

**Dear Members of COST Action CA24105 Retina4Future**

We are pleased to announce the **opening of the 1st Call for Grant Applications for Short-Term Scientific Missions** (STSMs).

Deadline: 31 March at 12:00 (CET)

Applications must be submitted by email to:

Manuel A. Vidal-Sanz (Grant Awarding Coordinator): manuel.vidal@um.es

Sandra Tenreiro (COST Chair): stenreiro@nms.unl.pt

Applicants must be registered in e-COST. To apply, please access “COST Actions” and then the “My Grant Applications” tab: Application Requirements

Applications must include:

The completed application form (template available in e-COST), including:

Goals of the STSM

Description of the work to be carried out

Expected outcomes

Contribution to the objectives of the Action MoU

Confirmation from the host institution agreeing to receive the applicant (template available in e-COST)

All required supporting documents

Evaluation and Budget:

Applications will be evaluated and ranked by the Grant Awarding Committee.

Total budget allocated for this call: €15,000

Approved grants may be partially funded

STSMs must be completed by the end of October 2026

The evaluation will consider:

Scientific rationale and expected impact

Justification of the requested budget

Support of Young Researchers and Innovators (YRIs)

Geographic distribution

Gender balance

Duration (shorter STSMs will be favoured)

A final STSM report must be submitted in e-COST within 30 days after completion of the mission.

Payment will be made once the report is approved and all required documents are submitted. A pre-payment of up to 50% may be authorised by the Grant Holder before or during the STSM.

We strongly encourage applications from Young Researchers and Innovators (YRIs).

For further details, please consult the official COST rules for STSMs. [https://cost-tenet.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/STSM\\_Guidelines\\_TENET\\_2026.pdf](https://cost-tenet.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/STSM_Guidelines_TENET_2026.pdf)

With best regards,



**Prof. Manuel Vidal-Sanz**

Grant Awarding Coordinator

On behalf of the Grant Awarding Committee