

### **CALL for ITC CONFERENCE GRANTS**

GP May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

2 grants – up to 2.000,00 Eur each

2 grants for virtual conferences – up to 500.00Eur each

Deadline for Application: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

ITC CGs aim to support ECI researchers from participating ITC to attend international science and technology related conferences

#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

ECI<sup>1</sup>s (and possibly PhD students) with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC<sup>2</sup>

- oral/poster presentation at the conference, listed in the official event/conference program
- subject of the oral presentation / poster must be on the topic of the Action and must acknowledge COST
- Participation must be pre-approved by the Action MC
- European conferences are preferred

Number of Conference Grants to be funded: 4

Max. cost per ITC conference grant:

- Up to 2.000,00Eur per grant for face-to-face conferences – 2 grants
- OR 500,00Eur for virtual conferences – 2 grants

A cost estimation (registration fee<sup>3</sup>, estimated total cost) should be submitted with the application.

Conference needs to take place between May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022– 3<sup>rd</sup> Grant Period

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<sup>1</sup> ECI = Early Career Investigator - A researcher within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained the PhD/doctorate (full-time equivalent).

<sup>2</sup> ITC = Inclusiveness Target Countries - Full list of ITC: [http://www.cost.eu/about\\_cost/strategy/excellence-inclusiveness](http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/strategy/excellence-inclusiveness)

<sup>3</sup> For virtual conferences, only the registration fee is eligible cost (up to 500Eur).

**Application submission:**

The application shall be submitted through the e-COST following the ITC CG Application.

**Application documents:**

- details of applicant (name, contact details, institution, stage of career)
- details of conference (name, date and place)
- abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation;
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers;
- Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career
- Documents about conference registration, acceptance of conference contribution, expected cost<sup>4</sup>

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The results are expected after three weeks.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA:**

- a) Research match with the "Who Cares in Europe?" MoU objectives and Working group goals;
- b) Conference contribution – quality of the submitted contribution

More about the Action's topics MoU, Working Groups and Projects can be found at <https://whocaresineurope.eu/>

Applications have to be submitted in e-COST until 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**Templates:**

[https://www.cost.eu/ITCConference\\_GrantApplication](https://www.cost.eu/ITCConference_GrantApplication)

[https://www.cost.eu/ITCConference\\_Report](https://www.cost.eu/ITCConference_Report)

A detailed description of opportunities and rules can be found in the following documents

- <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/02/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-2022-02-15.pdf>
- <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/12/Grant-Awarding-userguide.pdf>

In case of contradiction between the current call and the official documents generated by the COST Association, the official COST documents are considered to have higher relevance.

For questions, please write to COST Action Who Cares in Europe? Grant Awarding Coordinator Dr. Tamara Prevendar [tamara.prevendar@gmail.com](mailto:tamara.prevendar@gmail.com)

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