

Stable Next-Generation Photovoltaics: Unravelling Degradation Mechanisms of Organic Solar Cells by Complementary Characterization Techniques
StableNextSol – MP1307

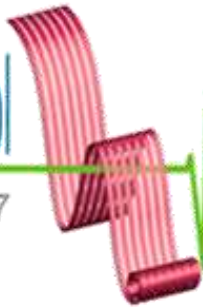
STSMs for StableNextSol

General Overview

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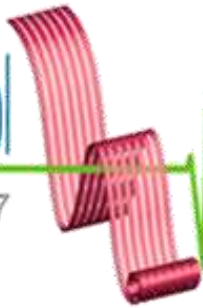




What is an STSM ?

- **Short time scientific mission**
Aim: fostering **collaboration**
and increasing **knowledge exchange**
across borders
- **Duration:** 5-90 days (and up 180 days if applicant is ESR)
- **Budget:**
 - Total < 2500 EUR (ESR: < 3500 EUR if 90<days<180)
 - Travel < 500 EUR
 - Daily allowance (incl. hotel) < 160 EUR/day



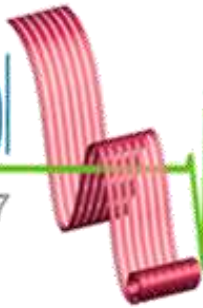


How to apply for an STSM ?

Submit to <http://stabilenextsol.eu>:

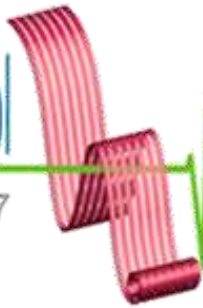
- STSM application form
- Letter of invitation of the host university
- Letter of support from home university
- Working plan
- Motivation letter
- Full C.V. (including a list of academic publications)

(Detailed info: <http://stabilenextsol.eu/activities/short-term-scientific-missions/>)



FAQ and remarks

- **Please keep your application short**
(3 page motivation letters... a bit too long)
- **Please note the possibility of extended STSMs for ESR**
(3500€ for up to 6 months)
- **STSM end date must be (start & finish) within the corresponding Grant Period** (Grant Period 3 = 01/05/2016 – 30/04/2017)



STSMs Third Grant Period (May 2016 - April 2017)

Third Grant Period Call for STSM Applications for Missions Occurring between **01.05.2016** and **30.04.2017** will open for submission.

- funds for about 20-25 STSMs are available
- Open: Shortly after this meeting (once WBP officially approved)
- Close: 2-3 weeks after opening date

First call + extension

(Grant Period 1, June 2014 – May 2015)

Total Budget spend: **35285€**

Total of STSMs: **19**

% ESR	78.95%
Gender balance:	
M/W	12/7
%W	36.84%

Second call + extension

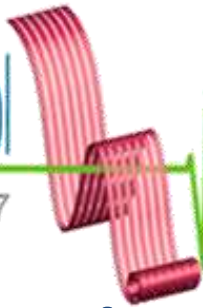
(Grant Period 2, June 2015 – April 2016)

Total Budget spend: **43469€**

Total of STSMs: **23**

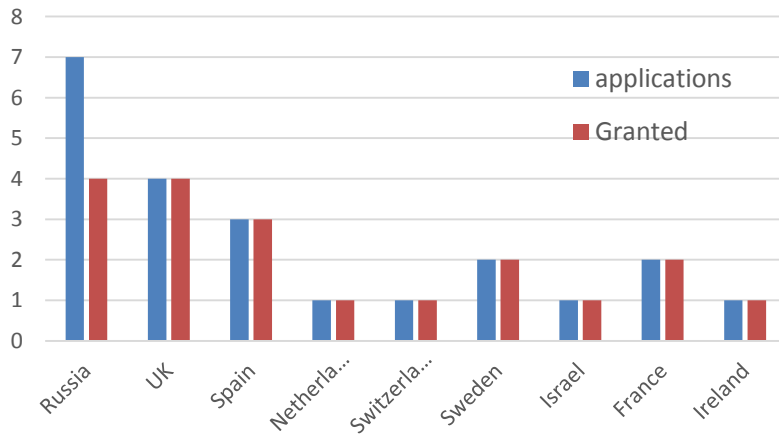
% ESR	87%
Gender balance:	
M/W	17/6
%W	26.1%

Thank you, to all reviewers & hosts!

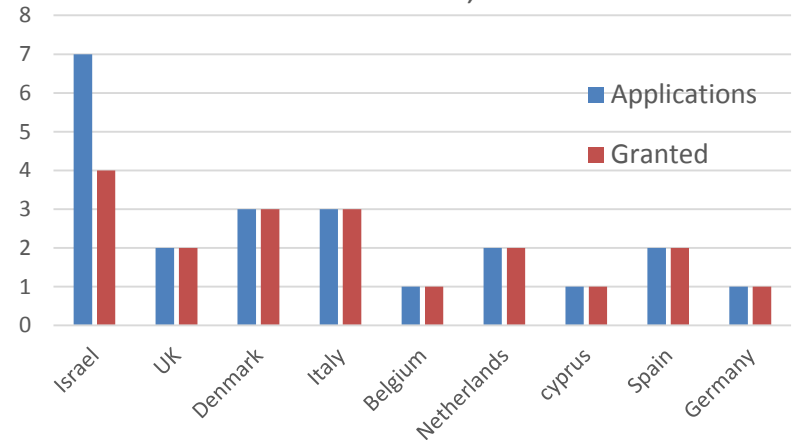


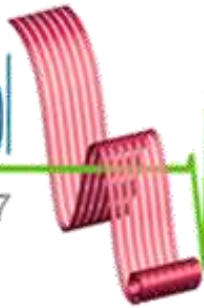
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Home Countries, first call



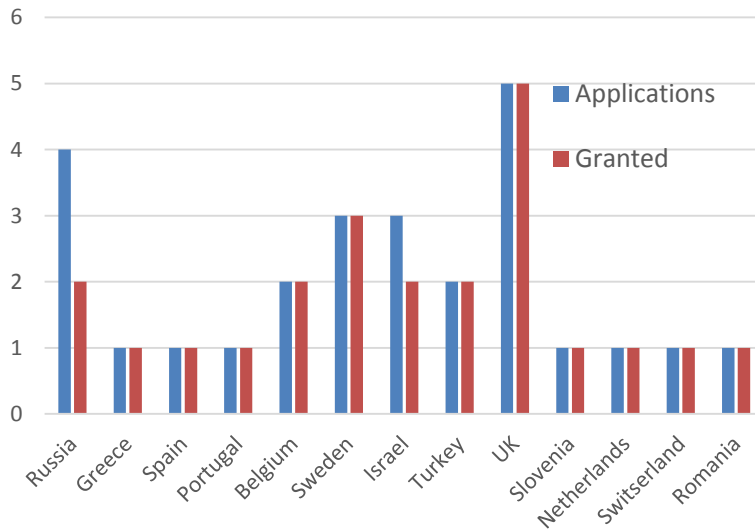
Host Countries, first call



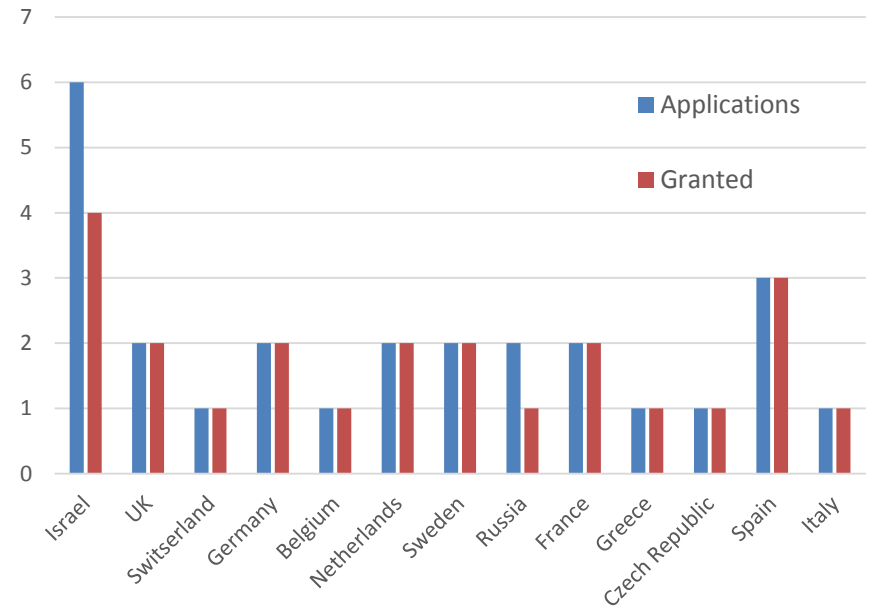


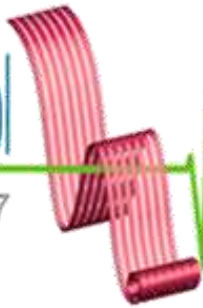
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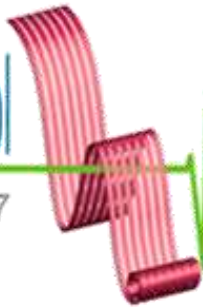


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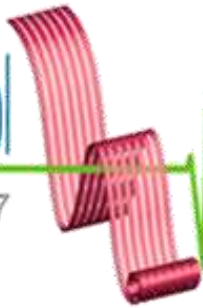


- **Limit STSMs per partner**
E.g. 5 applications to one lab in first call (4 of them from the same lab)
- **We reject STSMs which are applied for by the supervisor**
- **We & referees check the budget and adjust it if needed**



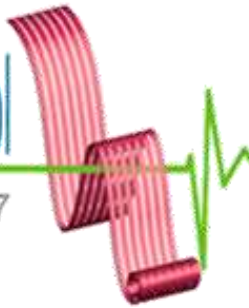
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- **STSM reimbursement is a grant:**
 - No expense receipts are needed.
 - STSM report + letter of approval by the host researcher needed
- **Submit the report within 30 days of the end of your STSM!!**
necessary for reimbursement.
- **If your STSM finishes in April** (last month of project year), **submit the report a.s.a.p. after you finish** (Payments close at the end of the project year).



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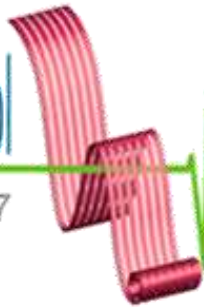
- **Change in STSM dates: If your dates are not definitive when you apply or must be changed for a justified reason:**
 - **Notify us a.s.a.p.!!!**
 - **Do not download the Grant Letter!!** (dates in e-COST cannot be changed once the Grant Letter is downloaded and you could have problems to be reimbursed)



Scientific papers, presentations at conferences and even project submissions are encouraged and expected as a result later on.

Please notify any paper/presentation/project submitted as a result of the STSM collaboration. They must be included in the webpage and the Action reports to COST.

Remember to acknowledge the Action in said papers/presentations:
“the COST Action StableNextSol, MP1307”



FAQ and remarks

In case of doubt always ask first!!!!

Questions/Problems/Not sure/Change of dates?

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