

Dear Bioneca colleagues,

herewith, we open the 16th call for STSMs; see attachment for details.

Please note that your STSM has to be finished by September 13, 2021 at the very latest due to the end of the COST Action "BIONECA" and the end of COST's financial year!

Because of the Covid-19 situation, it is suggested that the STSM application contains the engagement of the applicant to provide to the Host (before starting the mission and with copy to the STSM Chairman and to the Action Chairman), **a Covid-19 IgG antibodies quantitative report, demonstrating the immunization, made at least in the last two months.** (The immunization can be obtained either by a previous infection or by vaccination.) Moreover, the application **must contain a declaration that, due to the voluntary character of the STSM, any accident or infection contracted during the mission will be the responsibility of the applicant and not of the STSM Chairman, the Action Chairman, the Grant Holder, or the COST Association.**

Confirmations issued by both, the home **AND** the host institution, have to be included in the application confirming that the STSM is approved and in accordance with the corresponding local and institutional Covid-19 safety requirements.

Further information and regulations by COST related to Covid-19 can be found at [COVID-19 - Information for COST Actions | COST](#). Please carefully check the document „[derogation procedure](#)“, especially pages 15/16 relating to STSMs).

We are looking forward to interesting new interactions of partners, towards our common goals in Bioneca!