ITC grants

Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference grant is a COST networking tool aimed at supporting PhD students and Early Career Investigators (ECI) (up to 8 years from the date the PhD has been obtained) to attend the international conference in the field of the Action.

The ITCs are as follows: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.

Currently there is an open call within the COST Action CA17137 for ITC Conference grants *up to* EUR 2500 each to PhD students and Early Career Investigators from ITC countries. Note: EUR 2500 is the maximum financial support that may be allocated for the ITC Conference grants. This includes conference fees up to EUR 500, and maximum EUR 160/day for accommodation and meals.

There is no fixed deadline for the call. However, pleasee note that the attendance at the conference, submission of expenses and reporting must take place before the end of the current grant period, i.e. 30 April 2019. Please also note that you need to take into account application's processing time (please allow 7-10 days).

General COST ITC Conference Grants Eligibility:

- Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students and ECI's with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC.
- The applicant must take an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral/poster presentation at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action and must acknowledge COST.
- The participation of each applicant must be pre-approved by the Action MC. Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered.

In order to apply for the ITC Conference Grant please login to your e-COST profile and select the ITC Conference Grants Tab.

The application form should contain the following documents:

- Applicant's details (Full name, Affiliation, Country, ECI or PhD student, etc.)
- Conference Grant details (action number, conference title, grant period, conference start and end date)

- Bank details
- Financial support (amount in travel, amount for subsistence for meals and accommodation up to maximum of EUR 160/day, conference fee up to maximum of EUR 500, total amount)
- Supporting documents

Supporting documents that need to be submitted:

- CV (including a list of academic publications – if applicable)
- A short description of your involvement in this COST Action
- Acceptance letter from the conference organizers (confirming either your speaking slot or your poster presentation)
- A copy of the abstract or poster submitted to the conference
- Scientific Report (to be submitted at the latest 30 days after the end date of the Conference)