

## EASST Fund 2021-22

The EASST Fund 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 publicly engaged in science and technology**. EASST wishes to support a range of activities such as the organisation of conferences, network meetings, seminars, workshops, etc. These can be either **online** or **in-person** or a combination of both.

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.

EASST especially invites applications from parts of Europe where EASST activities and membership are under-represented (Southern and Eastern Europe). We offer up to a maximum of €1500 for successful applicants. The proposed activities can be fully or partially funded by EASST. There are no quotas for the announced support categories.

### When to apply?

There are two deadlines for applications: 1 November 2021 and 1 March 2022.

### 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 have to be made using the application form which can be downloaded here: <https://easst.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Application-Form-for-EASST-Fund-2021-22.docx> and submitted to [admin@easst.net](mailto:admin@easst.net) no later than 1700 CET on 1 November 2021 or 1 March 2022.

### How are applications assessed?

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.

### **Who assesses the applications?**

A sub-group of EASST Council will assess the applications and make a recommendation to all voting Council members (that is elected rather than co-opted members) who make the final decision. This sub-group comprises:

- Sarah Rose Bieszczad, Centre for Science and Technology Studies, (CWTS), Leiden University, Netherlands
- Michela Cozza, Organization and Management Department, Mälardalen University, Sweden
- Richard Tutton, Science and Technology Studies Unit, University of York, UK
- Filip Vostal, Centre for Science, Technology and Society Studies (CSTSS), Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic.

### **Who can you ask if you have any questions about the EASST Fund?**

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