

A European flyway research network for the effective conservation of migrant landbirds (EUFLYNET)

COST Action number CA22117

Short-term scientific missions' grants

One third of European breeding bird species are migrant birds that occur across the continent and winter in Africa, and most of these species are landbirds. Many species are in serious decline from several causes across the flyway. The EUFLYNET COST Action aims to understand these migrant landbird population dynamics and create a scientific network, through flyway level cooperation and coordination of existing local research throughout Europe, and training and sharing of expertise to peripheral countries. The short-term scientific mission grants aim to support such capacity building and transfer of knowledge through the establishment or reinforcement of collaborations across countries, disciplines, and sectors.

Grant details and eligibility:

The EUFLYNET COST Action will award 4 grants up to 2,500 euros each. The applicants must be primarily affiliated in a legal entity located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country, a COST Near Neighbour country, or a European RTD Organisation (see list of eligible countries below). The project can be carried out anywhere in the world, but it must be undertaken in a different country than the country of primary affiliation.

The evaluating committee encourages especially, but not exclusively, applications from people at an early-career stage, coming from peripheral countries and/or whose aim is to transfer knowledge between different sectors (e.g., scientific institutions, industry, education).

The project must have clear aims and objectives that fit within the COST Action goals (e.g., knowledge exchange, learn a new technique, access specific instruments). The duration of the project is determined by the applicant and should be justified according to the available budget. The project can start after the 31st of March 2026, but it must be completed by the 15th of September 2026.

What the grant covers:

The grant covers travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses, as well as any expenses related to the implementation of the project.

Reporting and claiming:

Once the activity has ended, the grantee must submit a report describing the work developed, main achievements, and follow up activities in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity. The grantee is also asked to submit a blog post to EUFLYNET's website to describe the work performed during the STSM. The grants are paid after the completion of the activity and approval of the report. A partial pre-payment of the grant may be possible (up to 50%) and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

How to apply:

Applications should be submitted via the e-COST website before the 23rd of March 2026. To create an e-COST account and apply, you must register here:

<https://e-services.cost.eu/user/registration/email>.

Guidelines on how to find the form in e-COST website are attached at the end of this document. Decisions will be made until the 31st of March 2026.

The application consists of:

- Project title
- Start and end dates (max. end date: 15th September 2026)
- Application form (template at eCOST), describing:
 - Goals of the project (max. 200 words)
 - Working plan (max. 500 words)
 - Expected outputs and contributions to the Action objectives (max. 500 words)
- Contacts of the host organisation and mentor
- Confirmation letter from the host organisation
- Budget
- Short CV (maximum 2 pages)
- Motivation letter (maximum 1 page long), emphasizing the importance of this short scientific mission for the applicants' career

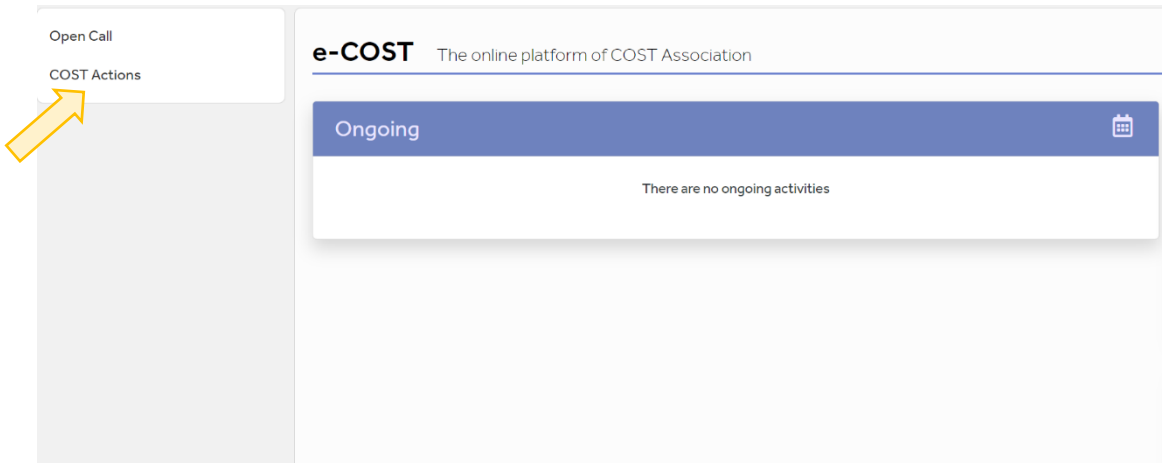
List of COST Full, Cooperating Member, and Near Neighbour countries

Albania	Hungary	Palestine
Algeria	Iceland	Poland
Armenia	Ireland	Portugal
Austria	Israel	Romania
Azerbaijan	Italy	Serbia
Belgium	Jordan	Slovakia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kosovo	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Spain
Croatia	Lebanon	Sweden
Cyprus	Libya	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Syria
Denmark	Luxembourg	Tunisia
Egypt	Malta	Turkey
Estonia	Moldova	United Kingdom
Finland	Montenegro	Ukraine
France	Morocco	
Georgia	Netherlands	
Germany	North Macedonia	
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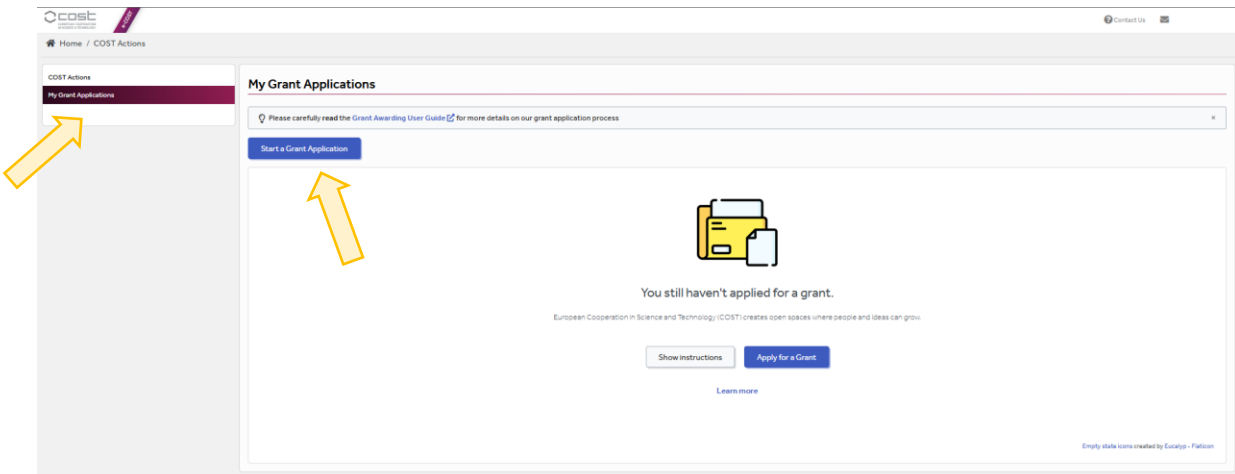
How to apply for a STSM Grant

1. Register at e-COST website: <https://e-services.cost.eu/user/registration/email>

2. On the left menu, click “*COST Actions*” (below, in yellow)



3. Select “*Grant Applications*” and “*Apply for grant*”



4. Select “Short-Tem Scientific Mission Grant”

The screenshot shows the 'Apply for a Grant' page with several options. The 'Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM)' option is highlighted with a yellow box. Other options include 'Virtual Mobility (VM)', 'Young Researcher and Innovator Conference (YRIG)', 'Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference (ITCG)', and 'Dissemination Conference (IDCG)'. Each option includes a brief description and an 'Apply' button.

5. Fill out the form, upload the required documents, and remember to find the correct COST Action: **CA22117**

The screenshot shows the 'Apply for a Grant' form. The 'COST Action' field is highlighted with a yellow box and contains the value 'CA22117 - A European flyway research network for the effective conservation of migrant landbirds'. Other fields include 'Applicant name', 'Primary affiliation', 'Grant period', 'Grant title', 'Amount requested', 'Bank account', 'Start date requested', 'End date requested', 'Host institution name', 'Host institution city', 'Host institution country', 'Host institution url', 'Host contact person name', and 'Host contact person email'. A 'Save application' button is located at the bottom right.