

Training School Participation Rules of Cost Action CA17112 (Pro Euro DILI Network) for full Grant Period

Objectives and participants

The main purpose of the PRO-EURO-DILI-NET Training Schools (TS) is to attract and train the next generation of scientists/clinicians in topics directly related to idiosyncratic drug-induced liver injury (DILI) field. The aim of this COST Action is to advance our understanding of DILI in order to facilitate the translation of basic research and preclinical findings into clinical practice. Thus, TSs are an indispensable tool to develop a group of early Career Investigators/Clinicians with interest and skills in DILI research. PRO-EURO-DILI-NET will support the participation of Trainers and Trainees for their attendance at the TS.

Trainers, eligibility criteria and funding support

Based on the COST eligibility criteria (see <http://www.cost.eu/download/COSTVademecum>), Trainers are reimbursed for their travel, accommodation and meal expenses during the TS. There are two types of Trainers:

1. COST Trainers: Trainers belonging to institutions/companies in participating COST countries.
2. Invited Speakers: Trainers whose primary affiliation is with an institution located in a non-Participating COST Country. There are up to four Invited Speakers for each TS and they can only be invited once during the Action.

During the Grant Period, the Chair will present at the MC meeting the list of topics to be worked on during the TS for approval.

After approval, there will be an open call to the Action participants to request COST Trainers. Trainer proposals should be sent by email to scientificmanagers@gmail.com and should provide a brief summary (max. 1 page) of the proposer's research activities relevant to the TS topics. COST Trainers will have preferential access to the invitations to the TSs and WG meetings. Invited speakers will be selected by the WG Leaders (one for each). The complete list of TS Trainers will be prepared by the Action Chair and Vice-Chair following scientific excellence and relation to TS topics criteria and this will be sent to the MC for approval. The funding rules of Trainers will be the same as the rules approved for the corresponding MC/WG meetings allocated at the same place.



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Trainee Applicants, eligibility criteria and funding support

Based on COST eligibility criteria, Trainees are entitled to receive a fixed Grant for attending a TS and they should belong to institutions/companies in participating COST countries. According to the COST eligibility criteria for trainee reimbursement are (see <http://www.cost.eu/download/COSTVademecum>), in short:

Trainees must be engaged in an official research program as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an institution, organization or legal entity, which has within its remit a clear association with performing research.

Trainees eligible for reimbursement:

- 1) Trainees from COST Full Members / COST Cooperating Member, see here http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/cost_member_states
- 2) Trainees from Approved NNC Institutions.
- 3) Trainees from Approved European RTD Organizations.

Trainees not eligible to be reimbursed:

- 1) Trainees from COST Partner Members.
- 2) Trainees from Approved IPC Institutions.
- 3) Trainees from Approved IO, EU Commission, Bodies, Offices and Agencies.
- 4) Other Trainees not specifically mentioned as being eligible.

The selection of the invited trainees will be performed following the steps below.

1. One month before holding a TS, an open call will be made to all PRO-EURO-DILI-NET participants in order to request TS trainees candidates.
2. Each applicant has to register in e-COST <https://e-services.cost.eu> adding his/her bank details to his/her e-COST profile and send an email to (lunov@fzu.cz and gareth.sullivan@medisin.uio.no) with the following documents:
 - a. A cover letter briefly (max 2 pages) introducing the applicant, with information about their affiliation, academic and research background, interest in the TS and reasoning for attending the TS (how the TS will expand trainee's career).
 - b. The applicant's CV (max 2 pages) including any relevant publications.

- c. In addition, a reference letter from at least one Action participant is needed.
- The submission will be made by e-mail (lunov@fzu.cz and gareth.sullivan@medisin.uio.no) and sent to the GH Manager.
3. The GH Manager will select the contributions that match the eligibility rules and will send them to the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair will classify the contributions following these criteria:
- Suitability of the candidate's academic and research background (max. 10 score points).
 - Involvement of the candidate in the Action (max. 5 score points).
 - Interest of the candidate in the TS goals (max. 5 score points).

In the case of there being more candidates than available funding, gender balance and ITC priority criteria will be used.

Candidates from the local organizer will be included if they obtain a minimum qualification of 12 score points in step 3 (but they will not be funded).

The trainee's grant will be calculated as a fixed contribution for traveling (400 euros) and the same hotel and meal expenses as the approved amount for the corresponding MC/WG meetings allocated at the same place. *The total Grant awarded to each eligible trainee should not exceed EUR 1500.*

Further information about applications

Questions may be sent to the CA 17112 ECI coordinators Oleg Lunov lunov@fzu.cz and Gareth Sullivan gareth.sullivan@medisin.uio.no

Appendix: Explanation of the Terms

Early Career Investigator (ECI) - An individual who is within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained their PhD/doctorate (full-time equivalent).

Management Committee members and substitutes - National representatives of each COST Full or Cooperating Member nominated by COST National Coordinators (CNC) to take charge of the coordination, implementation and management of an Action's activities as well as supervising the appropriate allocation and use of the COST funds with a view to achieving the Action's research coordination objectives and capacity building objectives.

European RTD Organizations - One of 8 European intergovernmental scientific research organizations namely: CERN - European Organization for Nuclear Research, EFDA JET - European Fusion Development Agreement, EMBL - European Molecular Biology Laboratory, ESA - European Space Agency, ESO – European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere, ESRF - European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, European XFEL - European XFEL Free-Electron Laser Facility and ILL - Institut Laue Langevin.

Invited Speakers - Specialists who are not COST Action Participants but can partake in one COST Action meeting and/ or one Training School throughout the lifetime of the COST Action.