

COST ACTION CA15211

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## **COST Action 15211**

### **Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) Applications**

#### **Call for STSM Applications for Missions Planned between 1.1.2020-15.4.2020**

Dear Researchers,

COST Action CA15211 "Electronet" invites researchers from Countries participating in the Action to submit applications for the 5<sup>th</sup> Call for Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM).

#### **The purpose of a STSM**

STSM are aimed at strengthening existing networks and fostering collaborations by allowing Researchers participating in a given COST Action to visit an institution / Organization in another Participating COST Country / an approved NNC institution or an approved IPC institution. A STSM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action, whilst at the same time allowing those partaking in the missions to learn new techniques, gain access to specific data, instruments and / or methods not available in their own institutions / organizations. Details for general rules for STSM applications are at: <http://www.cost.eu/participate>. Specific information about submission to ElectroNet are at: <https://atmospheric-electricity-net.eu/stsm>.

Deadline for applications to be submitted: no later than **[25 / November / 2019]**

Notification of application outcome: before **[15 / December / 2019]**

Period of STSM: between **[1 / January / 2020]** and **[15 / April / 2020]**; **for special cases the STSM can be implemented in December 2019. In this case, this should be clearly mentioned in the message to the STSM coordinator and the application should be submitted not later than October the 20<sup>th</sup>.**

For the application please use (besides the formal application at the Cost site) the template **"STSM\_proposal\_template.docx"** provided at <https://atmospheric-electricity-net.eu/stsm> and send it, together with the CV and Invitation letter to the STSM coordinator Yoav Yair, at the e-mail address: [yoav.yair@idc.ac.il](mailto:yoav.yair@idc.ac.il). Read carefully the instructions at <https://atmospheric-electricity-net.eu/stsm> before applying. Applications should be submitted at least 45 days before the implementation is planned to start, to avoid high costs (flight, accommodation, etc.).

STSM proposals should be at minimum, 2 and at maximum 4 pages long. They should be clear and concise and contain the following components: (a) Title, text describing overall context and objectives (theoretical background, citing relevant literature) (b) Novelty and originality of the proposed idea / work (c) Reason for choosing the host institute (d) Detailed work plan and (e) Potential outcomes and relevance to Electronet. See information at: <https://atmospheric-electricity-net.eu/stsm>. Threshold for acceptance: grade of 3.5 out of 5.

For COST STSM funding rules - see Section 7 of the COST Vademecum:  
<http://www.cost.eu/participate/guidelines>

Neither duplicate proposals nor group STSM will be accepted, an STSM must be unique; If two (or more) proposals are found to be nearly identical (including previous/approved applications, etc.), the applicants are not allowed to submit any other applications for one year.

No resubmission accepted during the same round, regardless of the reason for rejection (except for problems with documents/letters/admin issue); If rejected, a resubmission is allowed only during the next STSM grant period; All STSM activities must occur in their entirety within the period specified above.

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