



## COCARDE Science Meeting Grants – Guidelines for applicants

ESF-funded COCARDE grants support the active participation of early stage researchers to conferences, workshops and field seminars on issues related to carbonate mounds. Young scientists are awarded through an open competitive call. Selection is performed by the COCARDE-ERN Steering Committee in consultation with the meeting conveners, who will evaluate the scientific quality of the proposals on the basis of strategic considerations and the spirit of the European Science Foundation guidelines.

### ***Eligibility criteria and priority order of grant allocation***

Applicants may be either at the pre- or post-doctoral level. The Evaluation Committee (composed of the Steering Committee members of the COCARDE-ESF Research Network Programme and the science meeting organizers), having assessed scientific merit and relevance to the Research Network Programme (RNP), will normally give preference to applications in the following order:

- 1) between contributing ESF member countries;
- 2) between a contributing country and a non-contributing ESF member country;
- 3) between a contributing country and a non-ESF member country in Europe;
- 4) between a contributing country and any country not covered by 1-3.

### ***How to apply for funding***

Applications must be submitted by email to Silvia Spezzaferri ([silvia.spezzaferri@unifr.ch](mailto:silvia.spezzaferri@unifr.ch)), Chair of the COCARDE-ERN Steering Committee, with cc. to Agostina Vertino ([agostina.vertino@unimib.it](mailto:agostina.vertino@unimib.it)), COCARDE-ERN coordinator. Applications must include the information listed below:

- 1) Motivation cover letter of the applicant (max one A4 page);
- 2) Short outline of the applicant current research (max one A4 page);
- 3) Short curriculum vitae (max one A4 page);
- 4) Abstract for oral or poster presentation (up to 200 words);
- 5) Travel cost estimate.

The requested documents must be submitted as a single PDF.

### ***Funding covers:***

- Travel expenses, refunded at real cost up to a maximum of 450 € for international tickets and 250 € for national ones;
- Overnight stay on the basis of shared room rates at hotels suggested by the meeting organizers;
- Meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner); if not provided by the event organisers, meals will be covered on a flat-rate basis of 20 € per meal.

Please note that COCARDE grants do not cover health insurance.

### ***Administrative procedure and conditions of award***

The grantee must confirm acceptance of the award and adherence to the present Guidelines to the COCARDE-ERN Programme Coordinator ([agostina.vertino@unimib.it](mailto:agostina.vertino@unimib.it)).

Awarded funds will be transferred after the workshop, upon timely and satisfactory completion of the reporting requirements described below and validation of the reports by the Evaluation Committee.

A final report (up to two A4 pages) must be submitted online within **two weeks** after the end of the scientific event to Silvia Spezzaferri ([silvia.spezzaferri@unifr.ch](mailto:silvia.spezzaferri@unifr.ch)) with cc. to Agostina Vertino ([agostina.vertino@unimib.it](mailto:agostina.vertino@unimib.it)).

The balance payment form will be validated on the basis of the original travel tickets or ticket tags provided.