

Call for Applications for the Annual EASST Fund (2017)

We are pleased to announce that we have redesigned our EASST Fund scheme in response to a steady increase of interest. We now launch an annual call for applications with a €1000 per successful application (in contrast to our previous biennial - non-conference year – scheme).

The scheme aims to promote national and cross-national community building within EASST, advance new questions, topics and perspectives in science and technology studies, as well as enable collaboration with non-academic actors publically engaged in science and technology. EASST wishes to support a range of activities such as the organisation of conferences, network meetings, seminars, workshops, etc.

We welcome **Network and Community-building** activities organised by, or leading to, the creation of national and regional academic associations or other academic and non-academic initiatives committed to the promotion of scholarly and public engagements with science and technology in the European region. Examples of activities supported in previous rounds: *STS Austria* launch event in Vienna, Spanish STS network (*esCTS*) annual meetings, *Technosciences of Post/Socialism* conference in Budapest, *Mattering Press* open-access STS publishing initiative.

We similarly encourage the organisation of **Workshops and Small conferences** within Europe with the potential of making significant theoretical and/or empirical contributions to the field. Examples of supported activities from previous rounds: *STS Perspectives on Energy* conference in Lisbon, *Does History Matter? Techno-sciences and their historically informed policies* conference in Athens, *STS and Development* workshop in Amsterdam.

Activities should start between **1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017**.

EASST especially invites applications from parts of Europe where EASST activities and membership are under-represented (Southern and Eastern Europe). There is a total budget of €5000 for this call. By default we offer €1000 for successful applicants, but we also accept applications for smaller sums. The proposed activities can be fully or partially funded by EASST. There are no quotas for the announced support categories.

How to apply?

- Applications can be submitted only by **EASST members**.
- Applications should specify the **category** they apply for and include a **description** of the proposed activity, addressing the criteria below. They should also include the proposed **venue, date, organisers** and expected number and profile of **participants** (when applicable) along with a **budget** specifying how the funds requested will be allocated.
- Applications should be on our application form which can be downloaded here: <https://easst.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Application-Form-for-EASST-Fund-2017.docx> and submitted to admin@easst.net no later than **31 October 2016**.

Assessment of applications

The key considerations in assessing the applications are the following:

- Community building on the national and cross-national level, and reaching to a European audience. Particular emphasis is given to novel network initiatives, especially in countries under-represented in EASST (Southern and Eastern Europe).
- Novel academic questions, new collaborations, and reaching beyond academia.
- Innovative initiatives in academia (e.g., open access publishing) and public engagement in science and technology.
- Open activities accessible for a wide array of participants and reaching a broad audience.
- Feasibility and value-for-money. We particularly welcome initiatives with limited access to other potential sources of funding.

Communication of award is expected by 30 November 2016. Recipients should notify the Council their acceptance of award within 15 days after the awards communication.

Funding requirements

- Since only a small number of EASST members will benefit directly from the activities supported, **an approx. 2,000 words report** will be required from those receiving awards which will be considered for publication in *EASST Review*. Beyond this, EASST also encourages applicants to pursue further strategies to address or involve the EASST membership more widely (such as a video from the activity which can appear on the EASST web-site or an online discussion or a web-exhibition, Twitter hashtag #EASST).
- EASST support should be **recognised in the public dissemination** of the funded activity. This could involve the use of the EASST logo or a short statement on publicity or event materials.
- The awarded amount will be transferred against invoices after the event. In exceptional cases, full or partial pre-funding can be provided.

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