

2nd Training School of TREASURE
(Cost Action CA22114)

**Training School in
“Perinatal Stress and Brain Function: Mechanisms,
Measurement, and Translational Interventions”**

7–10 July 2026 (in-person attendance only)

*Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences
University of Coimbra, Portugal*

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Being a PhD Student or (10 points) an Early Career Researcher (within 7 years from the PhD title) (10 points)
2. Being affiliated with an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) (10 points)
3. Being an active member¹ of COST TREASURE (3 points) and currently conducting research/work within the Action topics (i.e., maternal perinatal stress and associated factors, interventions to reduce maternal perinatal stress) (7 points)
4. Relevance of the candidates' research background assessed considering the following:
 - a) Applicant's contribution to the publications on maternal perinatal stress (contribution determined based on the author's name order) (max 6 points)
 - b) Journal quartile (Q) of publications on maternal perinatal stress (quartile determined by consulting Web of Science) (max 6 points)
 - c) Q of publications outside the Action's scope but still related to maternal and infant mental health (max 3 points).
5. Benefits of participating in the Training School for applicant's research project and scientific career (supported in the Motivation Letter) (max 5 points)

¹ An active member is defined as a COST TREASURE member (regardless of their status as MC member, leader, etc.) that has demonstrated significant contributions to the Action by participating in its activities and engaging with members including, but not limited to, Slack, group meetings, general meetings, etc.

FUNDING

SUPPORT FOR SELECTED TRAINEES

The candidates will be rated according to the evaluation criteria. The top candidates will be selected to attend the Training School in “Perinatal Stress and Brain Function: Mechanisms, Measurement, and Translational Interventions” with expenses reimbursed.

Prior to this Training School:

Each trainee must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu>

To be eligible, trainees must be from one of the following:

6. COST Full Members/ COST Cooperating Members;
7. Approved Near-Neighbour Country Institutions;
8. Approved European RTD Organizations

Trainees from the following will not be reimbursed:

1. COST Partner Members;
2. Approved IPC Institutions;
3. Approved IO, EU Commission, Bodies, Offices and Agencies;
4. Other trainees not specifically mentioned as being eligible.

IMPORTANT DATES

Opening date for application is **8 April 2026**

Deadline for applications is **17 April 2026**

You will be informed of the outcome of the application shortly after, in any case by **1 May 2026**.

If accepted, you will be expected to attend the training school in its entirety.