

CA19136 - International Interdisciplinary Network on Smart Healthy Age-friendly Environments (NET4Age-Friendly)

VIRTUAL MOBILITY (VM) and SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS (STSM)

SECOND CALL FOR APPLICANTS

3rd Grant Period

Summary of the Action

NET4Age-Friendly is a COST Action that aims to establish an international and interdisciplinary network of researchers from all sectors, to foster awareness and to support the creation and implementation of smart, healthy indoor and outdoor environments for present and future generations. To promote social inclusion, independent living and active and healthy ageing in society, the NET4Age-Friendly COST Action establishes an international and interdisciplinary network of researchers and stakeholders from all sectors. Its aim is to foster awareness, and to support the creation and implementation of smart, healthy indoor and outdoor environments for present and future generations. NET4Age-Friendly further aims to overcome fragmentation and critical gaps at both conceptual and pragmatic innovation level on responsive, age-friendly and sustainable environments to address European research and policy challenges.

The main approach of NET4Age-Friendly is the establishment of local or regional ecosystems in each COST country involved, to work on health and well-being in an age-friendly digital world. The ecosystems consist of citizens, public authorities, businesses/NGOs and researchers. They are supported by four thematic Working Groups: User-centered inclusive design in age-friendly environments and communities, Integrated health and well-being pathways; Digital solutions and large-scale sustainable implementation; Policy development, funding forecast and cost-benefit evaluations.

More about Action can be found [here](#) and Action MoU can be found [here](#).

APPLY for a VM or STSM!

- ✓ Interested in bringing expertise to your country/institution?
 - 👉 Apply for a STSM within a Specific Area of Interest
 - 👉 Select a Host Institution that has the knowledge and expertise you seek to receive
 - 👉 Make your case, why is your study important, how will you use it to expand understanding in your country and abroad and GO!

- ✓ Interested in bringing expertise to your own professional development?
 - 👉 Apply for a VM within a Specific Area of Interest
 - 👉 Make your innovative proposal to study that you can conduct online among great network of researchers and stakeholders
 - 👉 Make your case, why is your study important, how will you use it to expand understanding within your professional background and GO!

Specific tasks to be accomplished within an STSM or VM in GP3

WG2

1. *Finalize two Google Forms (Strategic documents metadata collection, Post-COVID mental health care pathways questionnaire), and prepare a Guideline for the correspondents (how to fill out).*
2. *Collect scientific literature about national implementations of integrated healthcare (characteristics, metadata, and comparison of different countries). Write a chapter in the deliverable with the help of the host and the task force.*
3. *Take part in the processing of either incoming questionnaires, design charts, graphs or tables to present the results, write a chapter in the Deliverable (two candidates may apply since there are two questionnaires). The host and the task force will help. It is available from autumn.*
4. *Extend the collection of strategic documents (18 countries currently). The candidate has to approach project members from the remaining countries and send them a mail request to add further data. Create a web version of the strategic documents list with an introduction.*

☒ Main [contacts](#) and more about **WG2**: Integrated health and well-being pathways.

WG4 (jointly with WG1)

1. *Develop recommendations for the module on policy, funding and business models future development by integrating the WG1 and WG4 collections*
2. *Connect and enrich the dataset collected in WG1: "Synthesize existing knowledge and critically assess practices of inclusive design of innovative solutions for SHAFE" with the WG4 SoTA in "effective business and evaluation models" for future development of the D12 WG module on policy, funding and business models for the Reference Framework (WG4). WG1 has collected around 110 entries that should correlate with the effective business and evaluation models collected in WG4.*

☒ Main [contacts](#) and more about **WG4**: SHAFE impact and sustainability: policy development, funding forecast and cost benefit evaluations.

WG5

An initial ontology was developed which resulted from a collaborative approach using as basis both the SHAFE Joint Statement and other relevant documents combined with participants' contributions. This model was based on linguistic features and is relying on WordNet lexical database. From this model, Knowledge Graph was created using NoSQL. There are two main lines of action proposed:

1. *Develop a tool that allows collecting information (concepts, meanings and relationships) from the manual classification performed by the remaining WG and support the SHAFE Ontology governance process namely by identifying potential concepts or relationships to include or other ontologies/taxonomies to link;*
2. *Develop a classification and visualization tool which relies on the SHAFE Ontology, performs free text analysis and relates documents (as well as other structured or semi-structured sources) with concepts represented in the ontology, considering also that these documents may be written in several languages.*

☒ Main [contacts](#) and more about **WG5**: Reference Framework.

Deadlines

- Deadline for submission of applications: **July 20, 2023**
- Notification of application outcome: **July 25, 2023**

Applications should be made online at the [e-COST website](#). Your VM/STSM application will be considered by the Grant Awarding Committee for NET4Age-Friendly. Before filling out the application, please consult the VM and STSM rules provided. In case you have any questions about the application procedure or rules, please contact the **Grant Awarding Coordinator, Milica Solarević** at milica.solarevic@dgt.uns.ac.rs.

Applications submitted after the deadline will be subject to individual assessment and considered depending on the finances that remain available.

Assessment criteria (up 100 points)

	Description	Points
1	Quality and feasibility of the work plan	1 to 20
2	Quality and feasibility of the planned outcomes	1 to 20
3	Suitability of the applicant to work plan objectives	1 to 20
4	Benefits of the VM/STSM for the applicant	1 to 20
5	Suitability of the VM/STSM for the selected Working Group objectives	1 to 20

Applicants will be informed and notified about the status within e-COST and application account.

What is an STSM?

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) are (face to face) exchange visits aimed at:

- Support capacity building and transfer of knowledge through bilateral/multilateral collaborations;
- Support specific/general topic that can help achieving the Action MoU objectives and deliverables (research coordination);
- Very flexible and inclusive networking activities crucial to establish new collaborations or reinforce existing collaborations across disciplines and different sectors (e.g., academia and industry / SMEs) with possible impact on career development.

More about eligibility rules and applications process can be found [here](#).

What is a VM?

Virtual mobility (VM) consists of a collaboration in virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc. VMs should:

- support capacity building and transfer of knowledge through bilateral/multilateral collaborations;
- support specific / general topic that can help achieving the Action MoU objectives and deliverables (research coordination);
- include flexible and inclusive networking activities crucial to establish new collaborations or reinforce existing collaborations across disciplines and different sectors (e.g., academia and industry / SMEs) with possible impact on career development.

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