



### **Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants**

### **Call for ITC Grant Applications**

### **Second Grant Period, 1 May 2020 – 31 October 2021**

There will be a call for “Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants” under GREENERING COST Action CA18224 for the second Grant Period. Please see below relevant dates:

**Application opens on:** 05.03.2021

**Cut-off dates:** 20.03.2021/21.04/2021 and 21.05.2021

**Decision notification:** 31.03.2021/30.04.2021 and 31.05.2021

**Conference dates between:** 01.04.2021 - 30.09.2021

#### **“Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants”**

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).

The calculation of the financial contribution for each ITC Conference Grant must respect the following criteria:

- Up to a maximum of EUR 700 in total can be afforded to each successful ITC Applicant.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses. When meal and accommodation expenses are supported by the hosting institution as part of the provisions offered in their conference package, the amount for subsistence afforded to each eligible participant must be deducted from the Grant.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 500 can be claimed for the conference fees to be incurred by the selected Grantee.

**Note:** *For virtual conferences the amount eligible is only for the registration fee.*

### **Eligibility criteria**

- The applicant must be a PhD Student or an Early Career Investigator (ECI). An ECI is an individual who is within a time span of up to 8 years from the date he/she obtained his/her PhD/doctorate (full-time equivalent).
- The Applicant's primary affiliation must be in an Institution located in a participating Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC). The ITCs are as follows: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.
- Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered. Conferences, meetings and other activities organized by the GREENERING COST Action are not eligible for funding. Virtual conference fees are eligible within these applications.
- The Applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be present a proof of acceptance at the conference by the organizing committee. The main subject of the oral/poster presentation at the approved conference must be on the topic of the GREENERING COST Action and must acknowledge GREENERING COST Action for support (see COST [Vademecum](#) Section 10).
- The application must be submitted at least 15 days before the conference start date.
- The participation of each Applicant must be pre-approved by the Action MC.

## **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:
  - full CV,
  - a short description of involvement in the COST Action GREENERING,
  - acceptance letter from the conference organizers,
  - the abstract submitted to the conference,
  - invitation letter from the conference organizers (if available).

## **Evaluation**

After the deadline, 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 \(MoU\)](#).

Members of the ITC Conference Grant Committee:

[Dr. Marie Sajfirtova](#)

[Prof. Ana Rita C. Duarte](#)

[Asst. Prof. David Fernandez Rivas](#)

[Asst. Prof. Dajana Kucic Grgic](#)

All applications will be ranked and the ranking will be approved by the Members of the ITC Conference Grant Committee.

The Applicants will be notified for the outcome of their application within two weeks after the deadline. The number of grants awarded is not fixed in any of the cut off dates and ITC grants will be awarded up to the cumulative value of 5600 euros.

## **Reimbursement**

The Grantee has 30 calendar days from the end date of the conference in question to submit a scientific report to the Action Vice-Chair, [Asst. Prof. David Fernandez Rivas](#), and cc: to the ITC Conference Manager, [Dr. Marie Sajftova](#). The scientific report template will be sent upon approval of the Grant.

Payment of the Grant is subject to the submitted scientific report being approved by the Action Vice-Chair. Written approval of the submitted scientific report must be sent to the Grant Holder, [Prof. Ana Rita C. Duarte](#), for archiving purposes.

Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days calendar from the end date of the conference will effectively cancel the Grant.