

A European flyway research network for the effective conservation of migrant landbirds (EUFLYNET)

COST Action number CA22117

Short-term scientific missions' grants

One third of European breeding bird species are migrant birds that occur across the continent and winter in Africa, and most of these species are landbirds. Many species are in serious decline from several causes across the flyway. The EUFLYNET COST Action aims to understand these migrant landbird population dynamics and create a scientific network, through flyway level cooperation and coordination of existing local research throughout Europe, and training and sharing of expertise to peripheral countries. The short-term scientific mission grants aim to support such capacity building and transfer of knowledge through the establishment or reinforcement of collaborations across countries, disciplines, and sectors.

Grant details and eligibility:

The EUFLYNET COST Action will award up to 5 grants, until 4,000 euros each. The applicants must be primarily affiliated in a legal entity located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country, a COST Near Neighbour country, or a European RTD Organisation (see list of eligible countries below). The project can be carried out anywhere in the world, but it must be undertaken in a different country than the country of primary affiliation.

The evaluating committee encourages especially, but not exclusively, applications from people at an early-career stage, coming from peripheral countries and/or whose aim is to transfer knowledge between different sectors (e.g., scientific institutions, industry, education).

The project must have clear aims and objectives that fit within the COST Action goals (e.g., knowledge exchange, learn a new technique, access specific instruments). The duration of the project is determined by the applicant and should be justified according to the available budget. The project can start after the 10th of April 2024, but it must be completed by the 31st of October 2024.

What the grant covers:

The grant covers travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses, as well as any expenses related to the implementation of the project.

Reporting and claiming:

Once the activity has ended, the grantee must submit a report describing the work developed, main achievements, and follow up activities in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity. The grants are paid after the completion of the activity and approval of the report. However, the grantees may request up to 50% pre-payment of the approved grant.

How to apply:

Applications should be submitted via the e-COST website before the 31st of March 2024. To create an e-COST account and apply, you must register here:

<https://e-services.cost.eu/user/registration/email>.

Decisions will be made until the 10th of April 2024.

The application consists of:

- Project title
- Start and end dates (max. end date: 31st October 2024)
- Goals of the project (max. 200 words)
- Working plan (max. 500 words)
- Expected outputs and contributions to the COST Action objectives (max. 500 words)
- Contacts of the host organisation and mentor
- Confirmation letter from the host organisation
- Budget
- Short CV (maximum 2 pages)
- Motivation letter (maximum 1 page long), emphasizing the importance of this short scientific mission for the applicants' career

List of COST Full, Cooperating Member, and Near Neighbour countries

Albania	Lithuania
Algeria	Luxembourg
Armenia	Malta
Austria	Moldova
Azerbaijan	Montenegro
Belgium	Morocco
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Netherlands
Bulgaria	North Macedonia
Croatia	Norway
Cyprus	Palestine
Czech Republic	Poland
Denmark	Portugal
Egypt	Romania
Estonia	Serbia
Finland	Slovakia
France	Slovenia
Georgia	Spain
Germany	Sweden
Greece	Switzerland
Hungary	Syria
Iceland	Tunisia
Ireland	Turkey
Israel	Ukraine
Italy	United Kingdom
Jordan	
Kosovo	
Latvia	
Lebanon	
Libya	