

## **DELIVERABLE 24**

### **Short Term Scientific Missions Planning and Follow-up**

During the 1st Management Committee Meeting held at Brussels, on 21/4/16, Laure Catala was appointed as Short Training Scientific Missions manager. At this MC meeting 20,000€ were allocated for the realization of the 1<sup>st</sup> period STSMs. This budget was later increased to 24,000€ due to an increase in the general budget (from 101,000€ to 106,000€).

Through e-vote of June 28th, 2016 the following aspects of STSM grants were approved:

- i) Definition and approval of the assessment criteria for awarding STSM Grants
- ii) Delegation of the task of evaluating applications following the above mentioned criteria and awarding STSM Grants to the Core Group

#### CRITERIA

- 1) Priority will be given to PhD students and ECI's applications
- 2) Quality of the applicant's project and interest of the applicant's project in relation to the scientific objectives of the Action
- 3) Balance of assigned grants among the three different working groups of the Action
- 4) Balance of assigned grants among the different research groups participating in the Action

This e-vote was later corroborated at the 2nd Management Committee Meeting held at Bologna, Italy, on 17/11/2016. At this same meeting, the GH administrator asked and obtained the approval of the MC to do re-allocation of remainders among headings in order to adjust the Budget. Thus, the Budget for STSMs was increased up to 37,980€.

Here below there is a brief summary of the STSMs for the 1st period:

23 STSMs= 37,980.00€

13 males / 10 females

16 PhD students / 4 ECIs / 3 senior researchers

3 ITCs

During the 3rd Management Committee Meeting held at Bucharest, Romania, on 30/08/2017 34,000€ were allocated for the 2nd period STSMs. Later on, on January 31st 2018, the GH Administrator on behalf of the Action Chair, asked and obtained through an evote the approval of the MC to redistribute the remaining funds, increasing the STSM Budget up to 52,570€. This was due to the fact that in spite of our continuous efforts to grant ITC conference grants, nobody responded to the calls launched and also to the adjustment of funds left from different headings.

Here below there is a brief summary of the STSMs for the 2nd period:

33 STSMs= 52,570.00€

21 males/12 females

12 PhD students / 8 ECIs / 9 postdocs / 4 senior researchers

11 ITCs / 2 NNC

In relation to the percentages of females, ECIs and ITCs, they do not depend on the criteria used to grant the STSMs but in the number of applications issued by Action Participants.

For the 3rd period a Budget of 26,000.00€ has been allocated for STSMs. An Open call will be launched as soon as the Grant is approved.