

## CA21150 | Call for STSM and Virtual Mobility Grants (2025 | 1)

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March 2025

We cordially invite CA21150 members to apply for STSM (Short Scientific Mission) grants and Virtual Mobility Grants (VMG) in the third year of the action. **Short-Term Scientific Mission Grants** fund 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. Short-Term Scientific Missions grant benefits to the STSM Grantee in receiving funding for implementing a project with an international team and gain new knowledge or access to equipment or techniques not available in the home institution. It benefits the STSM Host in receiving an international partner in their institution and to develop a long-lasting collaboration.

**Virtual Mobility Grants** support online collaborations on specific or general topics that can help achieving the Action MoU objectives and deliverables (research coordination). The outcomes should contribute to the visibility and impact of the COST Actions (spin-off publications or funded projects).

### | STSM & VMG Funding Opportunities

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- STSM: Provision of a contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, implementation of the project, delivery of the report to the COST Action MC and overall effort. VMG: Providing a contribution for the overall effort, not necessarily covered by an employer or by a Grant Holder institution.
- Maximum funds: STSM: EUR 4,000 (depending on duration and other costs according to own calculation); VMG: EUR 1,500

### | Dates

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| Application opening: 12 March 2025

| Notification within 4 weeks after submission

| Grants can start after 1 April 2025 and must be completed by 15 September 2025.

### | Further Information: Scope & Evaluation Criteria

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The COST Grants shall only be used to support the COST Action during a specific Grant Period within the frame of the rules for COST Grant budget. COST Grants may not be used for neither drafting, writing nor submitting proposals for the purpose of acquiring funding for national, European or internationally sourced research grants.

The STSM and VMG Grants of this Call are specifically advertised (see list below), orientated towards the deliverables of the third funding period of the action. Applications shall be reviewed by the CA21150 Core Group and the Grant Evaluation Committee according to evaluation of relevance and impact on CA21150 deliverables, dissemination plans and policy plans.

Interested applicants should contact the designated hosts or chairs as a first step.



### | Call for STSM 25/1

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- WG2: Finalisation of publication “Knowledge gaps in PPL policies and social inequalities” (Host: Johanna Lammi-Taskula, Finland)
- Funding: max. 4,000

### | Call for STSM 25/2

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- WG5: Writing a post-workshop report for stakeholders on Methodological Challenges in Paid Parental Leave Research and Policy (Host: Cassandra Engeman, Sweden)
- Funding: max. 4,000

### | Call for STSM 25/3

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- WG3: Writing on economic consequences of PPL for children (Host: Guðný Eydal, Iceland)
- Funding: max. 4,000

### | Call for VMG 25/1

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- Compilation of a literature database for the CA21150 website (Contact for questions: Thordis Reimer)
- Funding: max. 1,500

### | Call for VMG 25/2

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- WG4: Reviewing and updating the Excel data sheet for the online mapping tool (Contact for questions: Pedro Romero-Balsas and Gerardo Meil)
- Funding: max. 1,500

### | How to apply

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Please visit the e-cost Grant application website and fill in/upload the following:

- Title | start and end date | budget requested | information about the host institution and contact person | location of host institution
- To be uploaded: 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 and deliverables | confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant | For STSMs: detailed cost plan | For VMGs: justification of costs

Further detailed information: please see the [Annotated Rules](#). Grant payments are made after the STSM/VMG has been carried out and the report and other documents have been approved.

Depending on the availability of further funds, an open call for STSMs/VMGs will follow later this year. For more information please contact the [CA21150 Grant Awarding Coordinator](#).