

CA19112 – Women on the Move (WEMov)

Call for applications: Short Term Scientific Mission 3 (STSM)

Deadline for applications: **1 March 2022**

COST Action CA19112 Women on the Move (WEMov) encourages Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs; see below ‘What are STSMs?’).

For the current (second) Grant Period (GP2), an STSM will be awarded to make a concrete contribution on research on migrant women and their participation to the labour market (economic sectors, wages, regulations etc..) and more generally to the economy of the receiving country. This STSM’s activities could thus include:

- 1) Research stay leading to the preparation of one or more contributions for the “Unknown stories project” (biographies of unknown migrant women)
- 2) Research stay leading to a co-publication with another COST member. This stay is finalized to the publication of an article in a peer-reviewed academic journal or a book chapter or an introductory study to a planned co-edited volume or a special issue of an academic journal, with focus on migrant women participation in the labour market, migrant women economic activities or belongings.
- 3) Research stay leading to the creation of a MOOC class about migrant women and labour market/migration policies/citizenships.

We invite participating members of eligible Home Institutions to apply for STSMs at Host Institutions (see below for instructions). WEMov welcomes the participation of all interested researchers and strives to represent researchers of all gender identities, and invites women, men and non-binary persons to apply for a STSM grant.

The STSM **must be completed by 30 August 2022** for reimbursement.

I. About the Action

Women on the Move is a transdisciplinary network of European researchers who focus on historical and contemporary female labour mobility spanning six centuries to the present. The objective is to show the presence and economic contribution of female migrants in European

history by revealing women as active migrants and builders of Europe – with economic means, belongings, assets and social networks – capable to overcome gendered obstacles. This will contradict macro-narratives that present women as vulnerable migrants and economic burdens. Focusing on women’s labour mobility will raise the current debates on migration by unveiling women’s skills and agency, as well as their constraints and limits as economic actors. The Action suggests a multidimensional and multi-factorial interpretation of migration dynamics and tackles in-migration, out-migration and internal migration in a long perspective to highlight consistencies and exceptions in European historical migration patterns. This will bring out local idiosyncrasies and challenge global narratives on female migration.

One of the objectives of the Action is to raise awareness about the crucial economic role played by migrant women in the labour market – and more generally in the economy – of the receiving country. In order to achieve this specific objective two activities has been developed: 1) the “Unknown stories” project; 2) MOOC classes. The “Unknowns stories” project aim to collect hidden stories of migrant women who made a contribution in art, education, economy, welfare, culture (and other sectors) in their receiving country and who were able therefore to influenced local communities and structures but were either forgotten or marginalized. These stories will show and analysed the entanglement between gender, migration, community and profession in order to highlight the routes for success on different labour markets and cultural arenas.

The MOOC classes will address the presence of migrant women in specific sectors of the labour market; furthermore they will study the influence of migration policies and laws on female labour migration and the impact of migration on their family life.

II. What are STSMs?

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are institutional visits aimed at strengthening the network by supporting individual mobility and fostering collaboration between researchers. They allow individual scholars and scientists to travel from the institution in which their research is primarily done (the ‘home institution’) to a COST member institution (the ‘host institution’) for collaboration on some academic output, to learn new methods or gain access to resources not available in their home institution. STSMs must have a minimum duration of 5 days including travel, and normally will have a duration of no more than 30 days. To learn more about the COST rules on the Short-Term Scientific Missions please check the [COST Annotated Rules](#) that can be downloaded from the [COST Website](#).

III. Financial support

An STSM grant is a contribution which may be used for travel and subsistence costs only, though it might not necessarily cover all such expenses. The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the Action cannot be considered as being an STSM grantee's employer. STSM grantees shall make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security and pension matters. Successful applicants in the second Grand Period will receive an allowance up to a maximum of 160 EUR per day and up to a maximum total budget of **1500 EUR per STSM**. After the STSM, STSM participants must submit a satisfactory scientific report to the Host Institution and to the Grant Awarding Coordinator within 30 days after the end of their stay. This must detail the output produced by the STSM. Outputs may include collaborative papers, policy briefs, databases, workshops or creative works.

The STSM grant will be paid after the completion of the exchange visit and acceptance of a satisfactory scientific report from the grantee. Please note that a letter from the Host Institution is required.

IV. Eligibility to apply

STSM applicants shall be engaged in an official research programme as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organisation or legal entity that has within its remit a clear association with performing research. The institution/organisation or legal entity where applicants pursue their main strand of research is considered the Home Institution. The Host Institution is the institution/organisation that will host the successful applicant.

Priority will be given to Early Career Investigators (ECIs, defined as researchers with no more than 8 years of experience after their PhD) and PhD students. Compliance with WEMov's objectives is required. Incomplete applications or those not meeting eligibility requirements will not be considered. Above all, the applicant must include a description of the intended co-production of the results from the STSM with the host researcher.

V. 2-step application procedure

If you are interested in applying, please complete the following procedure (user guide is available at <https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-andguidelines/>):

1. Complete the on-line application form (log in at <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm>). Supporting documents include:

- Cover letter, explaining how your work will benefit from this STSM and how this STSM will contribute to the achievement of the COST CA19112's objectives for WG3. Please include details of the co-production project from the results of the STSM.
- Work plan specifying what you intend to do (800 words), the start and end dates, and the intended co-production.
- Written agreement of the host institution, in English or with translation (note: the agreement must come from the host institution – an informal email from a host researcher is not sufficient as a supporting document)
- Letter of support from the home institution, in English or in original language with accompanying translation.
- CV (2 pages).
- List of publications.

2. Download the formal application and send it by **1 March 2022** as an e-mail attachment together with the necessary supporting documents (listed above) to the STSM Coordinator, Graham Finlay, e-mail: graham.finlay@ucd.ie.

VI. Evaluation and selection of candidates

The evaluation of applications will be conducted by the Core Group.

- Priority will be given to ECIs. If you are an ECI, please identify this clearly in your application.
- Considerations of gender balance will apply, you can give your gender identity in your application.

The selection of successful applicants shall be done in consideration of:

- the scientific scope of the proposed participation,
- how it will support WEMov in achieving its scientific objectives, and
- the co-production anticipated from the STSM (i.e., MOOC class, “Unknown Stories” project, or other relevant co-production (i.e.co-publishing).

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of:

- excellence
- co-creation of research outputs
- contribution to overall WEMov's objectives, and
- contribution to "Unknown stories" project or to a MOOC class related to work/economy

VII. Communication of results

Results of the applications will be announced by **15 March 2022**. Successful applicants should confirm their acceptance of the STSM Grant with the STSM Coordinator in a timely manner.

VIII. After the STSM

The grantee is obliged to submit a short scientific report to the host institution (for information) and to the STSM Coordinator, who will then forward the report to the Core Group (for approval) within 30 days after the end date of the STSM. The report must contain the following information:

- Purpose of the STSM;
- Description of the work carried out during the STSM;
- Description of the main results obtained;
- Future collaboration with the host institution (or co-production);
- Foreseen outputs resulting from the STSM (required);
- Confirmation by the host institution of the successful execution of the STSM (in English or in original language with accompanying translation);
- Other comments (if any).

Outputs of the STSM should be sent to the STSM Coordinator for citation on the WEMov website. CA19112 WEMov must be acknowledged in all outputs.

In the event that the scientific report is incomplete or unsatisfactory, the STSM Coordinator will contact the grantee with a request for the missing information. The grantee should respond to this request in a timely manner. Failure to do so may result in the Grant Holder being unable to reimburse the grantee.