



## CA21145 EURESTOP – Second call for 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 three 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 May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The total budget available in this call for ITC conference grants is **3100.00 €**, which covers up to three grants (around 1033.00 €/grant). The grant amount can be increased only if at least one of the selected applicants requests an amount lower than 1033.00 €. **ITC approved in GP2 must be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.**



## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each applicant should formalize his/her application via email to [info@eurestop.eu](mailto:info@eurestop.eu) by the deadline May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 application email, applicants must include the following data:

- Name/Surname of the applicant:
- Country:
- 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? YES/NO
- 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.

## NOTE

Before you apply, please carefully read the most updated version of the COST Annotated Rules available on the COST website ([www.cost.eu](http://www.cost.eu)) with respect to ITC conference grants, definitions, obligations, and timeline for reimbursement