ITC conference grant

COST-funded Action TOOLKIT OF CARE (TOC), CA21102 is pleased to announce two (2) Conference Grants for Young researchers and innovators from COST Inclusiveness Target Countries and NNC*. ITC Conference consists in a presentation of the own work given by a Young Researcher and Innovator affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country for their participation in high-level conferences and workshops fully organized by a third party, i.e. **not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action**.

ITC Conference Grants aim to:
• 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.

Implementation of grant:
ITC Conference Grantees receive support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) at a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

Grant amount: Up to EUR 2 000,00 per grant for face-to-face conferences OR EUR 500.00 for virtual conferences

WHO CAN APPLY:

ITC Conference Grants are limited to Young researchers and innovators affiliated to legal entities in COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) and Near Neighbour Countries (NNC). Applicants are **not** required to be existing members of the COST-funded Action TOOLKIT OF CARE (TOC), CA21102.

COST Association defines the above terms as follows:

Young Researcher and Innovator: A researcher or innovator under the age of 40.

COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC): Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine (government controlled areas), French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion Island and Saint-Martin (France), Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain).

COST Near Neighbour Countries: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, the Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo3 , Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine4 , [Russia]5 , Syria, and Tunisia.

*Examples of such an affiliation (non-exhaustive list): work contract, enrolment in a PhD or Post-Doctoral programme, voluntary service in a NGO, emeritus professorship, etc

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

HOW TO APPLY:

Please read carefully the application instructions and ensure all steps of the application process are taken, in order to ensure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Create an account on e-COST and fill the Grant application form on e-COST following the instructions on the Grant Awarding User Guide:
https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/12/Grant-Awarding-userguide.pdf
Please ensure to upload:
- the completed application template which shall be previously downloaded from HERE:
  https://www.cost.eu/ITCConference_GrantApplication
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers
- Note whether you will attend the event in person or virtually

Queries: Please contact alexia.achilleos@cut.ac.cy for any questions you may have

Submission deadline: The COST leadership group will consider applications on a bi-monthly basis until successful grants have been allocated.

Selection criteria:
- Eligibility of applicant
- Relevance of presentation and conference to COST Action
- Conference must take place before the end of the Grant period

Reporting and claim for payment of the grant:
Successful candidates can claim the grant after the conference ends. 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
- 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);

Full instructions available here:
https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/12/Grant-Awarding-userguide.pdf

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TOOLKIT OF CARE is an international Action led by an interdisciplinary group of creative practitioners, academics, researchers and arts organisations that specialise in creative technologies and that have considerable experience in the production and dissemination of this kind of knowledge across Europe and internationally, who have come together to form a "critical network of care". The network will collaborate to share their collective expertise and technical knowledge employed in creative ways to develop knowledge and methodologies of care. The main aim is to produce a well formulated and integrated TOOLKIT OF CARE comprising articles, prototypes, audiovisual documentation, technical manuals, theoretical analysis, prototypes, and data. It will act as a model of how to successfully share knowledge and expertise across different geographical regions and social groups.

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