



COST ACTION FP 0703 ECHOES

Expected Climate cHange and Options for European Silviculture

6th Call for Applications to Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM)

Application Deadline: 27 October 2010

European COST Action promotes COoperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research. Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM) is a major means in order to achieve this promotion in the frame of a specific COST Action.

COST Action FP0703 ECHOES has been approved on November 2007, 16th and started on May 2008, 27th for four years until May 2012 26th. Its main objective is to mobilize and integrate the existing scientific knowledge for European forest policymakers and managers who have to make decisions on **adaptation to and mitigation of climate change** (see its Memorandum of Understanding - MoU), §C1.

Its activities are structured in three Working Groups (WGs) dealing respectively with:

1. **Impacts** (of climate change)
2. **Adaptation** (to climate change)
3. **Mitigation** (of climate change).

Moreover, **interactions** between impacts, adaptation and mitigation are encouraged. In the same way, **regional specificities** may be highlighted in Mediterranean, Mountainous, Nordic, Atlantic and Continental regions.

In COST Action FP0703 ECHOES, STSMs aim at preparing joint publications.

STSMs are organized in a clear context as follows:

- There is a common interest between two institutions.
- This common interest is in the core of the COST Action FP0703 ECHOES (and for example linked with a key issue of the Action).
- It has to be supported by two scientists from these two institutions.
- The applicant is one of these two scientists; he is engaged in a research program of the so-called home institution; he wishes to spend a short period of time in the other institution where is located the second scientist as a possible host and partner.
- Home and host institutions are generally in a COST Member State having accepted the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of COST Action FP0703 ECHOES. Exceptionally, the host institution may be in a non-COST country but has to be formally approved as a Party in the Action.

The STSM duration will be at least one week.

The grant will cover travel and subsistence up to 3 500 €. Any exception needs special justification. An average cost is about 300 € for travel and 60 to 90 € per day; it depends obviously on the distance and the prices in the host country.

More information are in the COST Vademecum, instruments for financing of COST Actions activities, section 3)

The applicant must:

- **Prove that he/she is in such a situation**
- **Describe the joint publication that will be prepared**
- **Commit himself/herself to send the draft publication to the Action Chair (echoes (at) gip-ecofor.org) at the end of the mission as the major output together with a small report on the conditions of the mission (short description of the host, schedule of the mission, people met, perspectives)**

Applications can only be submitted by using the on-line registration tool (<http://www.cost.esf.org/stsm>)

A Core Steering Committee (5 members) of the COST Action FP0703 ECHOES will evaluate the applications on behalf of the Management Committee.

The preferred applications will be:

- **From a young specialist applicant**
- **The aim of the STSM tightly linked with the aim of the Action ECHOES**
- **The STMS objectives: a joint publication with a member of the host institution.**

Next Calls: 15 January 2011 and 15 May 2011