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Open Call for LIAISE COST Action ITC Conference Grant

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4th Grant Period

Introduction

One of the main COST Action CA22110 LIAISE objectives is to support research in Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs) and Near Neighbour Countries (NNCs). ITC Conference Grants are financial support for Young Researchers and Innovators 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 work (oral presentation) at a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations. This is a contribution for traveling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, and overall effort. For this reason, we have an Open Call for ITC Conference Grants using a rolling system for the deadlines for ITC Conference Grant Applications, which for this grant period are as follows.

Cut-off Dates and Budget

- 15th December 2026
- 15th February 2027
- 15th April 2027
- 15th June 2027

After 15th June 2027, if there is a budget available, the applications will be processed as they are received. In the same vein, if the budget runs out in any of the previous cut-offs, participants will be informed, and the following calls will not be carried out.

All the applications that have been sent by the cut-off date will be evaluated within 15 days and the applicants will be informed about the decision. Up to 2500 EUR can be awarded for face-to-face conferences and up to 500 EUR for virtual conferences.

Only applications for future events will be approved. Grants cannot be awarded retroactively for conferences that have already taken place at the time of the cut-off date.

To broaden participation and ensure a fair distribution of funding opportunities, preference will be given, among applications of comparable quality and relevance to the Action's objectives, to applicants who have not previously received a grant in the same category under LIAISE.

Where funding is insufficient to support all applications recommended for funding, a maximum of one grant per applicant will be awarded within the same cut-off round, across all grant categories. Applicants may submit applications under more than one grant type (ITC Conference Grant, YRI Conference Grant, STSM or Virtual Mobility Grant) in the same cut-off round; however, meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee funding. Where more than one application from the same applicant is recommended for funding, the selection committee will determine which application to support based on the published evaluation criteria and the Action's priorities.

Eligibility criteria

Conference Grants are reserved for PhD students and ECI's with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC (Inclusiveness Target Country) or an NNC (Near Neighbour Country):

- EU Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia
- EU Member States Outermost Regions: French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion Island and Saint-Martin (France), Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain)
- Full Members that are not EU Member States: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine
- The current list of ITCs include: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine
- NNCs: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, the Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, and Tunisia.

Participation of Young Researchers/ Innovators (<40-year-old) is encouraged. In the evaluation of two applications with the same score, the one from a Young Researcher will be considered first.

The applicants must have an accepted paper at a conference and must make an oral presentation. The publication/presentation must be listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral presentation / speech at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action LIAISE and must acknowledge COST (see How to acknowledge COST funding).

The conference, the submission of the expenses, and the reporting must take place before the end of the current Grant Period.

Additional information

- Priority will be given to active Working Group members whose application is endorsed by the Working Group.
- The submission for ITC CG must be after the acceptance of the paper and before the conference dates. Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered.
- Applicants to ITC Conference Grants shall not apply to different types of conference grants in the same period.

Evaluation criteria

All the applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 65% The quality and relevance of the publication/presentation.
- 25% The conference rankings.
- 10% Diversity.

How to apply?

To apply for a Conference Grant within the LIAISE Cost action (CA22110), please fill in the online application on the e-cost system and attach the required documents.

- Filled application form (can be downloaded from the e-cost system). Note that the applications without clear contribution to the Action objectives will not be taken into consideration. Priority will be given to applications that are coordinated with the working groups.
- The Applicant's CV, including recent publications (max. 1 page).
- The acceptance letter of the conference Organizers or invitation from the Organizers (for a keynote presentation etc.)
- Copy of the accepted conference abstract or oral presentation.

Your application will be first evaluated by the Grant Awarding team (composed by the Grant Awarding leader, the Grant Awarding co-leader and the Action Chair). For more information, please visit the LIAISE web site and consult the LIAISE MoU.

It is expected that each ITC grantee will **send a copy of their presentation including LIAISE and COST Action logos** and **a short summary of their participation at the conference** to the ITC Conference Grants Manager of the LIAISE Action for dissemination. The material must be submitted to the ITC Conference Grants Manager by email shortly after the conference. Photographic material from the conference (e.g. the Applicant with the LIAISE logo in background) will also be requested.

Before you apply, make sure you review and understand the ITC Conference Grant rules, available in the COST Annotated Rules. More information on the grant awarding process can be found here.