



1st Call for Training School (TS) on Sustainable Hydropower

May 9-12, 2023, Timisoara, Romania

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PEN@HYDROPOWER & TSs

This is the 1st Call for applications for Training School (TS) on Sustainable Hydropower funded by the COST Action CA21104 "[Pan-European Network for Sustainable Hydropower – PEN@Hydropower](#)".

Training Schools (TSs) on Sustainable Hydropower support participants involved in the CA21104 PEN@Hydropower to develop their knowledge and to extend team work in the hydropower field. TSs aim to contribute to the capacity building of the CA21104 PEN@Hydropower networks by teaching/developing new skills, transfer complementary knowledge and team work. TSs contribute to the scientific objectives of the CA21104 PEN@Hydropower. TSs represent an opportunity for all CA21104 PEN@Hydropower participants to extend their knowledge on research topics that have been highlighted by WGs and team addressing the PEN@Hydropower objectives.

Four (4) TSs are planned to be organized within CA21104. A different area of the European Area (Eastern, Western, Southern, Northern) will be selected during each grant period for the organization of the training school.

Details on the content and goals are available in the [Action's Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#).

Guidelines for applicants

In the framework of this 1st Call for Training Schools, the call for applications to the 1st Training School (TS1) on Sustainable Hydropower organized during May 9 -12, 2023 at Timișoara, Romania is launched.

26 seats (21 seats covered by CA21104 and 5 seats supported by EERA JP Hydropower) are available for TS1 on Sustainable Hydropower organized at Timișoara. CA21104 covers financial support by the

daily allowance and travel costs for all 26 seats. This call is open from **28th February to 15th April, 2023**

The applications for TS1 should be submitted no later than **March 10, 2023** in the first round and no later than **March 15, 2023** in the second round. **The extended deadline for submitting applications is March 29.** As a result, the notification of acceptance should be sent out no later than **March 31, 2023**. The confirmation or rejection should be given to the e-COST invitation no later than **April 15, 2023**. After this date, the invitation is withdrawn and the applicant loses all rights.

To be eligible for the Training School participation, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- WG member (one or more) belonging to [COST Countries](#), COST Partner Member or Near Neighbour Country
- Young researchers up to 40 at the date of the application with on-going research on hydropower: *Post-docs, PhD students; Researchers in a legal entity; Master students with an on-going thesis, affiliated with a working contract to a legal entity.*

Who is eligible to apply for to 1st Training School on Sustainable Hydropower?

TS seats are available for the eligible participant affiliated with a legal entity in COST Full/ Cooperative Member, Near Neighbor Country or European RTD. PhD students are strongly encouraged to participate.

Application instructions

An application for TS1 organized at Timișoara, Romania should include the following documents:

- CV with a clear description of the background related to the hydropower field and GDPR acceptance;
- Motivation letter (max 1 page);
- 1 letter of reference (max 1 page);

All applications should be upload in a single PDF file on the platform available to [following link](#):

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdln8jxA_MbfuwH82tKN0UTSiPT2xQzFm2sqEo7vWr2_zrV3gg/viewform

Evaluation of applications

Each proposal will be assessed independently by the Training School committee of the COST Action CA 21104. The proposal will be selected based on the



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following criteria: (i) active involvement in the PEN@Hydropower COST action activities; (ii) CV and motivation alignment with the scope of the training school. Selection will also guarantee: (i) adequate representation of ITC countries; (ii) balance in terms of: (a) research/working fields within the hydropower sector; (b) professional experiences in the hydropower sector; (c) gender representation.

For TS1 organized at Timișoara, Romania, priority is given to applicants from countries that are included in the Eastern European area (Armenia, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Turkiye, Ukraine) to ensure a degree of representativeness. Next, the applications submitted in the first round have priority in the selection.

More information is available at the Training School section on the COST Action CA21104 website:

<https://www.pen-hydropower.eu/>

TS1 program

The TS1 is organized face-to-face during 4 days (May 9-12, 2023) at Timisoara, Romania. The program of TS1 incorporates theoretical and practical components.

Day 1 (May 9, 2023): Registration, TS Opening, Self-presentation of each participant, Introduction into the PEN@Hydropower, WGs leaders' presentations, selecting the participants into the Working Teams (4-6 participant), project definition;

Day 2 (May 10, 2023): Sustainable Hydropower Standard (SHS), interconnection with WGs topics;

Day 3 (May 11, 2023): Visiting hydropower plant (HPP). Project preparation based on the HPP assessment according to SHS and WGs topics;

Day 4 (May 12, 2023): Project presentation by each Working Team, TS Closing.

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Guideline for participants

The guideline for participants to the TS organized in CA21104 is published yearly in a dedicated Call for Proposals. CA21104 in each call will make available the number of seats. The number of seats available each year for the training school is selected based on the available financial resources in the budget and approved by CG of PEN@Hydropower.

All participants must have an [e-COST profile](#). Each participant has to secure the necessary travel

documents / visas needed to facilitate their participation to the TS.

During the TS, the participants shall sign the attendance list each attended day. The daily allowance rate approved by MC for all participants to TS1 for accommodation, meal and short distance travel (defined as less or equal to 100 km one way) expenses is 150 Euro. The long-distance travel expense may be by train, ferry, bus, plane, and/or car. These long-distance travel expenses are reimbursed on face-value including VAT, up to a maximum of 1500 EUR, cancellation insurance included, for the roundtrip. Participants are advised to contact travel cancellation insurance for all their long-distance travel. Cancellation insurance is an eligible expense included in the long-distance travel expenses.

A short report on the activities carried out, the results obtained in relation to the established objectives as well as the recommendations related to the TS have to be sent to the TS organizer no later than 2 weeks after the event is completed.

The funds will be reimbursed for each participant by the Grant Holder institution of CA 21104 based on the attendance list signed and the reimbursement claim submitted on the COST platform. Failure to provide the required supporting documents with the information mentioned above may lead to the rejection of the claim. Participants to TS are also requested to consult the [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#).

Questions/inquiries

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