



**CA22112**

## **1st call for Inclusiveness Targeted Country Grants - ITCG**

Bologna, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### **Announcement**

Dear All,

We are delighted to announce that the application for ITC grants within the EU-LI-PHE COST Action (CA22112) is open.

ITC Conference Grants are given to young ( $\leq 40$  years old) researchers affiliated in an Inclusiveness Targeted Country or Near Neighbour Country\* to present a work related to EU-LI-PHE in a high-level conference fully organised by a third party, i.e., not organised nor co-organized by EU-LI-PHE. The work can be presented either as a poster or as an oral presentation.

### **Reimbursement rules are the same as for STSMs.**

Reimbursement covers: travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific posters and overall effort.

Financial support: Up to **550.00 EUR** for face-to-face conference or up to **500.00 EUR** for virtual conference.

### **Eligibility:**

To check if you are eligible for financial support please check [page 59](#) of the annotated COST rules.

## Documents to provide for ITCGs

Proposals must be made through the [e-COST](#) system. Please send the application together with all supporting documents also to Prof. Ivona Djurkin Kušec ([idurkin@fazos.hr](mailto:idurkin@fazos.hr)) Dr. and Despoina Karatosidi ([despinakaratosidi@rias.gr](mailto:despinakaratosidi@rias.gr)).

The following documents need to be uploaded:

1. The application form provided by e-COST with:
  - Details of the conference (title and dates);
  - Details of the presentation (title, abstract);
  - Relevance to EU-LI-PHE objectives (you can download the MoU for EU-LI-PHE [here](#)) (max 500 words);
  - Expected impact (max 500 words);
  - Acceptance letter/mail from the conference organisers;
  - A quote for the travel in EUR (screen capture);
  - The cost of the conference registration fees.
  
2. Additional documents required by the Action which include:
  - Short CV with the publication list (if available). Please provide your age in the CV (this will be used only as an additional criterion for internal evaluation and will not be published);
  - Motivation letter;
  - Recommendation letter from the WG leader;
  - Breakdown of estimated costs (registration fees, travel costs, accommodation costs, daily allowances).

## Evaluation and awarding of ITC Conference Grants

The evaluation of ITC Conference Grant applications and selection of ITC Grantees is performed by the Action's Grant Awarding Coordinator and EU-LI-PHE Grant Evaluation Committee.

The following criteria will be implemented:

- Scientific relevance of the application for an ITC conference grant, which must clearly fit with the scientific objectives of the action;
- Active participation of the applicant in the COST Working Groups, as assessed by the WG leader;
- The selection also takes into account the COST policy to promote gender balance, to encourage young researchers (under 40 years of age) and to widen geographical coverage.

Please note that applicants may be asked to provide additional information.

## After the activity

The required report/documentation for claiming an ITC Conference Grant is:

- 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 (template available);
- 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).

## General information

The rules of the COST Action apply: applicants should consult the relevant information on the following pages:

[COST | European Cooperation in Science and Technology](#)

[Grant Awarding user guide \(cost.eu\)](#)

[COST-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions](#)

\* ITCs include: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine (for updated info check [here](#))

### Important Notes

Acknowledgment of the COST Action in the presentation is required. Failure to do so will result in the claim for reimbursement not being accepted.

ITC CG grantees are expected to publicise the results of their conference contributions in the COST Action Community. Therefore, they will be requested to send a photo and a short description of the conference to Science Communication Coordinator.

[Co-branding rules should be followed.](#)