



## COST ACTION CA19140

### FIT4NANO-Focused Ion Technology for Nanomaterials

## GP4- ITC CG Applications

For conferences no later than 30 September 2024

## ITC CONFERENCE GRANTS

The ITC Conference Grants aim to assist emerging researchers from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs) or Near Neighbour Countries (NNCs) in participating in global conferences, events, or activities related to science and technology, specifically focusing on the theme of the Action but excluding those organized by the COST Action.

ITC conference:

- Uphold the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy;

Facilitate the establishment of a robust network and enhanced visibility for Young Researchers and Innovators within the research community by sharing their work and acquiring knowledge; Have the potential to boost the visibility of the Action.

ITC Conference benefit to:

- ITC Conference Grantee: receives support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) at a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

## DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE GRANTS

Dissemination Conference consist in a presentation of the work of the Action in high-level conferences by an Action participant. Dissemination Conference:

- Significantly increase visibility of the Action in the research community, can contribute to increasing visibility of the presenter
- Attract additional participants and stakeholders and disseminate Action results to relevant end-users at high profile Conferences in the field on a topic relevant to the Action.

Dissemination Conference benefit to:

- Dissemination Conference Grantee: receives support for attending and presenting the Action, their activities, and results (oral presentation) at a conference and/or for developing new contacts and potential future collaborations
- COST Action: receives increased visibility and awareness, new contacts with potential stakeholders

**The ITC Conference Grant Applicant(s)** are Young Researchers and Innovators from the following Countries:

- **(ITCs):** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, North Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey.
- **(NNCs):** Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine (The designation of Kosovo is without prejudice to position on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.)

**The Dissemination Conference Grantee** is an individual affiliated to a legal entity in a COST Full/ Cooperating member, a NNCs and a European RTD Organization.

For further information please see the [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#), p94.

## Deadline

Apply at any time by following the instructions below.

## Application process

All applications must be submitted directly through the e-COST System. If you do not have an e-COST account yet, please create one [here](#).

Networking Activity	Information to be provided in the application
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ITC Conference</b></p>	<p><u>To be filled in e-COST:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title of the presentation</li> <li>• Conference title, date (conferences ending before 30.9.2024) and country;</li> <li>• Budget requested;</li> <li>• Attendance type (face to face or virtual)</li> </ul> <p><u>To be uploaded to e-COST:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant’s career.</li> <li>• Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation;</li> <li>• Acceptance letter from the conference organisers;</li> <li>• Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dissemination Conference</b></p>	<p><u>To be filled in e-COST:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title of the presentation</li> <li>• Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period) and venue;</li> <li>• Budget requested;</li> <li>• Attendance type (face to face or virtual)</li> </ul> <p><u>To be uploaded to e-COST:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Alignment with the Action Science Communication plan and Expected impact to the COST Action.</li> <li>• Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by the COST Action;</li> <li>• Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers;</li> <li>• Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)</li> </ul>

Upon approval of the application, the Grantee receives a Grant Letter from the Grant Holder stating the approved amount and the conditions for receiving the grant.

## Evaluation & Selection Procedure

Each submitted Conference Grant application is assessed by the coordinator, assisted by the STSM/ITC committee. The final approval of the applications is carried out by the CG, relying on a proposal presented to the GAC. Within the scope of the ITC conference grant, **priority** will be given in support to Young researchers who plan to attend the following conferences:

- The 67<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Electron, Ion and Photon Beam Technology and Nanofabrication (EIPBN): 28 – 31 May 2024, La Jolla, California, USA  
<https://eipbn.org/>
- FIB relevant session/symposia at 50<sup>th</sup> Microscopy & Microanalysis (M&M 2024): 28 July-1 August 2024, Cleveland, USA  
<https://microscopy.org/m-and-m-meeting>
- FIB relevant session/symposia at European Microscopy Congress (EMC2024): 25-30 August 2024, Copenhagen, Denmark  
<https://emc2024.eu/>

Other conferences will be supported if reasonable topical overlap can be proven. All activities should end by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. To facilitate better planning and efficient use of the overall project funds we appreciate a non-binding tentative information on planned applications until 1.1.2024 to Feray Bakan Mısırlıoğlu at [feraybakan@sabanciuniv.edu](mailto:feraybakan@sabanciuniv.edu)

## Financial Support

A Conference Grant is a fixed financial contribution that takes into consideration the budget. A Conference Grant constitutes a predetermined financial allocation, considering the applicant's budget request and the application evaluation by the designated individual(s). It's important to note that Conference Grants may not comprehensively cover all expenses associated with conference participation. Instead, they contribute financially towards the overall costs, encompassing travel, accommodation, and meals for the chosen Grantee. The determination of the financial contribution for each Conference Grant, whether ITC Conference Grant or Dissemination Conference Grant, adheres to the following criteria:

- request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the application by the delegated person(s). Conference Grants do not necessarily cover all expenses. Max 2 000 EUR for face-to-face events, including conference fees. Max 500 EUR for virtual conferences fees.

## Receiving the Grant

- Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the required reports and relevant documentation in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the grand period, whichever date comes first;
- Claims the payment of the grant via e-COST;

The required report/documentation for claiming an ITC Conference Grant is:

- Report to the Action MC on the outcome of the presentation of the accepted contribution, in terms of grantee visibility, including the establishment of new contacts for future collaborations
- The certificate of attendance,
- The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee
- Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster);

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

- 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
- Copy of the given presentation

If you have been selected as a grantee, you will receive your grant **after** the conference. The grant will be paid to your bank account once your scientific report has been approved. Please remember to ask someone to take a picture or video of you during your presentation so that we can showcase your involvement on our website and in our newsletter (with your prior consent, of course).