



## REMINDNET opens the Call for Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants

These calls are based upon the work performed within COST Action CA22138 - Recovery of Mining District Network (REMINDNET), supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology).

ITC Conference Grants provide financial support for Action Participant affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country for their participation in high-level conferences. The grantee receives support for attending and presenting their own work as oral presentation at a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

ITC list: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Türkiye and Ukraine

NNC list: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia

### Deadline for applications

This call will be **open for continuous applications** during the entire 3<sup>rd</sup> Grant period as long as there is budget available.

### Application Procedure

The documents necessary for the application and the outline of the application process can be found at the official website of the [REMINDNET](#) under the [Activities - Conferences](#) section. Please read all uploaded documents beside the [Annotated Rules for Cost Actions](#), [Grant Awarding User Guide](#) carefully before applying!

An applicant must have a profile on the e-COST platform. After that, it is necessary to follow the steps detailed below:

- [Application for Grant](#) filled in on e-COST and downloaded from the system ((including attendance type, grant period and title, budget requested; bank account, start and end date requested, conference title, country and an url)
- [Application Form](#): This form includes details on the (i) conference details; (ii) accepted contribution details; (iii) relevance of the conference topic to the action; and (iii) motivation and expected impact.
- **Copy of the abstract** of the accepted presentation focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by the COST Action
- **Acceptance (or invitation) letter** from the conference organisers
- **Brief CV** in the form of [Europass CV](#) (max. 2 pages)
- **Recommendation letter** from a senior researcher (only for PhD students and research assistants)

### Eligibility Conditions

The following criteria must be met:

- The applicant must be an Action Participant with a primary affiliation in an institution located in a participating Inclusiveness Target Country or Near Neighbour Country.

- The applicant must make an oral presentation at the conference.
- The applicant must be listed in the official event/conference programme.

### **Financial Support**

The ITC Conference Grant is paid in the form of a grant. The maximum grant amount is 2500 EUR for face-to-face conferences and 500 EUR for virtual conferences.

The ITC Conference Grant is a financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the application by the Assessment Committee. The Conference Grants do not necessarily cover all of the expenses related to participating in a given conference. The Conference Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected grantee.

### **Evaluation of Applications**

The application will be assessed by the Assessment Committee (Grant Awarding Coordinator, Action Chair, Action Vice Chair and Core Group Members) on the basis of the perceived contribution that the participation will make to the scientific objectives outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their grant application by the Grant Holder Manager no more than 15 days after the meeting of the Assessment Committee holding monthly.

### **Criteria for Awarding the ITC**

- The ITC Conference Grant serves for the exchange and acquisition of know-how
- Usefulness of the selected conference to help in order to develop the career of the applicant;
- Scientific quality of the abstract submitted;
- Involvement of the candidate in the COST Action CA22138
- Benefit for the COST Action CA22138
- The proposed budget must be reasonable
- Geographical distribution of applicants across the ITC Conference Grant
- Gender balance across the ITC Conference Grant

### **Final Report and Grand Payment**

After the ITC Conference activity is finished, the grantee is required to submit a [scientific report](#) via e-COST within 30 days after the ITC has been completed or by the end of September, whichever date comes first.

Grants are paid directly to the grantee within 30 days by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation by the Assessment Committee.

Please note that COST can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by ITC Conference Grant applicants.

### **Contacts**

1. Grant Awarding Coordinator – Tansel Dogan [tansel.dogan@thga.de](mailto:tansel.dogan@thga.de) (questions related to the application procedure and organization)
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3. Action Grant Holder Manager – Eva Kluzova [eva.kluzova@vsb.cz](mailto:eva.kluzova@vsb.cz) (questions related to the e-COST, Grant Letter and financial matters)