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Open Call for

Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) Conference Grant Applications

An ITC (Inclusiveness Target Country)¹ Conference grant is a financial support for Young Researchers or Innovators (age < 40) with a primary affiliation to a legal entity located in an ITC or from a COST Near Neighbour Country (NNC) to present a poster or an oral communication dealing on their own work to a high-level International Conference.

ITC Conference:

- Serve COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy;
- Support Young Researchers and Innovators affiliated in a legal entity in an Inclusiveness Target Countries/ Near Neighbour Countries to establish a strong network and increase their visibility in the research community through sharing their work and to gain knowledge;
- Can contribute to increasing visibility of the Action.

ITC Conference benefit to:

- ITC Conference Grantee: receives support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) at a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

TIME SCHEDULE AND MAIN RULES:

- **ITC Conference must be carried out from 20/02/2022 to 27/09/2022**
- **No deadlines are established: the Grant Evaluation Committee will evaluate each application immediately after received.**
- **The number of approved applications will depend on the available budget.**
- **APPLICATION PROCESS:**
 - **The applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> and submit their ITC Conference Grant applications**

¹ **Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC):** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, (Republic of North) Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey.

online in the e-COST website at: <https://e-services.cost.eu/>, following the instructions.

- To be filled in e-COST:
 - Title of the presentation
 - Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period) and country;
 - Budget requested;
 - Attendance Type (face to face or virtual)
- To be uploaded to e-COST:
 - Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career.
 - Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation. IMPORTANT: THE ABSTRACT MUST CONTAIN ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO THE ACTION;
 - Acceptance letter from the conference organisers;
- Immediately after applying in the e-cost web site, the applicant has to send the application with the Conference Abstract to the Grant Evaluation Committee member/s belonging to the applicant WG/s (see the list below), adding the Grant Awarding Coordinator in Cc.

IMPORTANT: in the message to the Grant Evaluation Committee+Coordinator, the applicant has to specify:

- 1) If applicable, the Working Group/s (WG/s) to which the applicant belongs to,
- 2) if the applicant belongs to an ITC.

Upon approval of the application, the Grantee receives a Grant Letter from the Grant Holder stating the approved amount and the conditions for receiving the grant.

The Grant Evaluation Committee for the evaluation of the applications and final approval is constituted by:

Maria Francesca Ottaviani: maria.ottaviani@uniurb.it as Grant Awarding Coordinator

Rosario Maria Sanchez Martin: rmsanchez@go.ugr.es for WG1 (also available for WG2)

Aura Tintaru: aura.tintaru@univ-amu.fr for WG2 (also available for WG1 and WG3)

Ulf Kahlert: ulf.kahlert@med.ovgu.de for WG3

Catarina Pinto Reis: catarinareis@ff.ulisboa.pt for WG4

In case of doubt where the Action cannot help, the applicant should contact the Science or Administrative Officer in charge of the COST Action (as displayed on COST Action page on COST website) for further guidance.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

The ITC Conference grant provides a contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall efforts.

The grant is proposed by the evaluators, based on the request of the applicant, and reflects the duration and location of the Conference and the actual Conference fee.

The maximum grant available for each grantee is 2000 Euro for in-presence conferences, or 500 Euro for virtual conferences.

All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in the COST website and acknowledge COST as a funding source. The acknowledgement shall follow the COST guidelines on “visual identity” (in the www.cost.eu site).

APPROVING ITC CONFERENCE GRANT FOR PAYMENT

The grantee claims the payment of the grant via e-COST following the instructions.

The required documents are:

- Report to the Grant Awarding Coordinator and to the member/s of their WG/s in the Grant Evaluation Committee on the outcome of the presentation of the accepted contribution, in terms of grantee’s visibility, including the establishment of new contacts for future collaborations;
- The certificate of attendance;
- The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee
- Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster);

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder (joanna.korczynska@uni.lodz.pl) after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation.

For more details regarding the ITC CG regulations, please see Annex II of the Annotated Rules

<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/10/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-2021-11-01-1.pdf>