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Subject: Additional Funds available for STSMs and ITC Conference Grants

Dear COST Action MC Member, MC Substitute and MC Observer,

We are happy to inform you that additional funds are available for STSM and ITC Conference Grant applications for events that will take place until 30 April 2019. In this context we kindly ask you, in your role as MC Member, to:

- Promote within your own national research environment the opportunity for your colleagues, in particular post-docs and PhD students, to apply to carry out (until 30 April 2019) a Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) within the Action, while paying particular attention to the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy;
- Promote the above opportunity within other institutions in your country relevant to the topic of the Action;
- Consider making an application yourself to undertake STSM (until 30 April 2019) to:
 - Another participating COST Member, or
 - An approved institution in Near Neighbour Country (NNC) or International Partner Country (IPC)
- Consider hosting an STSM from a representative from a participating COST Member and/ or an approved institution in a Near Neighbour Country (NNC).

In addition, MC Members from Inclusiveness Target Countries are kindly asked to also ensure that Early Career Investigators (ECIs) and PhD Students from ITCs are informed of the possibility to apply for an ITC Conference Grant for international conferences not organised by the Action. Applications to ITC Conference Grants are to be made in e-COST.

Please note that the additional budget will be allocated on a first-come-first-serve basis; timely action is therefore highly recommended. If you have questions, please feel free to contact your Science Officer or your Administrative Officer. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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