



**European Sexual
Medicine Network**

ESMN Call

Funding of Open Access Licenses

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Dear ESMN Members,

This Call is directed at funding researchers within our network to publish their work through the Open Access route where a publication fee is required. We have a particular interest in supporting early career researchers (up to 7 years post-PhD).

The inclusion criteria for funding are:

1. The work must meet the COST criteria (page 2 of this document).
2. The work must be related to the goals of the ESMN network (to be individually discussed after applications are received).
3. The work must include at least three authors from ESMN.

Any proposal will be considered but please be aware that there is limited funding available. Funding cannot be allocated until the work has been peer reviewed by the journal and accepted for publication.

Please contact Prof. Ethel Quayle (Ethel.Quayle@ed.ac.uk) upon interest.

Relevant Extract from the COST Vademecum May 2020:

(<https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Vademecum-V8-1-May-2020.pdf>)

Open Access licenses and / or expenses supporting the purchase, production and direct distribution of publications developed by Action Participants and produced by a renowned publisher are eligible expenses.

Quality of the publication to be assessed along the lines of:

1. Fulfilment of criteria: Publications funded by COST shall be a direct result of work performed by Action Participants and shall be co-authored by Action Participants representing at least 3 different Participating COST Full Members / COST Cooperating Members; the article processing fees (APF) charged to COST may not exceed the APF published on the journal's Website. All publications generated from work performed by Action Participants shall include, display and respect the COST corporate identity adhering to the brand guidelines detailed in the COST brand book, available for download at: <https://www.cost.eu/visual-identity>.
2. Peer-review process: All of a journal's content, apart from any editorial material that is clearly marked as such, shall be subjected to peer review. Peer review is defined as obtaining advice on individual manuscripts from reviewers, expert in the field who are not part of the journal's editorial staff. This process, as well as any policies related to the journal's peer review procedures, shall be clearly described on the journal's Web site.

Impact of the publication to be assessed along the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR)³ – that has established itself as a good alternative to the Impact Factor - of the considered academic journal. Any journal that is situated in the first three quartiles⁴ Q1-Q3 is considered of sufficient impact, while journals in the last quartile Q4 or journals not contained in the SCOPUS database need an assessment by the responsible SO; the SJR and quartile (Q1, Q2, Q3 or Q4) for each journal contained in SCOPUS can be obtained from the SCImago web page (accessible at <http://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php>).

Eligible expenses are payable against the amounts detailed on invoices and reviewed against deliverables. The COST Association reserves the right to request additional information pertaining to procurement rules applicable for the purchase of a claimed item.