



CA21145 EURESTOP – Call for up to two ITC Conference Grants in Grant Period 2 (GP2)

IMPORTANT NOTE: GP2 ends in 31/10/2024

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.

CALL

We are proud to launch a call for the assignment of up to two ITC Conference grants in the current Grant Period GP2.

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 January 31st, 2024**. The total budget available in this call for ITC conference grants is **1.500,00 €**, which covers up to two grants (around 750,00 €/grant). The grant amount can be modulated only if the selected applicants request an amount lower than 750,00 €.

ITC approved in GP2 must be completed by June 15th, 2024.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each applicant should formalize their application via email to info@eurestop.eu by the deadline (January 31st, 2024). Applications received after the deadline will not be evaluated. Please note that applications for attending virtual conferences will be deemed with a 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
- Have you already applied for an ITC Conference Grant within EURESTOP? YES/NO
- Have you already benefited from an ITC Conference Grant within EURESTOP? YES/NO
- 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;
- Have not already benefited an ITC Conference Grant within EURESTOP
- International conferences are prioritized
- Face to face participation
- Abstract & motivation

REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE

Expenses can be reimbursed through the Grant Holder, which is the University of Siena (UNISI). In order for this to occur, you will need to be registered with UNISI, and to have an Italian fiscal code. For those who are not in possession of an Italian fiscal code, the University of Siena will take care of the application procedure. It is assured that the procedure does not involve the payment of any fee.



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A second call will be published at the beginning of July 2024, with a deadline approximately at the end of July 2024 and conferences preferably in July/August/September 2024. Call's budget: around 1500 €

Before you apply, please carefully read the COST Annotated Rules (available at <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2023/11/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.4-Final-.pdf>) with respect to ITC Conference grants, including definitions, obligations, and the timeline for reimbursement.