

COST Action E19 National Forest Programmes in a European Context

4th CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Short Term Scientific Missions

COST Action E19 "National Forest Programmes in a European Context" aims to provide policy makers in Europe with improved means for formulating and implementing national forest programmes. The scientific work programme comprises the following main areas:

1. Close analyses and specification of the elements (e.g., participatory approach, long-term iterative process, holistic and intersectoral approach) and procedural requirements of a national forest programme.
2. Evaluation of the significance of national forest programmes in comparison to other policy means (e.g., regulatory means, financial incentives, extension service).

The activities of the Action are carried out in universities and research institutes. The purpose of the Action is to facilitate efficient cooperation and exchange of information within and between national research and development projects as well as experiences from the political processes of developing national forest programmes in the participating countries. The short term scientific mission, a support meant for research visits, is one method to achieve this goal.

The Action has a programme for short-term scientific missions (STSM), allowing scientists of a participating institute to visit participating public or private institutions abroad in any COST country that has signed the Action. The purpose of the visit should be to gain new experience from other countries within the topic areas of the Action. The duration of a mission must be at least 3 days and no more than 1 month. Successful applicants will receive a grant of up to EURO 1.500,-.

COST Action E19 is now inviting proposals in the third open call for short term scientific missions for 2001; **deadline for applications is September 15, 2001**. Young scientists are especially encouraged to apply (undergraduates are not eligible). To apply for a short term scientific mission in COST Action E19 the following documents have to be included (please read the application for more details):

1. Application form (provided in the application package)
2. Host institution acceptance form (provided in the application package)
3. Working plan, estimated cost and requested funding (free format)

The applications will be evaluated by a small group, consisting of the Action chairman, vice-chairman and the two working group chairmen, by the end of September 2001.

They are to be sent to: Peter Glück, University of Agricultural Sciences, Vienna, Gregor Mendel-Strasse 33, A – 1180 Wien.

Vienna, 11 May 2001