



COST ACTION CA18223

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ITC Conference Grants (STSM)

Annex 2 of the Annotated rules for COST Actions

<https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-guidelines/>

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An ITC Conference consists in a presentation of the own work given by a Young Researchers and Innovators affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country/ Near Neighbouring Country at a high-level 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 the **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.

Eligibility

Eligible individuals to apply for an ITC Conference grant must be Young researchers and innovators (i.e., a researcher or innovator under the age of 40) affiliated to a legal entity or a specific organization among EU Institutions, Bodies, Offices and Agencies **from a COST Inclusiveness Country or a Near Neighbouring Country**

A complete definition of the terms used above is given in the document “Country and organisations table” at the COST webpage <https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-guidelines/>

The affiliation of an individual or a legal entity is determined as per Article 4)1.1.a.1) of the Annotated rules for COST Actions <https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-guidelines/>

Application Process

Every ITC Conference application shall be submitted online in e-COST using dedicated forms available. Applicants should be upload their CV in their e-COST profile. This information will be visible to the evaluation committees in the Action.

To be filled in e-COST:

- Title of the presentation
- Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period) and country;



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- 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;
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers;
- Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)

Implementation of the Activity

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 Grantee delivers the approved (oral or poster) presentation, following any specific request of acknowledgement set by the Action MC;

Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits:

- the required report to the Action MC 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);

on e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever comes first.

Funding Scheme

The grant scope is to provide a contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort.

The grant maximum amount is EUR 2 000,00 for face-to-face conferences or 500 EUR for virtual conferences. The grant depends on the duration and location of the Conference and the actual conference fee.