

Call for applications

2 STSM at Barcelona Metropolitan Region, February/March 2013

COST Action Urban Agriculture Europe proposes 2 Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) preceding the 2nd Working Group Meeting of the Action in Castelldefels (Barcelona).

All Early Stage Researchers registered in the Action are invited to submit their application for one of the STSMs until 10/01/2013.

Research subject and program

All COST UAE Working Group Meetings focus on one of the Action's WG subjects and give the possibility to the WG members to discuss their work in progress with the other participants of the action. To ground this discussion, Urban Agriculture in the visited reference region will be presented in field trips and by local stakeholders. This will be made possible by the local organizer and prepared by Early Stage Researchers who have visited the region and its stakeholders on a Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) before." (See MoU, p.14).

The subject of the STSMs in Barcelona Metropolitan Region is to work on typologies of Urban Agriculture that can be found in the reference region as a preview to prepare the Working Groups Meeting to be held from 12th to 15th March, 2013 at the ESAB (Escola Superior d'Agricultura de Castelldfels) from the UPC (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya) at Castelldefels (Barcelona).

Program

Possible field visits and interviews with managers and / or stakeholders from:

- Parc Agrari del Baix Llobregat (Baix Llobregat Agrarian Park)
- Parc Agrari de Sabadell (Sabadell Agrarian Park)
- Consorci de l'Espai Rural de Gallecs (Consortium of Rural Gallecs)
- Alella Vineyards area
- Social Urban allotments and occupied horticulture (along rivers, motorways or sloped wasted lands) in / between the cities (Barcelona / Sabadell).

Possible interviews with representatives from:

- Regional Government (Generalitat de Catalunya)
- Provincial Government (Diputació de Barcelona)
- Local Governments (Barcelona, Sabadell, Mollet, El Prat...)
- Farmers' Union (Unió de Pagesos)
- Farmers and others: social, participation, new entrepreneurial.

The host will make a call for and provide appointments, visits, interviews and data (statistics, plans, planning) of the different emplacements, institutions or stakeholders. The final program of visits and interviews will be defined by agreement between the host and the elected applicants, according to their work proposal, interests and motivation.

The host will be available to discuss the work, method, progress and results with the STSMs regularly and, whenever possible, to go with them.

Tasks

It will be important for the Action and for the WG Meeting that the whole range of what urban agriculture is, could be treated. Besides the typologies and a representation of where they can be found in the Barcelona region, how they work, what they produce, who works there... the STSM result could identify what is on stake for each of the types, how they could further develop and which policies from other European regional contexts (knowledge of the STSM candidates) could make sense in the Barcelona context.

Final Deliveries

- Presentation of STSM at WG Meeting
- Report excerpt of the Scientific Mission to be published with the documents of the 2nd WG Meeting.
- STSM Scientific Report according to the COST Vademecum (4.11.1).

Organisational information

Host Institution

The Faculty of Agriculture of Barcelona (ESAB / Escola Superior d'Agricultura de Barcelona) located in the [Campus of Baix Llobregat](#) of the [Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya](#).

Address: Escola Superior d'Agricultura de Barcelona (ESAB)
Campus del Baix Llobregat, Edifici D4, Despatx 058
c/ Esteve Terradas, 8. 08860 Castelldefels (Spain)

Host Representative: Luis Maldonado Rius / luis.maldonado@upc.edu

Duration and Calendar

The expected duration of the mission is two weeks between the second half of February and the first half of March, when the WG Meeting will be held. The final calendar will be defined by agreement between the host and the elected applicants.

Location

The host will provide a work place at the ESAB, accreditation and access to institutions or working equipment necessary for the development of the action.

Accommodation and transport in the work area

The UPC has special rates at a number of hotel chains and halls of residence for visitors who visit our university at Barcelona or at other UPC Campuses around the city. The host will provide information and advice about accommodation place and public transport from the city to the campus and to the emplacement of the field visits.

Grant, application and timeline

Participants Grant

A **Grant of 2000 Euro** will be awarded to each of the selected participants to cover travel and subsistence costs. All costs exceeding this Grant are at the own expenses of the participants or their home institutions.

Application

To apply for one of the STSMs please hand in the following documents until 09/01/13 by sending them in pdf format to:

science.cost@la.rwth-aachen.de

- a letter of motivation
- a workplan of how you want to approach the subject
- a scientific CV
- a letter of support from your home institution

Eligibility

All Early Stage Researchers (less than PhD + 8 years) belonging to the action. Early Stage Researchers from Spain are not eligible.

Timeline

Call for applications: 16/12/2012

Deadline for applications: 09/01/2013 send to: science.cost@la.rwth-aachen.de

Selection of participants by host organisation and MC

Information to selected participants 18/01/2013

→ formal STSM application by the two selected participants via e-cost

organisation of travel & accommodation by the participants

COST Regulations

The STSMs will follow the COST regulations préciséd in the attached document "STSM_guidelines.pdf". The formal steps will take place after the selection of the candidates by the MC (18/01/13).