

Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants

The Grants are aimed at supporting ECI and PhD students from Participating ITC to attend international conferences on the topic of the Action that are not organised by the COST Action.

An applicant can be considered as being an ECI when the time that has elapsed between the award date of the applicant's PhD and the date of the applicant's first involvement in the COST Action CA19129 does not exceed 8 years. We will take into account times spent in other occupation or with reproductive and care work.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students and ECI's with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC ([list of ITC countries](#)).
2. The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action and must acknowledge COST (see [COST Vademecum](#), Section 10).
3. The participation of each applicant must be pre-approved by the Action Core Group. Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered.
4. Virtual events are eligible.

A Conference Grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the Applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the application. Conference Grants do not necessarily cover all of the expenses related to participating in a given conference. A Conference Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected Grantee (see COST Vademecum Section 9).

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To ensure that the funds for the ITC programme are fairly distributed during the budget period, this call for ITC grants is divided into two periods (May-July and August-October) with half of the ITC budget allocated to each.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants must read carefully the rules detailed in COST Vademecum (Section 9).
- Applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/>.
- Applicants must fill in and submit the ITC application form in the [e-COST platform](#).

The following documents are required:

- CV;
- a short description of involvement in the COST Action [DecolDEV](#);
- acceptance letter from the conference organizers stating that the abstract has been accepted as an (virtual) oral/poster presentation;
- the abstract submitted to the conference.

SELECTION AND EVALUATION

The applications will be assessed by the ITC Conference Grant Committee, which will perform the scientific and budgetary assessment of the applications against the perceived contribution that the proposed conference participation will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding ([MoU](#)).

REIMBURSEMENT

The Grantee has 30 calendar days from the end date of the Conference in question to submit a scientific report to the Action Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Action Chair is affiliated to the Grant Holder Institution) and the Action's Grant Holder. Payment of the Grant is subject to the submitted Conference Grant scientific report being approved by the Action Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Action Chair is affiliated to the Grant Holder Institution).