

CA21145 EURESTOP – Last-minute call in Grant Period 2 (GP2) for:

Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) ITC Conference Grants

IMPORTANT NOTE: GP2 ends in 31/10/2024

CALL

This call is formally a **DIRECT** collection of applications in eCOST for the grant types above, which is possible thanks to remaining budget in GP2 and – especially – to the top-up received by the COST Association.

For detailed information on the grant types, eligibility criteria, documentation, and any other detail please refer to the COST Annotated Rules, section A2 [COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.4-Final-.pdf](#)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

There is no deadline for this call. Applications submitted in eCOST will be reviewed on a weekly basis and will be granted based on their adherence to the EURESTOP objectives, duration (for STSMs) and budget requests.

An estimate of around 2.000€ per STSM and 1300€ per ITC Conference Grant is suggested, although not mandatory. Applications will be approved until the budget will be available, according to the criteria below. A notification will be sent to the EURESTOP community as soon as the budget will be expired.

Application requesting an excessive grant with respect to the STSM duration won't be accepted.

IMPORTANT NOTE: STSMs and ITC Conference Grants approved in GP2 must be completed by **October 1st, 2024**.

Different from the previous call, to streamline the procedure, each applicant should formalize his/her application directly in e-COST. Incomplete or wrong applications will be rejected without further comments.

To apply on the eCOST portal, follow these steps:

> login in your eCOST profile > [tab on the left] COST Actions > [tab on the left] Grant Applications > + Apply for grant > STSM or ITC grant > Continue

Application for STSMs

To be filled in e-COST:

- Title
- Start and end date (within the active Grant Period, i.e. no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods)
- Budget requested by the applicant;
- Information about the host institution and contact person.

To be uploaded to e-COST:

- Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives;
- Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant;
- Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)

Application for ITC Conference Grant

To be filled in e-COST:

- Title of the presentation
- Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period , i.e.no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods) and country;
- Budget requested;
- Attendance Type (face to face or virtual)

To be uploaded to e-COST:

- Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career.
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation;
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers;
- Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)

REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE

Expenses can be reimbursed through the Grant Holder, which is the University of Siena (UNISI). According to the Italian law, you 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. The grant reimbursement will only occur upon completion of the grant and approval of the required documents; therefore, no advance payments are provided.

NOTE

Before you apply, please carefully read the most updated version of the COST Annotated Rules

available on the COST website (www.cost.eu) with respect to ITC conference grants, definitions, obligations, and timeline for reimbursement

