

STSMs and their contribution to the development of research networks, young researchers' career and to COST Action 21134 objectives

COST Action CA21134 – T0P-AGRI-Network | Virtual Mobility Grant Report

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Objective

The main outcome of this VM activity was the preparation of a concise report jointing the analysis of the STSM reports and their contribution to the objectives of the COST Action 21134 and an assessment on the opinion of supervisors and in some extend also of the grantees about the contribution of this internships to build up young research skills and careers and to develop scientific networks between young and senior researchers and between different countries²

Methods

This report is a result of the analysis of the applications (work plan and CV) and final reports of the STSMs carried out within the COST Action 21134 (Annex 1), of the surveys by Google Forms (Annex 2), one to the grantees and other to the host institutions' supervisors and those responsible on the home institution, and by online (video) meetings with grantees and with supervisors (Annex 3)²

The questionnaires were designed with 11 questions, most of which were multiple-choice, to be completed in about 5 min²This short survey should encourage greater participation and maximise the number of respondents²The link to the grantee' questionnaire was sent by email to all the grantees and the link to the supervisor' questionnaire was also sent by email to all the host supervisors and to the home supervisors that were mentioned in the applications or in the reports²The email for the supervisors and those responsible on home institutions are presented in the Annex 2²

The invitations and links to the online meetings were sent by email (see Annex 3)²The first virtual meeting was scheduled for the late afternoon, and the second for lunchtime, both in Central European Time²It was planned to last 40 minutes²This was thought to maximise attendance²However, only two of those invited participated in each meeting²Some grantees and supervisors replied to the invitation emails to justify their absence and provide useful information²

Given that another proposal concerning the analysis of STSMs has already been approved, the work on which this report is based has focused more on providing an overview of STSMs, on the contribution of the scientific results obtained to the objectives of the Cost Action and to the dissemination of those results, as well as on their contribution to the development of networks and a European and international scientific community²In consequence only a part of the questions of the grantees' survey and a part of the discussion held in the online meeting with the grantees were used in this report²

General overview of the CA21134 STSMs

Within the CA21134 29 STSMs were carried out (Annex 1), by 19 female and 8 male researchers (3, two female and one male, performed two STSM in different years, one with different host institution, two to continue the work done in the previous STSM) (Table 1)

The evaluation criteria defined by the STSM Committee were:

- excellence of the proposal regarding its contribution to the Action and the achievement of its scientific objectives;
- excellence of the proposal and scientific scope of the proposed exchange mission;
- excellence of the applicant;
- relevance with the applicant career and strategy;
- relevance regarding the implementation of new networks

In total, STSM Committee received 36 proposals, 32 of them were approved, 30 were performed and 29 were paid (Figure 1). One applicant performed the STSM but never uploaded the final report on the platform (although she sent a draft of the report by email), so she could not be paid and this STSM was not considered for the analysis. Other young researcher could not obtain a VISA, although she tried twice (2023 and 2024).

Short-term scientific missions (STSMs) are exchange visits for researchers, especially young researchers, within the COST Action. The objective is to share techniques and gain skills that may not be available at their home institution or laboratory. In fact, STSM performed within this COST Action helped young researchers to gain skills and other competences since 46% of the grantees were PhD students, one was a Master student, and 31% held PhD at less than 5 years (so, 81% were very young researcher carriers). From the 26 grantees 21 were considered young research by the EU definition (Figure 2). One grantee was planning to use the STSM to prepare a proposal for his PhD work plan.

From the 29 STSMs, 18 (62%) were performed by researchers from 10 ITCs (Table 1) (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Greece, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia and Türkiye). Among the host countries there were also ITCs (Cyprus, Croatia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Portugal). Home and host non-ITC were Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland). A grantee from Egypt was supported for performing a STSM in non-ITC.

Female researchers were most of the grantees since they submitted most of the proposals (Figure 3).

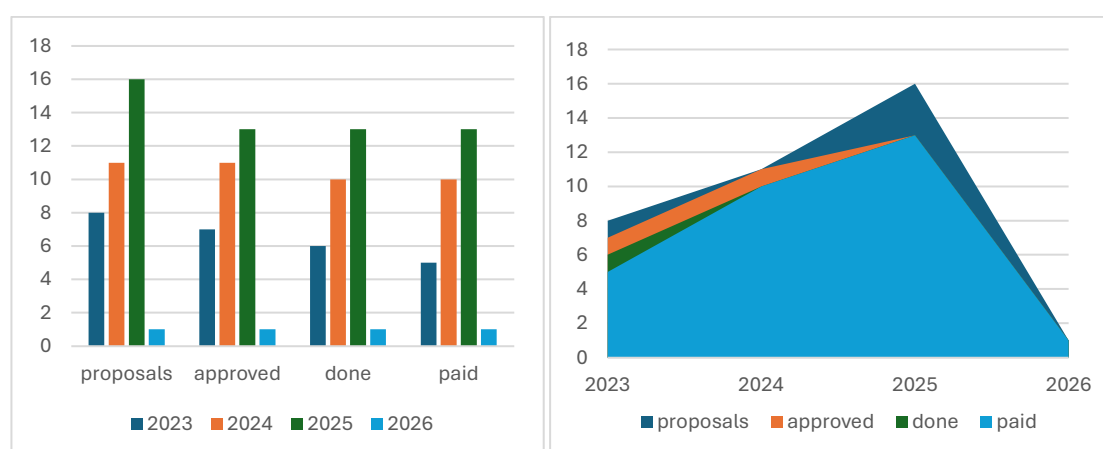


Figure 1. Number of received, approved, performed and paid STSM proposals within CA21134, by year.

Table 1 Summary of indicators on STSMs performed within CA21134

Year	Number of STSMs performed	Number of host countries		Number of home countries		Number of institutions involved	Gender
		ITC countries	Non-ITC countries	ITC countries	Non-ITC countries		
2023	5*	5	0	4	1	10	5 F
2024	10	2	3	6	2	17	6 F, 4 M
2025	13	4	5	5	6	21	8 F, 5 M
2026	1	0	1	0	1	2	1 F
total	29	6	7	11	4	37	19 F, 8 M

* One other applicant performed the period of internship but the report was uploaded and so it was not paid and not considered for the analysis

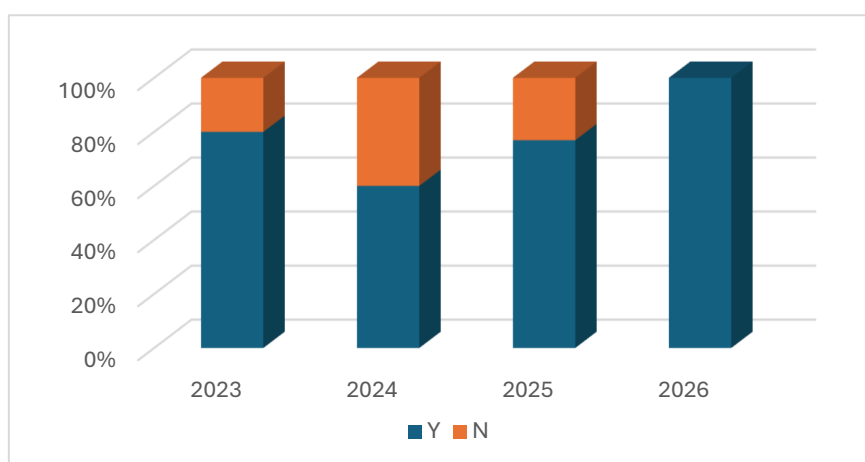


Figure 2 Proportion of young- and no-young researchers that performed STSMs within CA21134 (Y=Young researcher; N= No-young researcher)

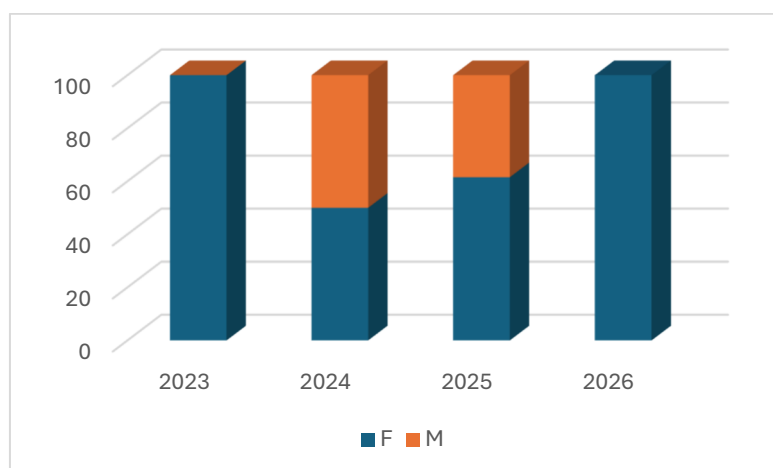


Figure 3 Proportion of female (F) and male (M) grantees that performed STSMs within CA21134

Additionally, these missions allow establishing networks between teams from different countries. Figure 4 shows the movements of the grantees and the networks that were established. In 2024, there was an interchange of PhD students between two institutions, Univ. Porto (Portugal) and Univ. Tuscia (Italy). Among

the institutions, Institut National de Recherche pour l' Agriculture, l' Alimentation et l' Environnement (INRAe) (France), and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) hosted 3 STSM each, and Instituto Superior de Agronomia /Univ  Lisboa (Portugal), Univ  Valencia and Univ  Cordoba (Spain), and Univ  Santa' Anna (Italy) hosted 2 STSM each 

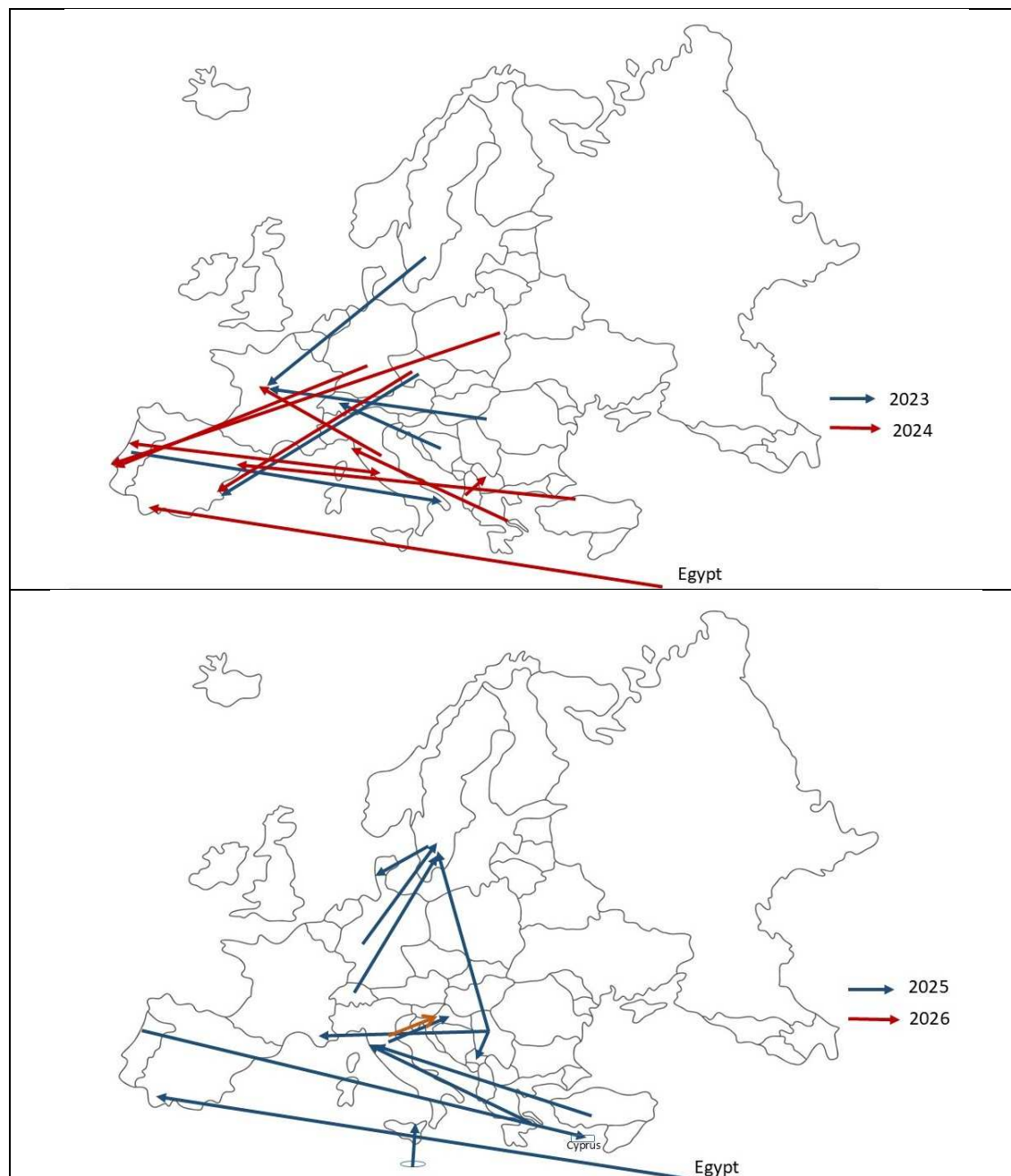


Figure 4  Movements from home to host institutions (and countries) within CA21134 STSMs 

Most (52%) of the STSMs had the longest duration allowed by COST (four weeks) (Figure 5)  Moreover, two STSMs were indeed longer than four weeks (one lasted seven weeks and the other 12 weeks)  These two were supported only for the maximum period that financial support is allowed  The intermediate duration was the least chosen (14%)  Both grantees and supervisors /home responsible researchers that participated in the online meetings pointed out that an internship of less than four weeks is too short to integrate the grantee in the lab, to learn methods and to have results  The grantees that had a previous

relation with the host institution could profit more from the internship as far as it appears from the survey online and from the virtual meetings. The grantees that already published were in that group.

The financial support to the 29 STMs totaled 84800 €, the most part for supporting missions performed in 2024 and 2025 (Figure 6).

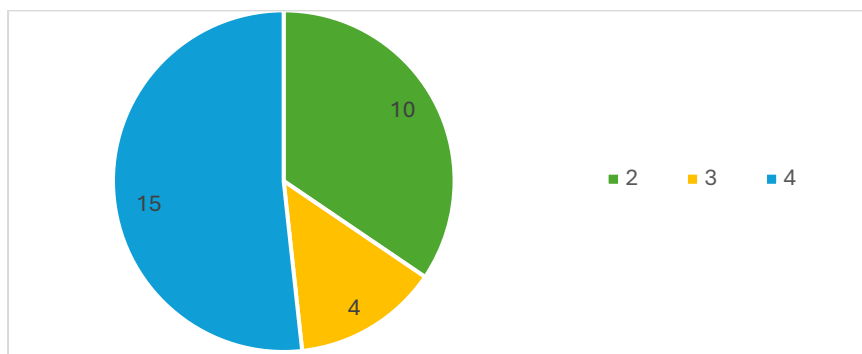


Figure 5: Duration of the STMs within CA21134: proportion of the STMs performed in 2, 3 and 4 weeks.

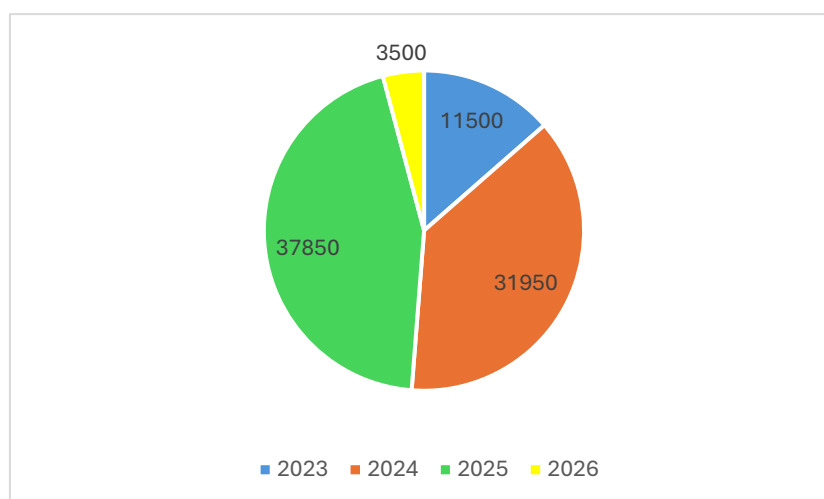


Figure 6: Financial support (in euros) for STMs within CA21134, per year.

STSMs and the objectives of COST Action 21134

The STSMs were performed within one of the WGs 1 to 4 of CA 21134. These WG have the following objectives:

WG1 – Setting the scene: identifying research gaps and needs:

- Analyze research gaps and needs based on an innovative multi-actor approach
- Analyze research gaps and needs based on literature review

WG2 – Transformation and transition steps towards zero pesticide based value chains

- Describe the theoretical perspective of transformation: concepts, approaches, methodologies

- Using a Transformation Lens to develop suitable economic and ecological methodological approaches applied to the two studied supply chains
- Transfer the created knowledge to future generations of researchers

WG3 – Breakthroughs in biological research offering new prospects in zero pesticide agriculture

- Build knowledge in biology research
- Build critical knowledge on how to leverage breakthrough discoveries on microbiota, chemical ecology and genetics/genomics with technological innovations
- Transfer the created knowledge to future generations of researchers (made by WGs' members by STSMs, training schools, webinars)

WG4 – Redesigning cropping systems for zero chemical pesticide use based on functional biodiversity and agroecological principles

- Build knowledge on functional biodiversity and agroecological principles
- Transfer the created knowledge to future generations of researchers

The WG5 (Community building, dissemination and communication) was not direct object of STSMs

In the 2023 call, we prioritised STSMs related to WG1. In the 2024 call, we prioritised STSMs related to WGs 2 and 3. In the 2025 call, we prioritised STSMs related to WGs 3 and 4. However, projects related to other WGs were also considered if the work plans were of a high standard. Some of STSM were related in two WGs (one STSM WG1 and WG4; one STSM WG2 and WG4; two STSM WG3 and WG4).

Most of the STSMs were performed within WG3 and WG4 (Figure 7). Although WG1 and WG2 were prioritised in two first calls, only a few working plans were received related to these WGs. Most of the STSMs were related to WG3 and WG4.

The grantees are committed with the final objective of COST Action 21134 towards less use of pesticide in agriculture and a few were very active in the WG (such as Iulia-Sorina Dan) or in the transition to agroecology in their own countries (such as Ines Costa-Pereira in Portugal). Some of them were /are also in WGs of other COST actions with related objectives.

Taking the main topics into account, and bearing in mind that some STSMs covered more than one of the topics considered (Pesticides and biopesticide alternatives, Breeding for resistance, Insect control in crops and stored products, Disease control, Weed Control, Microbiome, Pollination, Biodiversity for crop protection and System Approach), it is noted that the largest number of STSMs related to insect control, disease control and the systems approach (Figure 8). The least represented topics were microbiome and weed control.

Dissemination

In the STSM calls, except in the case of 2023 call, it was explicit that grantees should present a seminar in the CA21134 webinars, after ending the mission. In fact, 23 of the 26 grantees (88.5%) have done it (Annex 1). The last grantee (Anna Smaldonne) could not do so since she ended the mobility too late to allow it. The other two grantees who did not present (Ute Fricke and Marie-Catherine Wendt) were among the presenters that were scheduled, but at the last time, for unexpected reasons, were not able to present their webinars. The list of webinars, presenters, titles and presentation dates is presented in the Webinar Report prepared by Renata Bažok. It is important to note that the applicant that was unable to travel to the host country due

to visa difficulties, so the STSM did not take place, contributed to the CA21134 project by giving a presentation during a webinar with the work she was doing in the home institution²

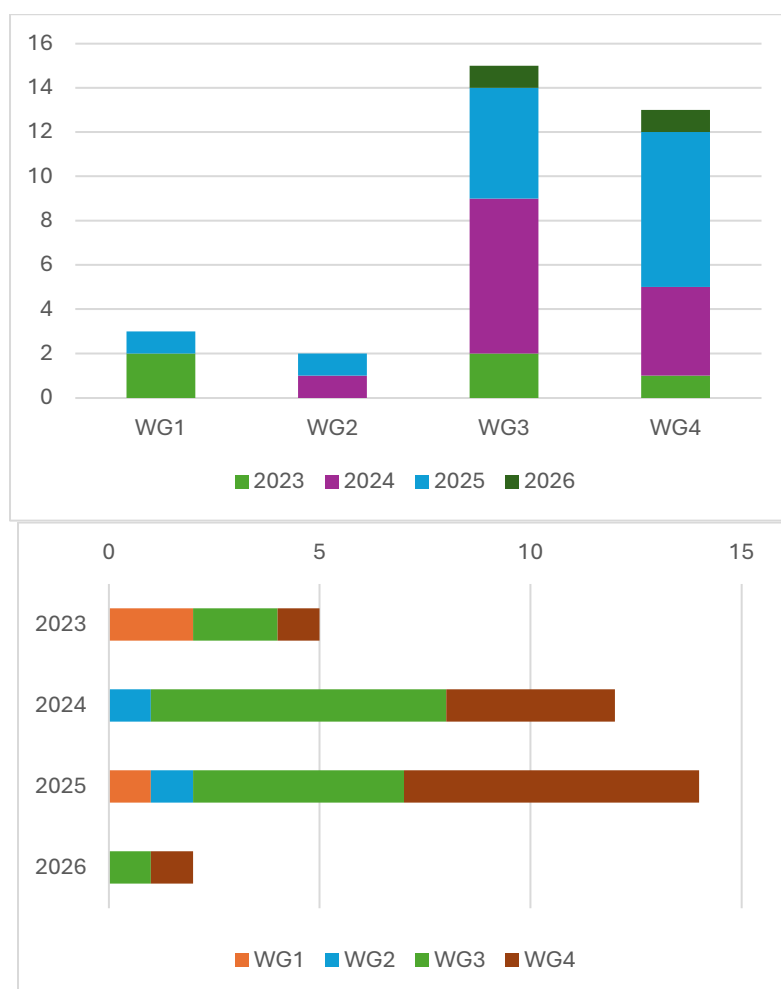


Figure 7²Distribution of the STSMs within the WGs of the CA21134, per WG and per year²

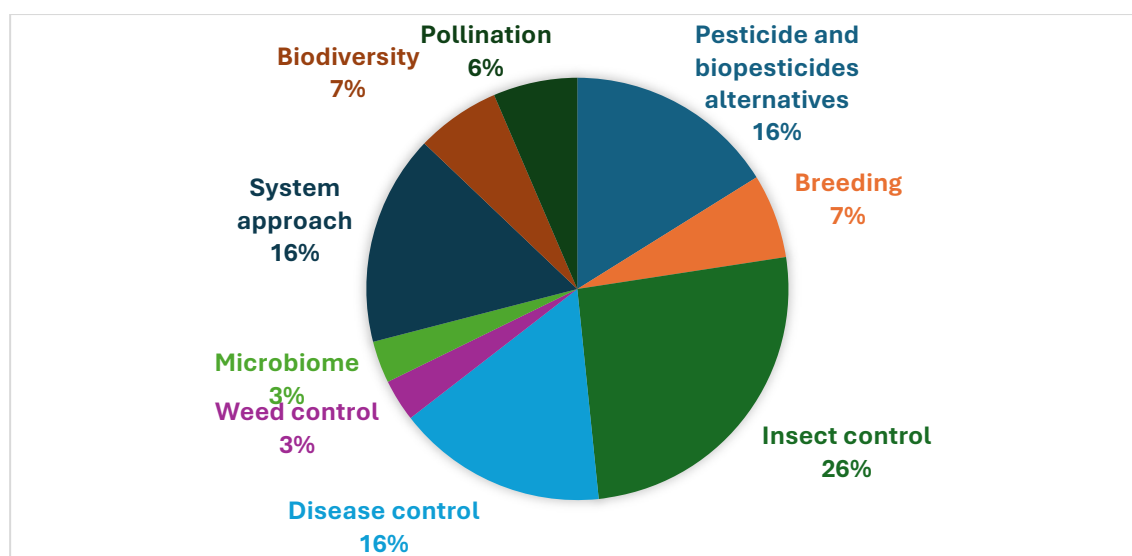


Figure 8²Distribution of the STSMs performed within the CA21134 by main topics²

Most of the STSM reports (18; 69%) stated that the grantees intended to write articles for submission to scientific journals with the results of the internship. According to the online meetings held with both the grantees and their host supervisors, and the surveys conducted via Google Forms, this intention remains. Contact with the host team also continues. However, as far as we were able to find, only four scientific articles have been published to date:

- Pinto, M., Soares, C., Figueiredo, A., Neto, J., Sousa, P., Aguiar, A., Narduzzi, M., Antonelli, C., Vettraino, A., Andreani, T., Tavares, F., Fidalgo, F. (2026) How does leaf age affect performance? A comparative study of essential oils from young and mature *Eucalyptus globulus* leaves in crop protection. *Pest Management Science* 82: 7510-7525. Doi: 10.1002/ps.70815 (2 STSM: Mafalda Pinto and Chiara Antonelli)
- Savic, A., Ringselle, B., Barroso-Bergadà, D., Bohan, D., Bergkvist, G. (2025) Burial depth and temperature effects on the germination and viability of giant ragweed (*Ambrosia trifida* L.) seeds. *Weed Research* 65(1): e70004. Doi: 10.1111/wre.70004 (STSM Aleksandra Savic)
- Đukanović, M., Perović, T., Bursić, V., Tanasković, S., Magazin, N., Milić, B., Baloš, M., Marinković, D., Žunić, A. (2026) Pest-specific chemical strategies for the management of *Aleurocanthus spiniferus* (Quaintance, 1903) in mandarin orchard supported by on-site chlorophyll assessment. *Chilean Journal of Agricultural Research* 86(4): 628-637. Doi: 10.4067/s0718-58392026000400628¹
- Boukouvala, M., Kavallieratos, N., Maggi, F., Ferrati, M., Spinozzi, E. (2025) Courtship and mating traits of *Tenebrio molitor* and *Sitophilus zeamais* are impacted by sublethal concentrations of carlina oxide, *Crop Protection*, 197: 107332. Doi: 10.1016/j.cropro.2025.107332

During the two online meetings, grantees and supervisors agreed that it has been difficult to get the publications ready for submission due to all the other work they are responsible for (e.g. PhD studies, postdoctoral projects, other research work, teaching work).

It is important that some of the grantees who have already published declared in the survey and/or in the virtual meeting that they are still working on other publication (for example, one of the grantees who was awarded two STSMs).

Among the applicants to present a communication in the Final Conference of COST Action T0P-AGRI & Joint Annual Conference (3rd Joint Annual Conference of the Agroecological Crop Protection International Initiative (ACPI), ACROPICS, the European Research Alliance- Towards a Chemical Pesticide-Free Agriculture (ERA), and the EU Agroecology Partnership (AEP)) that was held in Berlin, Germany, from 8–12 June 2026, six of the STSMs' grantees submitted and were selected to present their work (Three presented oral communications):

- Musa Sürücü - The role of intercropping for aphid control in wheat and the additional support to pollinating insects provided by legume crops.
- Ute Fricke- Rethinking insect pest management in agriculture.
- Iulia-Sorina Dan - Barriers and requirements for the transition to pesticide-free agriculture: insights from a multi-actor innovation systems approach.

Other grantees referred in their reports that the results would be presented in scientific meetings, either national or international.

¹ The article has no funding section, so there is no mention of CA21134 support.

One STSM network was in the base of collaborative workshop proposal at a scientific conference, a BIP course and a proposal for Erasmus Mundus Master (Inês Costa-Pereira).

Feedback from home and host institutions

As the grantees' survey was the subject of another VM report, this report only presents the feedback from the host and the home institutions' supervisors about the internships they hosted or promoted. This feedback was obtained via an anonymous Google Forms questionnaire (Annex 2) and an online meeting (Annex 3). Unfortunately, only nine responses were received, and only two supervisors were present at the online meeting (Cristina Amaro da Costa and Silène Lartigue; one of them did not complete the questionnaire but provided feedback during the meeting). Nevertheless, there was a high level of agreement among the responses received, although the small sample size must be kept in mind.

They all agreed that the grantees had adapted well to the lab and host team, and that there had been no difficulties in supervision. Most of the grantees (90%) had been integrated into ongoing research projects. All the supervisors are considering publishing the results with the grantees, and they know that 60% of the grantees are planning to incorporate the methods or results obtained during the internship into their PhD theses or postdoctoral reports.

All consider taking on more young researchers and will encourage their PhD and post-doc students to apply for this type of mobility because, to quote one of the supervisors, "STSMs are valuable tools for research and for working abroad in a scientific capacity. Participants gain important international scientific experience that enables them to build their careers on a strong foundation. In the online meeting it was discussed even the hypothesis of encouraging two internships to different institutions but in the case of PhD students this could be very difficult since they have only three or four years to deliver their thesis.

For most of them the STSMs helped them to establish a network with the host / home institution (67%). In one case the network was already established and in two cases the network did not develop further. Additionally, 67% are planning further research activities within the network, such as internships or research projects. They also noted that the exchange of young researchers between home and host institutions in both directions is beneficial in most cases, but cannot be regarded as compulsory, as it is not always appropriate due to differing work plans and/or projects currently under development.

Conclusions

In general, STSMs performed within the CA21134 project were effective in improving the careers of young researchers by enabling them to acquire and practise new methods, use equipment unavailable at their home institutions and build connections and networks with other teams. This is evident in the reports of grantees and supervisors, as well as in the surveys conducted for the report. Additionally, they helped to build a European and even international research community, as can be seen from the geographic distribution of grantees and host institutions.

The STSMs also contributed their results to the objectives of this COST Action, directly in the case of four of the five working groups (WGs 1–4) and indirectly through dissemination at webinars, the final conference and scientific publications²

The evaluation of the STSM carried out and their outcomes was very positive in the reports and all the participants in the survey and virtual meetings emphasized the role in building up research competences, networking and careers, which is especially important for the young researchers². Most of the participants declared that they have maintained the network developed during the STSM, so it can be assumed that the cooperation established provides a basis for further collaboration among scientists to work towards more pesticide-free crop systems².

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I would like to thank all the grantees and supervisors that filled out the questionnaire, the ones that participated in the online meetings and Ayrton Andre Rosado who worked in other report directed at the grantees' feedback². He participated in the online meetings and on the google form sent to the grantees².

Annex 1- List of the STSM performed within CA 21134

Year	Name*	Gender	YR	Country	Institution	Host country	Host institution	WG	Title	Home supervisor	Host supervisor
2023	Iulia-Sorina Dan	F	Yes	Romania	Univ Cluj Napoca	France	INRAE	WG1	Analysing value chains in organic farming	Mugurel Jitea	Cécile Détang-Dessendre
2023	Vahidehalsadat Rafieebanadaki	F	Yes	Sweden	SLU	Germany	IPK	WG3	Gaining expertise in cereal functional genomics to accelerate the development of resistant cereal varieties and reduce the use of chemical treatments in Sweden	Salim Bourras	Dimitar Douchkov
2023	Bojana Petrovic	F	Yes	Czech Republic	Univ South Bohemia	Spain	Univ Valencia	WG4	Using glucosinolates in agriculture to protect crops from pest	Jaromir Kadlec	Ros Paulau Roque
2023	Ćerima Zahirović Senanović	F	Yes	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Univ Sarajevo	Switzerland	ETH	WG3	Role of enhanced microbiome diversity in soil-independent cultivation aquaponics, hydroponics) for disease prevention	Iutviija Karic & Muhamed Brka	Zala Schmautz
2023	Inês Costa Pereira	F	No	Portugal	Polytech Inst Viseu	Italy	Univ Salento	WG1	Setting the scene for farmers agroecological transition identifying success stories in sustainable agricultural transformation of grain and/or wine production	Clara Amaro Costa	Angelo Salento
2024	Marie-Catherine Wendt	F	Yes	Germany	Univ Hohenheim	Portugal	Int Sup Agronomia/ULisboa	WG2; W4	Pollinators and sustainable pesticide usage in almond orchards	Ramona Weinrich	Manuela Branco
2024	Gerard Podedworny	M	Yes	Poland	NIHR	Portugal	Int Sup Agronomia/ULisboa	WG4	The effect of companion plants on pest and beneficial insect populations in greenhouse tomato production	Eligio Malusá	Elisabete Figueiredo
2024	Helena Mafalda Pinto	F	Yes	Portugal	Univ Porto	Italy	Univ Tusciana	WG3	Antifungal potential of eucalyptus-based nanoparticles against relevant plant diseases	Tatiana Andreani Fernanda Fidalgo	Anna Maria Vettraino
2024	Chiara Antonelli	F	Yes	Italy	Univ Tusciana	Portugal	Univ Porto	WG3	Synthesis of nanoparticles incorporating essential oils and their environmental safety to non-target species	Anna Maria Vettraino	Tatiana Andreani, Fernanda Fidalgo
2024	Adel Hatem	M	No	Egypt	Agric Res Center Giza	Spain	Univ Cordoba	WG4	Improve crop protection by employing biological agents instead of insecticides		Enrique Vargas Osuna
2024	Suela Spahiu	F	No	Albania	Centre Transferring Agric Tech	North Macedonia	St Kliment Ohridski	WG3	Effective microorganisms technology in tobacco production and systematic soil fertility control		Valentina Pelivanoska
2024	Marco Dainelli	M	Yes	Italy	Univ Firenze	France	Institut Jean Pierre Bourgin-INRAe	WG3	Characterizing the enzymes controlling cinnamic acids with a potential role against seed pathogens	Cristina Gonnelli	Massimiliano Corso
2024	Refik Bozbuga	M	No	Turquia	Eskisehir Osmangazi Univ	Spain	Univ Politècnica Catalunya Barcelona TECH	WG3, WG4	Epidemiology and management of plant parasitic nematodes -cover crops	Dogancan Kahya	Francisco Sorribas Royo
2024	Maria Boukouvala	F	No	Greece	Agric Univ Athens	Italy	Univ Pisa	WG3	Influence of sublethal concentrations of carlina oxide on courtship and mating behavior in three economically important insects	Nickolas Gavallieratos	Giovanni Benelli
2024	Bojana Petrovic	F	Yes	Czechia	Fac Agric Technology	Spain	Univ Valencia	WG3	Using glucosinolates for crop protection	Kononets Yevhen	Roque Ros Paulau

Year	Name*	Gender	YR	Country	Institution	Host country	Host institution	WG	Title	Home supervisor	Host supervisor
2025	Tamara Popovic	F	Yes	Serbia	Novi Sad	France	Inrae-Sophia Antipolis	WG3	Exploring local biodiversity of natural enemies for sustainable pesticide-free pest management	Aleksandar Ivezić	Silène Lartigue
2025	Antonije Zunic	M	Yes	Serbia	Novi Sad	Montenegro	Univ. Montenegro	WG3	Precision Agriculture: On-site evaluation of insecticide induced stress in Mandarin (<i>Citrus reticulata</i>) leaves	Dusan Marinkovic	Tatjana Perovic
2025	Maria Martins	F	Yes	Portugal	Univ. Porto	Cyprus	Cyprus Univ of Technology	WG3	Unlocking the potential of melatonin to increase plant tolerance to combined copper and glyphosate	Fernando Tavares	Vasileios Fotopoulos
2025	Maria Boukouvala	F	No	Greece	Univ. Athens	Italy	Univ. Santa'Anna	WG3	Use of machine intelligence and computer vision to investigate the sublethal effects of diatomaceous earth on the locomotor behavior of <i>Sitophilus oryzae</i> , a destructive pest of stored products	Nickolas G. Kavallieratos	Donato Romano
2025	Cecilia Panzetti	F	Yes	Switzerland	Agroscope	Sweden	SLU	WG3	Rapid detection of bunt – development of a soil and seed health test for wheat	Karen Sullam	Anna Berlin
2025	Musa Surucu	M	Yes	Turkey	Nigde Ömer Halisdanoglu Univ.	Italy	Univ. Santa'Anna	WG4	Monitoring pollinators and pest populations in chickpea varieties and cropping systems during the flowering period	Ahmet Sekeroglu	Anna Camilla Moonen
2025	Ayrton Andre Rosado Huaynasi	M	Yes	Sweden	SLU	Denmark	Aarhus Univ	WG4	Agricultural biologicals as sustainable solutions for zero pesticides in agriculture: Policy and legal developments in the European Union	Dennis Eriksson	Per Kudsk
2025	Ute Fricke	F	Yes	Germany	Univ. Würzburg	Sweden	SLU	WG1, WG4	Envisioning future pesticide-free cropping systems in Europe and beyond based on knowledge from transdisciplinary Concept-Knowledge Workshops	Sarah Redlich	Riccardo Bommarco
2025	Aleksandra Savic	F	Yes	Serbia	Univ. Belgrad	Sweden	SLU	WG4	<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> and <i>Ambrosia trifida</i> responses to management strategies in the competition of grass-legume mixtures: effects of non-chemical control	Nenad Trkulja	Goran Bergkvist
2025	Adel Hatem	M	No	Egypt	Agric. Res. Center	Spain	Univ. Cordoba	WG4	Increasing functional biodiversity to protect crops using green technologies		Enrique Vargas Osuna
2025	Censu Vincent Caruana	M	No	Malta	Univ. Malta	Italy	Univ. Catania	WG2	Exploring agroecology's role in sustainable food systems in mediterranean agricultural landscapes		Paolo Guarnaccia
2025	Ella Hinderer	F	Yes	Germany	Univ. Hohenheim	Hungary	Center Ecol. Research	WG4	Integration of a biodiversity assessment approach into the economic land use model PALUD on pesticide-free cropping systems	Enno Bahrs, Christian Sponagel	Péter Batary
2025	Melissa Venturi	F	Yes	Italy	Univ. Bologna	Croatia	Univ. Zagreb	WG4	APPLE-ECO-LOGICAL: crafting rational and sustainable solutions for pest control in apple agroecosystems	Brunella Morandi	Darija Lemic
2026	Anna Smaldone	F	Yes	Italy	Univ. Trento + Laimburg Res. Centre	France	Univ. Bourgogne Europe	WG3, WG4	Investigating the mode of action of sage extracts and their bioactive compounds against <i>Plasmopara viticola</i>	Michele Perazzolli	Benoit Poinssot

*Grantees marked in bold green present seminars in the CA21134 webinars.

Annex 2 - Google Form questionnaire

CA21134 STSM feedback - sending and host institutions

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Dear STSM supervisors at the sending and host institutions,
The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather your feedback on your impressions and experiences. It will be included in the report for this COST Action, but will also be useful for STSMs in future COST Actions. It takes about 5 minutes to complete. Thank you very much.

Did the grantee adapt well to the work being carried out in your laboratory? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you answered "no" in the previous question could you explain why?

Texto de resposta longa

Did the work carried out in the STSM form part of an ongoing research project? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have the STSM results been, or will they be, included in a scientific publication? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

And/or in a PhD thesis or post-doctoral project? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

What difficulties did you encounter in integrating/supervising the grantee?

Texto de resposta longa

Do you consider hosting other young scientists on STSMs in the future? *

- ☐ Yes.
- ☐ No.
- ☐ Maybe, I am not sure

Do you consider this type of exchange important for the PhD or post-doctoral students you supervise? *

- ☐ Yes, definitively.
- ☐ Could be
- ☐ No. It is not important

Did the STSM help to establish a network with the sending/host team? *

- ☐ The network with the sending/host institution/team was already established
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No. The relation did not go deeper at least until now.

If you answered yes in the previous question, are you currently carrying out or planning to develop any work or projects?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you want to share any further feedback on your experience with the STSM?

Texto de resposta longa

Assunto: Experience of STSMs under COST Action TOP-AGRI CA 21134 - feedback from supervisors

De: Elisabete Figueiredo <elisalacerda@isa.ulisboa.pt>

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Dear STSM supervisors at the sending and host institutions,

Firstly, thank you for sending and hosting young researchers within the Cost Action 21134.

We are finishing the report of this Cost Action. We are seeking feedback from grant recipients as well as from STSM supervisors. To this last end, we have prepared a short questionnaire. The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather your feedback on your impressions and experiences. It will be included in the report for this COST Action, but will also be useful for STSMs in future COST Actions. Your input is very important to us. The survey is very short and it will take only 3-5 minutes of your time. The link to the form is:

<https://forms.gle/XMrxDMuwx8f7PSSX8>

Unfortunately, we are short of time, so please add your comments until 2 p.m. of Tuesday 15th September.

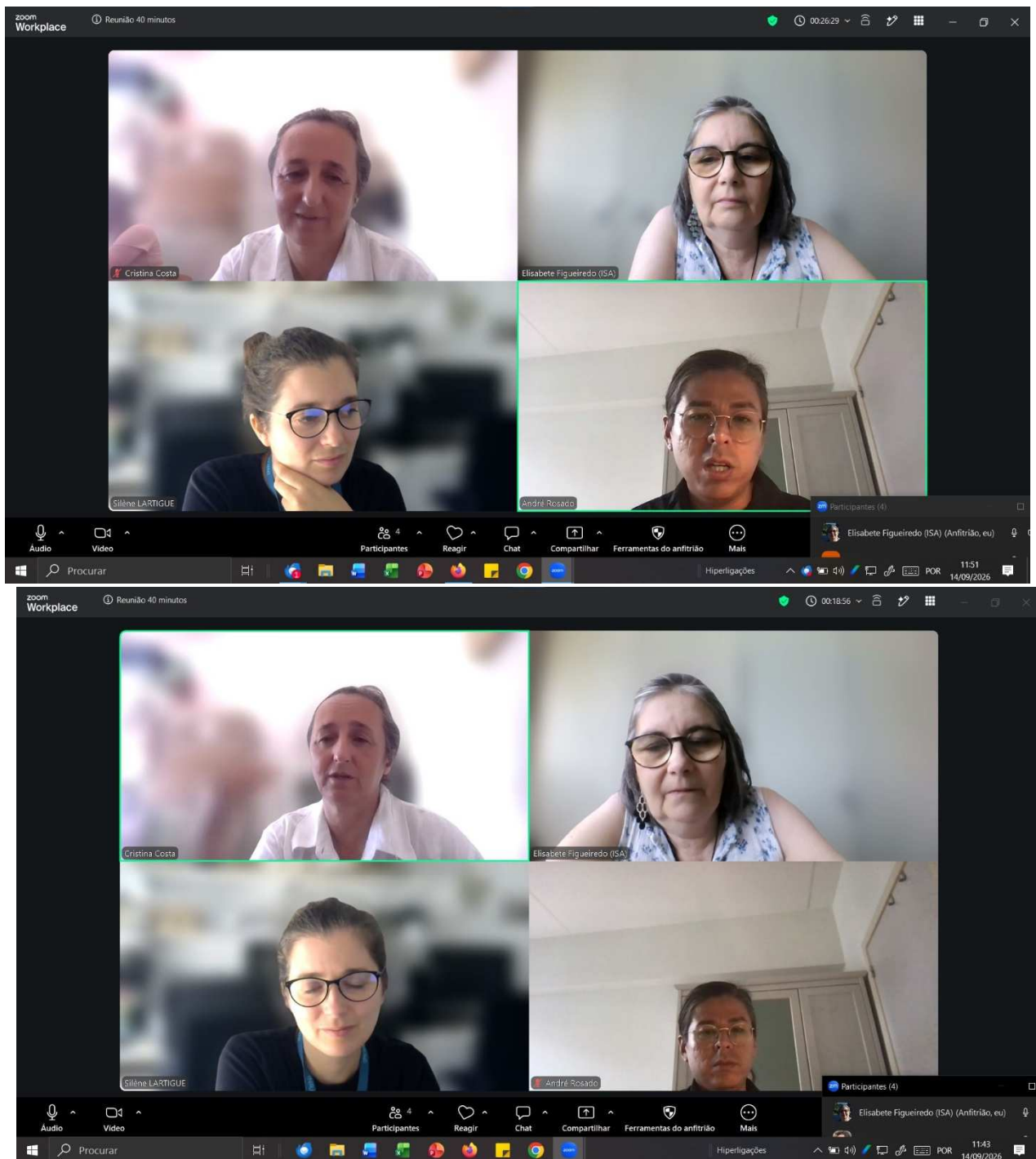
Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Elisabete Figueiredo

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Annex 3 – Online meeting



Assunto: On line meeting Experience of STSMs under COST Action TOP-AGRI CA 21134 - feedback from supervisors

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Dear STSM supervisors at the sending and host institutions,

Additionally, I invite to an online short meeting next Monday at 12h30 (CEST time, Bruxelles time)
<https://videoconf-colibri.zoom.us/j/91203422449> (pw 160386)

Thank you very much.

Thank you very much.

Best regards,

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