



SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS

in the frame of COST Action ES1102

“Validating and Integrating Downscaling Methods for Climate Change Research” (VALUE)

First Call 2013

The COST Action VALUE (<http://www.value-cost.eu>) invites applications for Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) to be carried out in 2013. STSMs are inter-laboratory exchange visits and aim to strengthen the COST Action by allowing scientists to visit an institution or laboratory in another COST country to foster collaboration and to learn and apply new techniques and methods. We particularly encourage Early Stage Researchers (PhD + 8 years) to profit from this opportunity. Proposed STSMs are eligible for funding if they meet the following requirements:

- (1) The STSM should complement the activities in one (or several) of the Action’s working groups and thereby contribute to the scientific objectives of VALUE.
- (2) The STSM should have a minimum duration of one week and a maximum duration of 3 months (Early Stage Researchers: maximum duration of 6 months). Earliest start date is 01 January 2013 and the STSM has to be finished by 31 December 2013 latest.
- (3) The country of the home institution has to be different from that of the proposed host institution. Both countries have to be COST countries (see http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/cost_countries) and have to participate in VALUE. Special conditions apply for reciprocal countries (Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Argentina).
- (4) Either the home or the host institution (or both) have to be represented in one (or several) of the VALUE working groups.

Approved STSMs will be funded with a maximum of 2500 € (Early Stage Researchers in STSMs longer than 3 months: maximum of 3500 €), consisting of a daily allowance (maximum 90 €/day) and a travel grant (maximum 300 €). The costs should be advanced by the home institution of the applicant. The final STSM grant will be released upon completion of the STSM and submission of a scientific report.

To apply for an STSM please register yourself on <https://e-services.cost.eu/stsm> and prepare a brief application consisting of

- (1) A scientific overview on the proposed STSM, including its motivation, the expected outcomes and the relevance for VALUE (2 pages)
- (2) A confirmation letter of the host institution (1 page)
- (3) A detailed work and budget plan (2 pages)
- (4) A scientific CV, including your three most relevant publications if available (1 page)

Main criteria are the scientific quality of the proposal and its contribution to the objectives of VALUE. Applications have to be sent **as a single PDF file** to sven.kotlarski@env.ethz.ch and dmarau@ifm-geomar.de by **02 December 2012**. All applications will be reviewed by the VALUE Steering Group, applications of Early Stage Researchers will be handled preferentially. Successful applicants will be notified by 31 December 2012.

With kind regards,



Sven Kotlarski (VALUE STSM Manager)



Douglas Maraun (VALUE Action Chair)