

**Call for short-term exchanges
Science and Technology Research in a Knowledge-based Economy
STRIKE**

STRIKE is a new European-wide network of researchers interested in the economics of science and technology with participants from 21 countries. The network is funded by COST (www.cost.esf.org).

STRIKE facilitates the exchange of ideas at working group meetings, workshops/ conferences, training schools and through the short-term exchange of researchers (short-term scientific missions).

Participating researchers are invited to submit applications for short-term exchanges. Exchanges have a minimum duration of one week and a maximum duration of 3 months. Home and host institution should be participating in the network . The deadline for applications is October 30, 2008.

The application should provide the following information:

1) Work plan

Brief description of work to be carried out at host institution (research topic, possibly planning of joint research, learning about available data, meetings with other researchers). Include a statement of why it makes sense to do this work at the suggested institution. Indicate the working group to which your work fits best and describe how your work fits into the scientific programme of the network. The text should preferably not exceed 750 words.

2) Recommendations

A recommendation from the host and the home institution is required. A few lines in an email to Michele Cincera (mcincera@ulb.ac.be) are sufficient.

3) CV

A short CV should be provided.

4) Additional information

- Please state the amount of funding requested. The amount for accommodation and meals should be normally less than Euro 100 per day. For travel we can provide up to Euro 300. If travel costs are higher, a brief justification should be given. The total amount requested should not exceed Euro 2000.

- Indicate the planned dates and the length of the stay.

- State whether you are a PhD student, post-doc or senior researcher.

5) Registration

The application has to be registered in the online registration tool of the COST office (<http://www.cost.esf.org/stsm>). You need to select Action IS0604. The system will generate a formal registration document.

The application should be sent via email to Michele Cincera (mcincera@ulb.ac.be). The registration document should additionally be sent to the host institution. The applications will be evaluated by the core group of STRIKE. Decisions will be made by end of November 15, 2008.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:

1. Scientific quality
2. Recommendations
3. Fit with scientific programme
4. Priority to PhD students, post-docs, senior researchers in descending order
5. Priority for work with participating institutions
6. Regional balance

You can find the scientific programme of STRIKE on the homepage of the COST office (http://www.cost.esf.org/index.php?id=233&action_number=IS0604, download the Memorandum of Understanding).

A short report on the visit is required within four weeks after the stay.

For any questions regarding the exchanges please contact Michele Cincera (mcincera@ulb.ac.be).

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