

## Call for expressions of interest of Young Researchers to participate in COST Action TU1408 on Air Transport and Regional Development (ATARD)

### About ATARD

Air transport is generally considered to be a key factor for the economic competitiveness of the most developed regions of a country and for the social welfare of the less developed ones, which often are remote regions difficult to access through other transport modes. However, the relationship between air transport and regional development has not been fully investigated considering all the relevant dimensions. Building advanced knowledge about such relationships, with a focus on Europe, is the main reason for this Action. More details on the action can be found [here](#).

### A network of researchers

The work within ATARD is organized by a wide network of researchers dedicated to air transport and its economic, social and environmental implications, aligned with the smart, sustainable and inclusive growth objectives set forth in the Europe 2020 strategy. Within this network special importance is given to the establishment of a Young Researchers Network (YRN) comprising PhD, MPhil and advanced MSc students. The YRN will be closely involved in the Action through the work of the different Working Groups and through their involvement in Summer Schools, Short Term Scientific Missions, workshops and conferences.

### Expressions of interest

Young researchers interested in ATARD are invited to send their expressions of interest to the Vice-Chair of the Action Ofelia Betancor at [ofelia.betancor@ulpgc.es](mailto:ofelia.betancor@ulpgc.es). The expression of interest should contain the following:

- CV.
- Short overview of research project.
- Letter of motivation to be part of the ATARD YRN.

For the selection of candidates the following criteria will be applied:

- Candidates need to be advanced Master, MPhil or Ph.D. students.
- Motivation and research profile.
- Balance of countries of origin of the candidates. For those countries with several researchers, the 'youngest' student according to date of enrolment in studies might be prioritized.
- Balance of gender.

**The deadline for submission is April 21, 2017.** The decision about the acceptance will be communicated on May 15, 2017. Please note that ATARD is only able to provide limited travel funding.