rules](#). COST provides for a fixed grant that contributes to the overall expenses incurred during the STSM. Financial support is limited to cover travel and subsistence expenses and is paid as a grant at the end of the visit.

The calculation of the financial contribution for each STSM must respect the following criteria:

1. Up to a maximum of EUR 4000 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant;
2. The amount awarded shall be based on estimation of reasonable costs for travel and subsistence. COST rules on [daily allowance](#) can be an indicative criterion.

The daily allowance may be adjusted, by the Grant Holder, to the different countries, taking into consideration the actual cost of living. Successful applicants will be informed of the exact amount to be afforded and requested to amend the STSM application.



## DEADLINE: OPEN CALL

Apply at any time by following the instructions below.

There is no specific deadline, applications can be submitted at any time, whereas grant decisions are normally announced within 30 days after submission. Grants are awarded on a first come first served basis.

1. STSM applicants must have an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu> and submit their STSM applications online at the following web address: <https://e-services.cost.eu> by selecting “Grant Applications” and then “Apply for Grant”.
2. The applicant shall fill in the following information in the e-COST system:
  - ▶ Title
  - ▶ Start and end date (within the active Grant Period);
  - ▶ Budget requested by the applicant;
  - ▶ Information about the host institution and contact person
3. The applicant shall upload the following documents in the e-COST system:
  - ▶ Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives;
  - ▶ Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant;
  - ▶ A CV including a list of academic publications – if applicable (max. 3 pages).
4. All STSM grantees shall make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, taxation, pension matters, health and social security.
5. The STSM grantee submits the required reports and relevant documentation in e-COST within 15 days after the end of the grant agreement period.
6. The applicants are required to send their STSM application form submitted to e-COST (pdf) and the relevant supporting documents to Noémia Bessa Vilela, ENTAN Grant Awarding Coordinator, at [nbessavilela@gmail.com](mailto:nbessavilela@gmail.com).



## EVALUATION:

The applications will be assessed by the Grant Awarding Committee of ENTAN and successful applicants will be notified within 30 days after submitting the application. The committee will evaluate each application according to budget, possible contribution that the proposed STSM will make towards the scientific objectives of ENTAN (outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding - MoU), and individual candidate's career.



## REQUIREMENTS:

Successful grantees are required to submit a **scientific report** and **supporting documents**. Payment of the grant is subject to the submitted scientific report and supporting documents being approved by the Grant Awarding Coordinator.

1. A Scientific Report is required and must be approved by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and by a senior researcher affiliated to the host institution, who shall sign and approve the report (see the funding rules).
2. Written approval of the STSM scientific report by the aforementioned persons must be uploaded in e-COST for archiving purposes.
3. The applicant is also responsible for obtaining an official acceptance letter/email confirmation of acceptance from the host institution.

In addition to the scientific report, successful applicants should submit to the Grant Manager (by registered mail) the following supporting documents:

1. **One original certificate of taxpayer status, i.e. residence form for 2022** from your country of residence (to be used for tax exemption benefits under bilateral double taxation agreement with North Macedonia). Each country has a slightly different form to confirm your residence/taxpayer status but it is usually issued both in English and in the official language of the country. Please ask for an English or bilingual version. The original of the form should be signed and stamped by the respective authority in your country (e.g. local Public Revenue Office, Tax Inspectorate or Ministry). The certificate needs to be issued on the basis of the bilateral double taxation agreement between your country of residence and North Macedonia.
2. **A full-colour scan of the main page of your passport** which exhibits your name and surname and passport number.

3. **Scanned copy of invoices, receipts, bills, tickets and other proofs of payments for all types of costs**, including for hotel accommodation, travel, meals, etc.
4. **Signed grant agreement** with the Grant Holder Institution.

The grant shall be terminated unless the certificate of taxpayer status/residence form for 2022 is delivered to the grant holder manager before the start date of the STSM grant!

Failure to submit the scientific report and the supporting documents within 15 days from the end date of the STSMs will effectively cancel the grant.

Should you have any questions regarding the supporting documents, please contact the Grant Holder Manager Demjan Anatoli Golubov at: [entan@ucas.edu.mk](mailto:entan@ucas.edu.mk)

Grant is payable up to 30 days after the grantee report and supporting documents have been approved by the Grant Awarding Coordinator.

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

Useful link: [www.entan.org](http://www.entan.org)

Please contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator Noémia Bessa Vilela via email if any queries relating to STSMs occur: [nbessavilela@gmail.com](mailto:nbessavilela@gmail.com)