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Effective Lake management: reducing cyanobacteria by actions in the catchment
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2026 – 1st Call for

Sort-Term Scientific Mission (STMS) Grants applications

2nd Grant period: 01 November 2025 – 31 October 2026

Call opens: 19/12/2025

Call deadline: 30/09/2026 or until funds are available

STSM implementation period: 05/01/2026 – 15/10/2026

Report delivery deadline: within 30 days from the end of the conference or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first

We are pleased to announce the opening of the 2026 Call for Sort-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) grants applications, for funding the **short-term visit of a researcher or innovator** to a host organization located in a country different from the country of the applicant's affiliation to carry out specific scientific work!

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, with one evaluation session every month.

Who can apply?

Researchers or innovators affiliated with an organization (for Affiliation see § 4.1.1.1.1 of [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#)) who wish to undertake a short-term visit to an organization located in another country (see §6.3 for the possible Location of COST Action networking activities and § 6.4 for Eligibility to receive financial support of [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#)) for a specific time period.

What support is provided?

- STSM grants support capacity building and transfer of knowledge through bilateral/multilateral collaborations as well as support topics that can help achieving the Action MoU objectives and deliverables.
- STSM 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 as well as the opportunity to develop a longstanding collaboration.

- STSM grants contribute to travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, implementation of the project, delivery of the report to the COST Action MC and overall effort.
- The application should include a requested amount, depending on the duration and location of the STSM, **up to a maximum of 4000€**.
- The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the CYANOACTION cannot be considered as being an STSM grantee's employer, i.e., the STSM Grant cannot be considered as a salary.

How to apply?

Applications are submitted via [e-COST](#) (applicants must have or create an e-COST profile).

Applicants must carefully read the [CYANOACTION Grand Awarding Process](#) document before applying. This document provides detailed information on the application process, evaluation criteria, and the required documents from the grantee to receive the grant payment.

Applicants should refer to the currently available documents published on the COST & CYANOACTION webpages:

- [CYANOACTION Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#)
- [Grant Awarding User Guide](#)
- [CYANOACTION Grand Awarding Process](#)

CYANOACTION Acknowledgment

Grantees will be required to write a short report of their experience to be published in the newsletter and contribute content (posts, pictures, brief videos, etc.) for the Action's social media.

Grantees with approved applications will receive a Grant Letter from the Grant Holder.