

## FENStatS opens two calls for funding

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The Federation of European National Statistical Societies (FENStatS) is pleased to announce two funding initiatives. These funds aim to foster collaboration among National Statistical Societies and support the participation of Young Statisticians in international conferences.

These funding initiatives align with FENStatS' strategic plan, particularly with regard to:

- SA.1) To strengthen the collaboration between members by organizing FENStatS-specific sessions at national and international conferences with dedicated funds for National Societies.
- SA.9) To provide travel grants to attend international conferences for young statisticians (e.g., PhD students) from small National Societies of Eastern or Southern European countries.

### 1) Funding for National Statistical Societies organising FENStatS-specific sessions at national and international conferences

FENStatS invites proposals from National Statistical Societies that organise dedicated FENStatS sessions in their national meetings or international conferences with participants of more than two National Societies from different countries on a specific topic.

- Eligibility:**
  - National Statistical Societies affiliated with FENStatS that have their 2024 FENStatS membership fees paid.
- Funding details:**
  - Up to 2,000 euros for travelling with a limit of 6,000 euros for 2025.
- Selection criteria:**
  - Quality and originality of the proposed FENStatS session;
  - Number of members and the geographical reach of the applicant society;
  - Impact of the society's activities on the development of statistics in Europe;
  - Gender balance of the proposed session.
- Evaluation committee:**
  - FENStatS Executive Committee.
- Application process:**
  - Proposals must include:
    - Cover letter addressing the selection criteria, including a detailed budget for travel expenses (max. 3 pages) and informing the National Societies that will collaborate with the session.
    - Abstract for the proposed section.
  - National Statistical Societies must submit a proposal by **February 1, 2025**, to [administration@fenstats.eu](mailto:administration@fenstats.eu).
  - Expense receipts are required upon funds payment.

## 2) Travel grants to young statisticians to attend international conferences

FENStatS is committed to supporting young researchers in statistics, particularly those from smaller national societies in Eastern or Southern Europe.

- Eligibility:**
- Young Statistician members of small National Statistical Societies with 2024 FENStatS membership fees paid from Eastern or Southern European countries affiliated with FENStatS.
- Funding details:**
- FENstatS will dedicate up to 1,000 euros of its funds to this initiative in 2025.
- Selection criteria:**
- Submission of an oral presentation at an international conference;
  - Demonstrated academic excellence (grades, publications, awards);
  - Demonstrated financial commitment related to the travel to attend the conference (e.g., travel and accommodations costs);
  - Priority given to PhD students;
  - Sex-balanced representation is sought.
- Evaluation committee:**
- FENStatS Executive Committee.
- Application process:**
- Applications must include:
    - Motivation letter including a detailed budget for travel expenses (max. 2 pages).
    - CV, also informing the applicant's publications and the membership of a National Statistical Society;
    - Documents proving the grades and awards;
    - The abstract submitted for the oral presentation informing the conference to which it was applied.
  - Young researchers must submit their proposals by **February 1, 2025**, to [administration@fenstats.eu](mailto:administration@fenstats.eu).
  - The grant for selected proposals will be provided after presenting a certificate of conference attendance.
  - Expense receipts are required upon grant payment.