



## Call for Applications

### Training School: Nature and people in the Nexus

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## NEXUSNET Training Schools

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for applications to join the training schools, organized and funded by the COST Action CA20138 [“Network on water-energy-food nexus for a low-carbon economy in Europe and beyond – NEXUSNET”](#).

This year’s school focuses on **“Nature and people in Nexus”** and will take place at the premises of [ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon](#), Portugal on 22-26 May 2023.

Main topics of the school:

- Bringing nature into the Nexus (i.e. biodiversity, climate)
- Nexus governance and stakeholder engagement
- Nexus policies
- Economic valuation of the Nexus
- Nexus innovation and implementation

The sessions of the school and the scientific issues to be addressed are in relation to the Action’s strategic priorities and objective as defined in the [Action’s Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#).

*NEXUSNET aims to empower collaborations between EU and international researchers and stakeholders, synthesize the existing empirical Nexus research and produce an intellectual toolkit, demonstrating a clear link to improved resource management and governance outcomes that underlie the value of Nexus.*

## Guidelines for applicants

### Who is eligible to apply?

- MSc and PhD students, young researchers and innovators (under the age of 40) affiliated with an

institution located to a legal entity in COST Full/Cooperative Member, Near Neighbour Country or European RTD.

- Applicants should study or work on the dimensions of Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus.
- [NEXUSNET](#) membership is required for applications. Applicants may join the [Action here](#).

### How to apply?

- All applicants must have an [e-COST profile](#).
- Applications should be submitted by email to [info@nexusnet-cost.com](mailto:info@nexusnet-cost.com) & [adamos.giannis@gmail.com](mailto:adamos.giannis@gmail.com)
- Application **mandatory** documentation:
  - ✓ Motivation letter (up to 350 words)
  - ✓ Detailed curriculum vitae
  - ✓ Copy of the work (paper or project) to be presented (published or unpublished). Full papers or extended abstracts are acceptable.
  - ✓ The above documents should be sent as a single .pdf file.
- For additional information on how to join [NEXUSNET](#) via the e-COST system, applicants may visit the [Grant Awarding User Guide](#) or [How-to-apply guidelines](#)
- The number of trainees will be set according to the available financial resources of 2023 budget.

Applications should be submitted until **05 April 2023**. Decisions will be announced by **13 April 2023**.





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#### Selection criteria

- Motivation to work on Nexus issues
- Quality of work submitted
- Previous experience on Nexus topics (i.e. diploma thesis, MSc or PhD studies)
- Relevance to the Action's priorities and objectives

#### Concept and expected outcomes

Trainees are expected to present part of their work in progress during the discussion sessions and to be active participants throughout the week.

Working in groups and support by tutors is foreseen to facilitate the development of trainees' capabilities towards Nexus. Trainees are expected to work on at least two dimensions of Nexus during the school.

All participants will be automatically added to the Young Researchers & Innovators Nexus Network and will be eligible to apply for the NEXUSNET Mentoring Program.

The trainee that best showcases his/her achievements and competence during the school will be given the opportunity to prepare a short article to be published in the [Open Research Europe Platform](#) under the auspices and support of [NEXUSNET](#).

Approved papers and/or student presentations will be eligible to be published on the [NEXUSNET](#) website for dissemination purposes.

#### Useful links & documents

- [NEXUSNET official webpage](#)
- [NEXUSNET COST page and documents](#)
- [Official COST guidelines](#)

#### Questions/inquiries

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