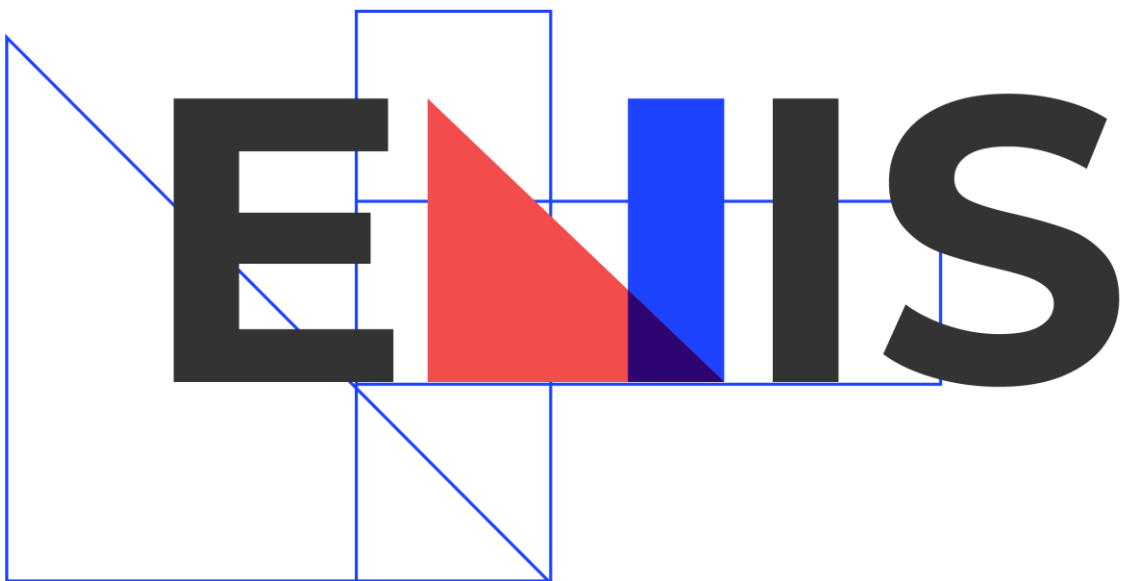
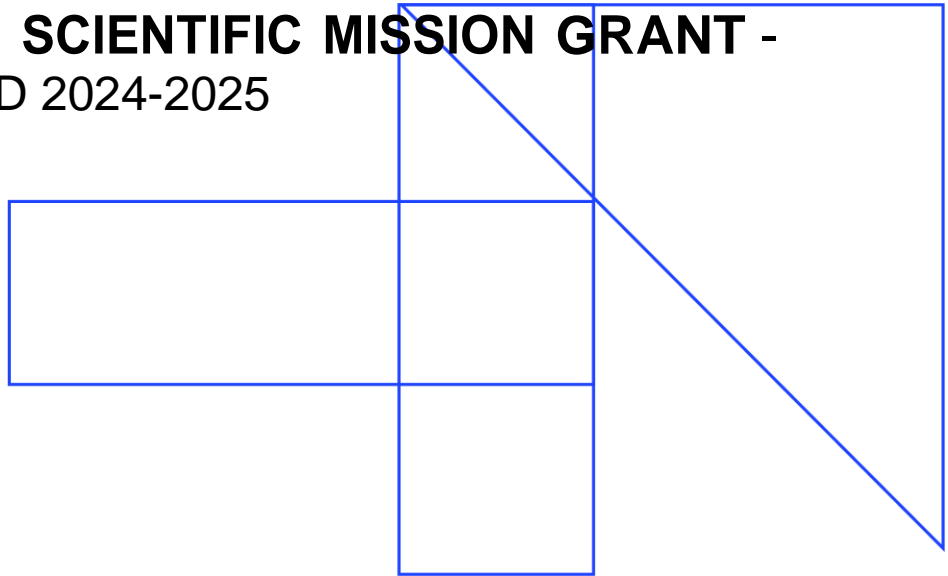


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ENIS COST Action "European Network on International Student Mobility: Connecting Research and Practice" is happy to announce the opening of its first call for applications for the practitioner-academic collaborations Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) grants – Grant period 2024-2025.

## **Scope:**

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) grants facilitate and support the mobility of individuals for intensive collaboration in the following areas:

- Collaboration between practitioners and scientists: Fostering the development of outputs such as articles, book chapters, policy briefs, manuals, or training tools, and research projects that bridge the gap between research and practice.
- Advancing systematic reviews: Contributing to the progression of systematic reviews on key topics related to the Action.
- Policy development: Supporting the creation of policy briefs focused on specific ISM topics covered by the Action.

## **Content and focus:**

Applications should be linked (content-wise) to the field of international student mobility and offer concrete recommendations for ISM practice to inform policymakers, practitioners in higher education institutions and study abroad organisations or to be linked to the general systematic reviews assigned to the four thematic working groups (WG).

## **Number of grants:**

Six (6)

## **Financial Support:**

1500 euros for each application.

*Applicants from an ITC can request for pre-payment of 50% of the grant.*

## **Eligibility:**

The application must include at least one of the following:

- A practitioner, policymaker or a study abroad organization working on topics relevant to ISM field, and an academic in the field of ISM (e.g., PhD student, post-doctoral researcher, senior researcher, lecturer, or professor).  
or
- A member involved in the general systematic reviews or in the policy briefs.

*In both cases, a support letter from the Working Group (WG) leader is required.*

**Evaluation Criteria**

- Alignment of the goals of the STSM to the Action's objective (2 points)
- Expected impact of the STSMs (2 points)
- Sustainability of the cooperation (1 point).

**Priorities:**

- Young researchers and innovators (under 40 years old);
- Researchers from inclusiveness target countries (ITC);
- Gender balance will be taken into account.

**Period:**

STSM has to be carried out between 15 February and 30 September 2025.

**Duration:**

Minimum of three days (excluding the travelling days).

**Timeline:**

- Open of call: **December 20, 2024**
- Deadline for application: **January 20, 2025**
- Decision process and announcements of results: Up to a month after the close of the call.

**How to apply?**

A. Fill in STSM application form (template available on e-COST).

B. Fill in e-COST form (<https://e-services.cost.eu/>)

C. Uploaded to e-COST system:

- Application form describing the main goals of the STSM;
- Confirmation of the host in receiving the applicant;
- Support letter from the WG leader;
- If intended, a family top-up grant statement indicating how the top-up grant would help you to manage your family work responsibilities for the travel. (Please check our website for more information on this possibility)
- If intended, a green mobility top-up grant statement outlining how the top-up grant would facilitate the promotion of sustainability in your trip, along with a document illustrating the price difference between sustainable and non-sustainable travel options

D. Obs.:

- Clearly state in your CV if you hold a tenure position and if the applicant is a young innovator (< 40 years old)
- All documents must be in English.
- **Applications that do not meet the requested requirements will not be accepted. Moreover, applications lacking essential documents or any requested information will not be eligible for consideration.**

**Reporting and claim for payment of the grant**

Upon the conclusion of the conference, within 30 days after the end of the activity, the grantees have to submit via e-COST system:

- The claim for the payment of the grant is made via e-COST system;
- Report to the Action MC on the main achievements of the STSM and planned future follow-up activities.

**Obligations:**

Grantees and host researchers commit to writing a post and sending pictures of the STSM for the social media network.

**Clarifications:**

The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the Action cannot be considered as grantee's employer. Grantees must make arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security, and pension matters.

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