

COST Action CA 23114 RELINK2
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FIRST OPEN CALL

Dissemination Conference Grants

This call is based upon work from COST Action RELINK2 (CA23114), supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology).

COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) is a funding agency for research and innovation networks. Our Actions help connect research initiatives across Europe and enable scientists to grow their ideas by sharing them with their peers. This boosts their research, career and innovation.

1. Important dates

Deadline for submission of application: Continuous submission. The funding will be allocated on an ongoing basis until Grant Period funds are no longer available.

Outcome notification date: The GEC evaluates the applications once per month and the applicant is notified up to 4 weeks after submission

Period within which the Dissemination Conference must occur: Grant Period 1 (up to September 30, 2025, final report no later than October 15, 2025)

2. General information

Dissemination Conference Grants consists of an oral presentation by an Action Participant of the work of the Action in high-level conferences fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

Dissemination Conference:

- Significantly increase the visibility of the Action in the research community, which can contribute to increasing the 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 benefits to:

- Dissemination Conference Grantee: receives support for attending and delivering an oral presentation of the Action, their activities, and results at a conference and for developing new contacts and potential future collaborations.
- COST Action: receives increased visibility and awareness, new contacts with potential stakeholders.

3. Scope of funding

The Grantee can receive approximately 1000 EUR to participate in a Dissemination conference in person.

Includes: The grant amount requested should cover travel expenses, accommodation and meal allowances based on the personal budget* of the Applicant and conferences fees.

*The applicant may consult the list of maximum daily allowances (see [here](#) and [here](#)) when forming an outline for the budget, however, the amount can be lower. As for travel expenses, the applicant must choose the most economical means of transportation.

Recommended Steps to Eligibility:

- 1) Create your [e-Cost profile](#) and [join](#) the CA23144 RELINK2.
- 2) Applicants select up to two Working Groups and submit an online application:
WG1. Theoretical challenges
WG2. Methodological challenges
WG3. Empirical analysis
WG4. Engagement and dissemination

4. Application process

To be filled in e-COST:

- Details of the Dissemination Conference
- Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period, date of the conference 30 September at the latest), and country
- Budget requested
- Attendance Type (face-to-face)

To be uploaded to e-COST:

[Application form](#) describing: the relevance of the conference topic to the Action and motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career.

- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation.
- Acceptance letter from the conference organizers.

5. Additional documents

Applicant's Curriculum Vitae with a list of relevant research or publications (max 3 pages, font: 12 pt. Times New Roman, page borders: 1.2 inches)

6. Grant Approval Process

Applications will be evaluated by the Grant Evaluation Committee (GEC), which consists of the Grant Awarding Coordinator and three selected members of the Management Committee, according to the following criteria:

- 1) Excellence of the application promoting the direct contribution to the RELINK2 Objectives, Work Groups Tasks and Grant period 1 Goals/[Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- 2) Relevance of the Applicant's research area to the Dissemination Conference topic
- 3) Members of the Working Groups will have priority in the selection process
- 4) 1st-time participant in RELINK2 Dissemination Conference
- 5) COST policies – inclusiveness, gender balance, diverse geographical representation

7. Implementation of the Grant

- Grant Awarding Coordinator approves the Grant in e-Cost
- The Grantee performs the Dissemination Conference as agreed
- Upon the completed Conference, the Grantee completes the [Report](#) in e-Cost and claims the Dissemination Conference Grant pay-out

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

- Outcome of the conference participation
- Valid Acknowledgment documentation

- Certificate of attendance
- The program of the conference or other indications of the presentation
- Copy of presentation
- Planned future follow-up activities with publishing the paper or a working paper within 3 months after the conference.

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 before the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.

Relevant documents/links:

- [ANNOTATED RULES FOR COST ACTIONS](#) (see sections 6.4 Eligibility and Process Description A2-2.3)
- [Grant Awarding User guide](#)

For additional information please contact Grant Awarding Coordinator Prof. Petia Gueorguieva (petiagueorguieva@gmail.com).