

CA21145 EURESTOP – Call for two ITC Conference Grants call in Grant Period 1 (GP1)

IMPORTANT NOTE: GP1 ends in 31/10/2023

CALL

Thanks to a budget top-up received by the COST Association, we are glad to launch a call for the assignment of two (2) ITC Conference grants in the current Grant Period.

This call is formally a collection of applications, which will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria defined below. Selected applicants will be invited to submit their applications online through eCOST. So, please DO NOT apply in eCOST but simply follow the instructions given below.

ITC Conference consists of 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 fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

ITC Conference:

- Serve COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy;
- Support Young Researchers and Innovators affiliated in a legal entity in 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.

DEADLINE AND BUDGET

The **deadline for applications is by May 14th, 2023**. The total budget available in GP1 for ITC conference grants is **1,850.00 €**. Approximate # of ITC Conference Grants: **2 (925 €/ITC grant)**. The budget is not negotiable, and it can be modulated only if the selected applicants requests an amount lower than 925 €.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each applicant should formalize their application via email to info@eurestop.eu by the deadline (May 14th, 2023). Applications received after the deadline will not be evaluated. Please note that applications for attending virtual conferences will be deemed with a very low priority.

In the email, applicants must include the following data:

- Name/Surname of the applicant:
- Country of origin:
- YR&I (under40): YES/NO

- Gender:
- Career stage: title, years after the degree
- Do you have a role in EURESTOP: YES/NO
 - if YES: describe your role (WG member, MC member)
 - if NO: write the name of your PI/Supervisor affiliated to EURESTOP
- Conference title, date, location
- Attendance Type (face to face or virtual)
- Type of contribution expected: oral presentation/poster presentation
- Abstract of the proposed oral or poster presentation
- Did the applicant attend the same conference in previous years?
- Motivation and expected outcomes (*max 100 words*)

Selection criteria

Selection of applicants will be made in accordance with the following criteria (in order of importance):

- First come, first served;
- Coherence with EURESTOP topic and objectives;
- International conferences are prioritized
- Face to face participation
- Abstract & motivation

Before you apply, please carefully read the COST Annotated Rules (available at <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/12/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.3.pdf>) with respect to ITC Conference grants, including definitions, obligations, and the timeline for reimbursement.