

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 6 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 15th of December 2025, 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 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 30th of November 2025.

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 15th of December 2025.

The application consists of:

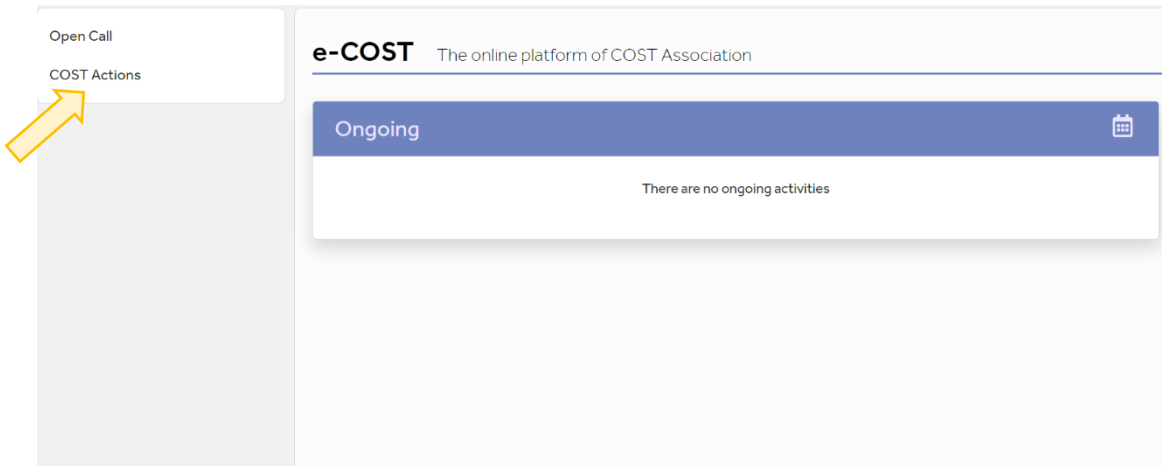
- Project title
- Start and end dates (max. end date: 15th September 2026)
- Application form (template at eCOST), describing:
 - Goals of the project (max. 200 words)
 - Working plan (max. 500 words)
 - Expected outputs and contributions to the Action objectives (max. 500 words)
- Contacts of the host 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

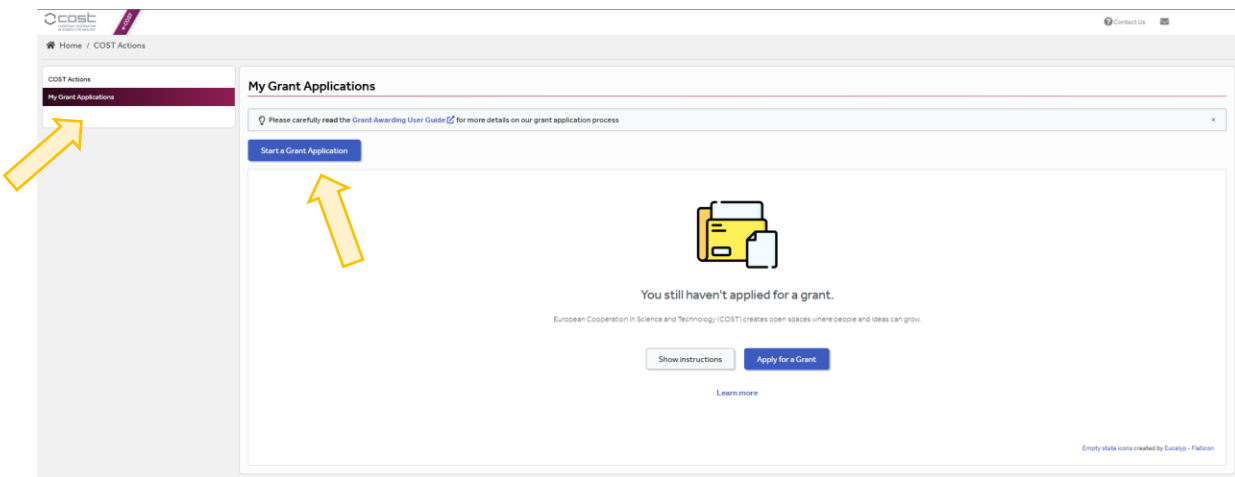
Albania	Greece	North Macedonia
Algeria	Hungary	Norway
Armenia	Iceland	Palestine
Austria	Ireland	Poland
Azerbaijan	Israel	Portugal
Belgium	Italy	Romania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Jordan	Serbia
Bulgaria	Kosovo	Slovakia
Croatia	Latvia	Slovenia
Cyprus	Lebanon	Spain
Czech Republic	Libya	Sweden
Denmark	Lithuania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

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-Term Scientific Mission Grant"

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Mobility of researchers and innovators

Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM)

Visit of a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation by a Researcher or Innovator for the specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time. The grantee receives funding for implementing a project with an international team and gains new knowledge or access to equipment or techniques not available in the home institution.

[Apply](#)

Virtual Mobility (VM)

Financial support for Researchers or Innovators with a primary affiliation to an institution located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country or from a COST Near Neighbour Country to foster collaboration in a virtual setting, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc.

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Presentations at conferences organised by third parties

Young Researcher and Innovator Conference (YRIG)

Financial support for Young Researchers and Innovators for their participation in high-level conferences fully organised by a third party. The grantee receives support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

[Apply](#)

Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference (ITCG)

Financial support to applicants affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country for their participation in high-level conferences fully organised by a third party. The grantee receives support for attending and presenting their work (oral presentation) and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

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Dissemination Conference (DCG)

Financial support to Action participants for their participation in high-level conferences fully organised by a third party, to present the Action, their activities, and results (oral presentation) and for developing new contacts and potential future collaborations.

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

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Applicant name: [Redacted]

Primary affiliation: [Redacted]

Time: [Redacted]

COST Action *
CA22117 - A European-friendly research network for the effective conservation of migrant landbirds
You can search only in COST Actions for which you are eligible for the selected grant.

Grant period *
AGA-CA22117-3-01-17-1-2025 - 31/10/2026

Grant title *

Amount requested *
EUR

Bank account *

Start date requested *
dd/mm/yyyy

End date requested *
dd/mm/yyyy

Host institution name *

Host institution city *

Host institution country *
Choose a country
Host institution must be located in a different country than your country of affiliation

Host institution set *

Host contact person name *

Host contact person email *

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