



## **COST Action CA21141 - Grassroots of Digital Europe: from Historic to Contemporary Cultures of Creative Computing (GRADE)**

### **Call for Inclusiveness Target Country Conference Grants (ITC CG)**

#### **WHAT ARE ITCGs?**

ITC Conference Grants aim to support Young Researchers and Innovators (YRI)<sup>1</sup> based in an Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country (ITC/NNC) who wish to attend international science and technology-related conferences, events, or activities whose topic is related to the Action but that are not organized by the Action.

A Conference Grant is a financial contribution that considers the applicant's budget request and the outcome of the evaluation of the application by the Grant Evaluation Committee. To be eligible for ITCG funding, the applicant must be accepted to give an oral or poster presentation at their chosen event. This needs to be evidenced by an official letter of acceptance from the event's organizers. The subject of the presentation, talk, workshop, etc. must be related to the Action's theme and objectives, as well as to a specific Working Group's deliverables. We recommend preliminarily consulting the leadership of the relevant Working Group before submitting the application. If selected, the participant will be expected to feature the COST and Action logos, as well as the Action number on their slides or poster. The ITC CG outcomes will be featured as a post on the GRADE website <https://costgrade.eu/>.

GRADE prefers to provide ITCG funding for attending onsite events in Europe, but conferences elsewhere, as well as virtual attendance can be also considered.

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<sup>1</sup> Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI): A researcher or innovator under the age of 40 (<https://www.cost.eu/Glossary>)

## **WHO CAN APPLY?**

Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for YRI with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC/NNC.

The following countries are considered ITC: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, 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.

The following countries are considered NNC: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, and Tunisia.

## **WHAT IS COVERED?**

A Conference Grant contributes to the selected Grantee's overall travelling, accommodation, subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort.

- Conference Grants do not necessarily cover all the expenses related to participating in a given conference.
- The maximum financial support for the awarded applicant will be 2,000 euro per grant for face-to-face conferences or 500 euro for virtual conferences.

For more information about ITC grants, please consult the [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#), specifically Annex 2 “Networking Activities organised through a Grant Awarding Process”.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

ITC grant proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Relevance to the Action’s objectives and deliverables**  
The ITC grant has to contribute towards the specific objectives of a selected Working

Group (WG), as described in the Action's [Memorandum of Understanding](#). Deliverables for the second grant period are related to the following themes:

- **Working Group 1:** Role of women and minorities in the histories of European creative computing
  - **Working Group 2:** Open educational materials about sustainability in creative computing
  - **Working Group 3:** White paper on the existing digital cultural heritage preservation efforts in Europe
2. **Academic rigor:** proposals are expected to demonstrate familiarity with the relevant academic field and be grounded in existing research.

#### HOW TO APPLY?

The applicant needs to encode an ITC application by logging into e-COST: <https://e-services.cost.eu/> and clicking on the ITC application tab.

The required report/documentation for claiming a Dissemination Conference Grant are:

- Report to the Action MC on the outcome of the presentation, contacts made and potential for future collaborations.
- The certificate of attendance.
- The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral presentation of the grantee o Copy of the given presentation.

More detailed information can be found in the [COST Annotated Rules](#).

Applications should be submitted at least one month before the conference. **The final date to submit an ITCG Grant application is July 1st (23.59 CET) 2024.** In order to be eligible, the conference must take place before September 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. The grant applicant will receive a decision and feedback within 3 weeks from the submission of the application.

Please follow the application procedure as described here, and contact the GRADE Grant Awarding Coordinators: WG1 - Ivo Furman ([ivo.furman@bilgi.edu.tr](mailto:ivo.furman@bilgi.edu.tr)), WG2 - Agnes Bakk ([bakkagnes@gmail.com](mailto:bakkagnes@gmail.com)) and WG3 - Riccardo Fassone ([riccardo.fassone@unito.it](mailto:riccardo.fassone@unito.it)) for further questions.

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