## Grants are available with SUSTAIN COST Action!

We are happy to announce the  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  and  $\mathbf{2}^{nd}$  grants call within the SUSTAIN COST Action on its first year!

Three types of grants are available:

- Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM)
- ITC Conference Grants
- Dissemination Conference Grants

All grants will support collaboration, knowledge sharing and transfer, research, and development within the Action.

All activities have to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Please refer to the information below and to the specific call flyers for further details.

If you have questions about the grant applications, get in touch with SUSTAIN's Grant Awarding Coordinator, Giulia Atzori (giulia.atzori@cnr.it).

## Short-term Scientific Missions (STSM)

Two calls of STSM are open, please find below the dates and deadlines information.

1st STSM call 2024:

Call opens: 1/02/2024

Call deadline: 1/03/2024

Decision communication: by 15/03/2024

Period to organize the STSM: 15/03/2024 - 30/06/2024

Report delivery deadline: 15/07/2024

2<sup>nd</sup> STSM call 2024:

Call opens: 10/04/2024

Call deadline: 10/05/2024

Decision communication: by 25/05/2024

Period to organize the STSM: 25/05/2024 – 15/09/2024

Report delivery deadline: 1/10/2024

These scientific missions allow researchers involved in a COST Action to visit an institution or laboratory in any country in the world. Their aim is to foster collaboration and share new techniques

and research infrastructure that may not be available in a participant's home institution or laboratory. STSMs provide a good opportunity for both young and experienced researchers looking for mentoring and lifelong learning.

The COST Action entitled Sustainable use of salt-affected lands (SUSTAIN) is accepting applications for two calls of short-term scientific missions (STSM) taking place in the following periods:

15/03/2024 – 30/06/2024 and 25/05/2024 – 15/09/2024

The STSM has to be completed by the periods indicated and the report submitted by the deadlines reported in the calls. Funding is subjected to the achievement of the expected outputs and contribution to the Action MoU objectives and deliverables and to the respect of provided deadlines: the STSMs must contribute to the scientific objectives of one or more SUSTAIN's Working Groups.

Please find more information on the activities of the COST Action SUSTAIN, CA21144 at https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA22144/.

To participate to this call please fill the Template available at:

https://www.cost.eu/STSM GrantApplication

After the STSM:

- Complete a Summary Report within 2 weeks from the end of your STSM using the report
  Template available at: https://www.cost.eu/STSM\_Report
- The submission of a Summary Report within 2 weeks of the end of your STSM is a condition of the award and is required to receive the funds.
- If a publication results, we request that you send us two copies and that you credit the Programme in a note or footnote, as follows: "[Your name], via a short-term scientific mission from COST Action SUSTAIN, CA21144, supported by COST (European Coopera on in Science and Technology)".

## **ITC Conference Grants**

Two calls of ITC Conference Grants, specifically contributing to the dissemination of SUSTAIN topics, are opened, please find below the dates and deadlines information.

1<sup>st</sup> ITC Conference Grants call 2024:

Call opens: 1/02/2024

Call deadline: 30/04/2024

Decision communication: by 15/05/2024

Period to participate to the Conference: 1/02/2024 – 31/05/2024

Report delivery deadline: 15/06/2024

2<sup>nd</sup> ITC Conference Grants call 2024:

Call opens: 1/06/2024

Call deadline: 30/08/2024

Decision communication: by 15/09/2024

Period to participate to the Conference: 1/06/2024 – 15/09/2024

Report delivery deadline: 1/10/2024

Applicants to this Grant must be affiliated to an Institution located in an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC Country, with the full list available on EU COST website).

Funding: up to EUR 1000 for face-to-face conferences or EUR 300 for virtual conferences.

Please find more information on the activities of the COST Action SUSTAIN, CA21144 at https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA22144/.

To participate to the call please fill the Template available at:

https://www.cost.eu/ITCConference\_GrantApplication

Two deadlines are set to increase the opportunities of participants as the formal acceptance from the selected Conference in a mandatory requisite for participating to the call.

After the ITC Conference Grant:

Complete a Report within 2 weeks from the day of your presentation using the report Template available at:

https://www.cost.eu/ITCConference\_Report

The submission of Report within 2 weeks from the day of your presentation is a condition of the award and is required to receive the funds.

The presentation/poster should explicitly acknowledge the Cost Action by adding "This presentation/poster is based upon work from COST Action SUSTAIN, CA21144, supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)".

Funding is also subjected to the acknowledgement of inclusion of necessary supporting documents to claim the grant:

- the certificate of conference 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).

## **Dissemination Conference Grants**

Two calls of Dissemination Conference Grants, specifically contributing to the dissemination of SUSTAIN topics, are opened, please find below the dates and deadlines information.

1<sup>st</sup> Dissemination Conference Grants call 2024:

Call opens: 1/02/2024

Call deadline: 30/04/2024

Decision communication: by 15/05/2024

Period to participate to the Conference: 1/02/2024 - 31/05/2024

Report delivery deadline: 15/06/2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Dissemination Conference Grants call 2024:

Call opens: 1/06/2024

Call deadline: 30/08/2024

Decision communication: by 15/09/2024

Period to participate to the Conference: 1/06/2024 – 15/09/2024

Report delivery deadline: 1/10/2024

Funding: up to EUR 1000 for face-to-face conferences or EUR 300 for virtual conferences.

Please find more information on the activities of the COST Action SUSTAIN, CA21144 at https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA22144/.

To participate to the call please fill the Template available at:

https://www.cost.eu/DisseminationConference GrantApplication

After the ITC Conference Grant:

Complete a Report within 2 weeks from the day of your presentation using the report Template available at:

https://www.cost.eu/DisseminationConference Report

The submission of Report within 2 weeks from the day of your presentation is a condition of the award and is required to receive the funds.

The presentation/poster should explicitly acknowledge the Cost Action by adding "This presentation/poster is based upon work from COST Action SUSTAIN, CA21144, supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)".

Funding is also subjected to the acknowledgement of inclusion of necessary supporting documents to claim the grant:

- the certificate of conference 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).