

CA19112 – Women on the Move (WEMov)

CALL for ITC CG – GP2 WEMov

ITC CONFERENCE GRANTS FOR ITC EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATORS AND PHD STUDENTS

DATES: 30 January 2022 – 30 August 2022

I. Definition

ITC Conference Grants are aimed at supporting ECI and PhD students from Participating ITC (Inclusiveness Target Country) to attend international conferences, event or activity on the topic of the Action that are not organised by the COST Action.

II. Eligibility criteria

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students, PhD candidates, and ECIs with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC participating in the Action. The ITCs are: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.
- The applicant shall make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and shall be listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference shall be on the topic of the Action and shall acknowledge the COST Action.
- The participation of each applicant shall be pre-approved by the Action Core Group.

WEMov has planned 2 ITC CG with a maximum grant of **1,500€** each for its GP2.

III. Evaluation and selection of candidates

Candidates send their application to the ITC Conference Grant Manager. The evaluation of each received Conference Grant application is performed by the Core Group.

Evaluation criteria

The selection of successful applicants shall be done in consideration of the scientific scope of the proposed participation and how it will **support the Action** in achieving its scientific objectives.

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The **link between the Grant and COST Action** will be given particular attention in the selection of candidates:

- Priority will be given to applications concerning work done in cooperation with other COST members or using COST data, as well as work related to the ongoing WGs.
- Submission of the ITC CG must be made **after the abstract has been accepted** by the conference organisers and proof of acceptance must be added to the application (letter from organisers and conference programme). The applicant must appear in the conference program.
- The application is made through the eCOST system. To create an account, click [here](#).
- For further information about the application and grant process, see <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2018/11/Inclusiveness-Target-Countries-Conference-Grants-userguide-V2-003-Oct-2018-1.pdf>
- The applicant must acknowledge CA 19112 in their presentation.
- European conferences are preferred, but global conferences are not excluded. In all cases, the COST Action's mission must be central to the conference presentation.

Here is the evaluation grid that will be used by the Core Group to rank applications:

Criteria	Quantitative criteria			Qualitative criteria			
	Abstract accepted	European or global conference	Link between the application and the COST Action	Work done in cooperation with other CA19112 participants	Work using COST data or related to a WG	Excellence and scope of the application	The conference intervention contributes to the COST Action's objectives
Total							
/20	/2	/2	/2	/2	/4	/4	/4

IV. Financial support

A Conference Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected Grantee. For its second grant period, WEMov will be able to allocate up to **three grants** and these will be limited to **a total amount of 1500€ each**. WEMov's financial contribution will be limited to:

- Up to a maximum of EUR 1500 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 500 can be claimed for the conference fees to be incurred by the selected applicant.

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In addition, when meal and accommodation expenses are supported by the hosting institution as part of the provisions offered in their conference package, the amount for subsistence afforded to each eligible participant shall be deducted from the Grant. Documentary evidence of the conference fee amount shall be provided by the applicant and shall be archived by the Grant Holder along with the relevant administrative documents.

Reimbursement:

The Grantee has 30 calendar days from the end date of the Conference to submit **a certificate of attendance and a report** to the ITC Conference Grant Manager, the Chair and the Action's Grant Holder. Payment of the Grant is subject to the submitted certificate of attendance and the submitted report being approved by the ITC Conference Grant Manager and the Chair. Written approval of the submitted report shall be sent to the Grant Holder for archiving purposes.

V. Calendar

Applications may be submitted between February 2022 and August 2022. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. All ITC Conference Grants awarded must be completed by 30 August 2022 to allow financial processing and reporting by WEMov and COST.

Final recommendation:

Multiple applications to several Actions by the same person to attend the same conference is strictly forbidden by COST and may lead to the cancellation of the grant.

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