

CIRCUL'ARTs COST Action 23117

STSMs GRANTS CALL

Within the 2nd Annual Budget framework, CIRCUL'ARTs Action will award 12 STSMs (€30.000). The STSMs Grants will be distributed equally to the 6 Working Groups aiming to support their activities and the achievement of the respective deliverables. This way 2 STSMs will be awarded per WG (one Artistically (A) and one Scientifically (S) oriented).

The Working Group leaders ought to promote the STSMs within their Working Groups informing the candidates that the outcome of the respective activity financed by the respective Grant should contribute to the development and the deliverables of the respective Working Group and of the Action.

The applications

- 1- should follow the COST Rules for the STSM Grants,
- 2- should be uploaded to the respective e-COST site by the decided DEADLINE,
- 3- should also clearly refer the WG number they are liaised with, and
- 4- should refer to the Working Group/Action deliverables they will contribute to.
- 5- The activities covered by the STSM Grants should be completely finalised by the end of August 2026.

All 1-5 items are considered **absolutely** necessary prerequisites; applications that lack to meet these prerequisites will be rejected.

DEADLINE for applications of STSMs is January 30, 2026.

After this date, the CIRCUL'ARTs Grants Awarding Coordinator will check them if they fulfil the requirements of the Call and the COST regulations, and rank them respectively in a List of Awards including also those proposed for rejection with reasons.

The Core Group in its Meeting of 13.02.2026 will decide after discussion the Final List of STSMs including the respective amounts, possibly decreasing the requested funding with reasons.

The Criteria for the selection of the STSM-awardees by the Core Group will be the relevance and contribution to the WG & Action deliverables, the Scientific or Artistic excellence, the promotion of collaboration and networking, the previous active participation to CIRCUL'ARTs, the realistic budget planning, and other (gender balance, geographic distribution, past participation).

In addition, in case that there are unspent funds from the Awards-budget, the CG after discussion will propose re-distribution of the respective amount to other CIRCULART's activities including Grants.

The applicants should be registered to the respective Working Group and to eCOST. Then, the link is <https://e-services.cost.eu/> under the applicant's PROFILE / APPLY FOR A GRANT.

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