EUROPEN NETWORK ON LIVESTOCK PHENOMICS CALL FOR GRANTS 2025

1. STSM (Short Term Scientific Misson)

"Short-Term Scientific Mission grant funds a visit to a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation) by a researcher or innovator for specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time."

Estimated average budget: 2,000.00 EUR

- For budgets exceeding this amount, a strong justification is required.
- **Maximum Budget**: 4,000.00 EUR.

Mandatory Requirements:

- Membership in EU-LI-PHE for both the applicant and the host institution.

Required Documents:

- **Application Form**: Use the official COST template.
- **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**: A brief CV (Europass format is acceptable), including a publication history.
- **Motivation Letter**: Use the template available on the Action's website.
- **Budget Breakdown**: Provide a detailed estimation, including screenshots of searches for travel, accommodation, and meal costs.
- **Host Institution Acceptance Letter**: Signed by the host institution.
- **Affiliated Institution Awareness Letter**: Signed confirmation that the affiliated institution is aware of the applicant's intention to visit another scholar through STSM.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Correlation with the aims and deliverables of the Action's second year will be prioritized.
- A **Recommendation Letter** from the WG leader or substitute is mandatory. This should be a brief, free-form letter confirming the applicant's active involvement in their WG and alignment of the planned STSM with WG deliverables.

Before returning home:

- A **signed letter from the host institution** outlining the work performed and the results achieved during the STSM.
- Dissemination of the STSM outcomes via **social media or relevant professional networks**.

After returning home:

- Submit the STSM report using the COST template is required.

- Publication of results in the Action's Newsletter is mandatory. Use the template available on the Action's website. For additional info, please contact Adna Ašić at adna.a@verlabinstitute.com or Geena Cartrick at geena.cartick@effab.info.

*We highly encourage to share the results of the STSM through a manuscript, presentation, poster, or similar format. For acknowledgment, please use following:

"This work has been carried out within the framework of the COST Action CA22112- European Network on Livestock Phenomics (EU-LI-PHE)", supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology - www.cost.eu)."

2. ITC conference grant

"ITC Conference grant funds an oral presentation of their own work within the scope of the Action by an Action Participant affiliated to a legal entity located in an Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action."

Maximum grant amount: 1,200.00 EUR for in-person conferences and 500.00 EUR for online events. Oral presentation of the research is required.

Mandatory requirements:

- membership in the EU-LI-PHE network.

Application requirements:

- Application form (COST template)
- Abstract or manuscript
- Conference acceptance or invitation letter
- A short CV (can be in Europass format, including publication history).
- A motivation letter (Use the template available on the Action's website)
- A detailed budget breakdown, including registration fees, accommodation, travel, and other **eligible expenses as per the latest COST rules.**

Evaluation Criteria:

- Correlation with the aims and deliverables of the Action's second year will be prioritized.
- A **Recommendation Letter** from the WG leader or substitute is mandatory. This should be a brief, free-form letter confirming the applicant's active involvement in their WG and alignment of the planned STSM with WG deliverables.

After returning home:

- Report (COST template)
- Copy of book of abstracts
- Copy of the presentation
- Report on networking activities

3. Young researcher and innovator conference grant

"YRI Conference grant funds a presentation (poster/oral presentation) of their own work by a Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action."

The **maximum grant amount**: 1,200.00 EUR for in-person conferences and 500.00 EUR for online events.

Mandatory requirements:

- membership in the EU-LI-PHE network.

Application requirements:

- Application form (COST template)
- Abstract or manuscript
- Conference acceptance or invitation letter
- A short CV (can be in Europass format, including publication history)
- A motivation letter (Use the template available on the Action's website)
- A recommendation letter from WG leader/substitute
- A detailed budget breakdown, including registration **fees, accommodation, travel, and other eligible expenses as per the latest COST rules.**

Evaluation Criteria:

- **Age** of the applicant
- Correlation with the aims and deliverables of the Action's second year will be prioritized.
- A **Recommendation Letter** from the WG leader or substitute is mandatory. This should be a brief, free-form letter confirming the applicant's active involvement in their WG and alignment of the planned STSM with WG deliverables.

After returning home:

- Report (COST template)
- Book of abstracts
- Copy of the presentation or picture of poster
- Report on networking activities

4. **Dissemination grant –<u>maximum</u>** 2 500.00 EUR for face-to-face conference or 500.00 EUR for online event

"Dissemination Conference grant funds an oral presentation by an Action Participant of the work of the Action in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action."

Mandatory requirements:

- membership in the EU-LI-PHE network.

Application requirements:

- Application form (COST template)
- Abstract or manuscript
- Conference acceptance or invitation letter
- A short CV (can be in Europass format, including publication history).
- A motivation letter
- A detailed budget breakdown, including registration **fees, accommodation, travel, and other <u>eligible expenses as per the latest COST rules.</u>**

Evaluation Criteria:

- Correlation with the aims and deliverables of the Action's second year will be prioritized.
- A **Recommendation Letter** from the WG leader or substitute is mandatory. This should be a brief, free-form letter confirming the applicant's active involvement in their WG and alignment of the planned STSM with WG deliverables.

After returning home:

- Report (COST template)
- Copy of the book of abstracts
- Copy of the presentation
- Report on networking activities

Additional resources:

1. The latest annotated COST rules: https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2024/11/COST-094-21-V2.0-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C.pdf
2. Grant awarding user guide (with COST templates for applications and reports): https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/12/Grant-Awarding-userguide.pdf
3. COST documents and guidelines: https://www.cost.eu/funding/documents-guidelines/

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