# Grants available with the COST Action BEST-CSP

Two types of grants are available in 2024:

***Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)***: *apply until 31.08.2024*.

***Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants***: *apply until 31.08.2024.*

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

All activities have to be completed by the 30th September 2024.

Please refer to the information below for further details.

For more information, please consult the Annotated Rules for COST Actions and the Grant Awarding User guide or contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator **Michela Romanini** (michela.romanini@upc.edu).

# *Short-term Scientific Mission (STSM)*

**Call Open Date:** 15. 3. 2024.

**Call Deadline Date:** 31. 8. 2024.

**Eligibility:**

- Both the applicant and the host must be members of the **BEST-CSP** Action.
- Grantees must be Full or Cooperating Members, or located in a legal entity in a NNC or Eur. RTD Org.
- Hosting a grantee is open to all members.

**Description:**

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) are research stays in a different country than the country of affiliation of the applicant. By supporting physical mobility, they aim at capacity building and transfer of knowledge through multilateral collaborations. A STSM should contribute to the scientific goal of the BEST-CSP Action, whilst at the same time enriching those partaking in the missions, as they will be able to implement a project with an international team and gain new knowledge and access to equipment or techniques not available in their home institution.

**More information about the Action** can be found: **https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA22107/**

The COST Action **BEST-CSP** research stays have to be carried out between **15.03.2024 – 30.09.2024.** and should have a <u>minimum duration of five calendar days</u> (including travel) and a <u>maximum duration of 90 days</u>. A grant report must be submitted within 30 days after the completion of the STSM or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period (31.10.24), whichever date comes first.

**Application process:**

Applications must be submitted via e-COST by creating a Conference Grant Request. In order to make an application, you will need an e-COST profile. Next to filling out the information online, the following documents must be uploaded:

1. CV of the applicant

2. [Application form](#) describing goals, the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes and the potential contribution to the Action objectives.

3. Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant

See the step-by-step process in the <u>Grant Awarding User guide</u>. All application proposals will be evaluated by the STSM committee. Please note that priority is given to PhD students and Early Career

**After the STSM:**

Please remember that the awarded grant will be paid only after the STSM has been completed and the following documents have been submitted via e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period (31.10.2024), whichever date comes first:

- grant report
- STSM grantees are also expected to share the outcome of their research stay with the BEST-CSP Action community. All grantees are required to send in a written blogpost (preferably with a photograph taken during the research stay at the host institution) or a short video talking about the experience, which will be then uploaded on the BEST-CSP Action website.
- If a publication on results, we request that you send us two copies and that you credit the Action in a note or footnote, as follows: "[Your name], via a short-term scientific mission from COST Action BEST-CSP, CA22107, supported by COST (European Coopera on in Science and Technology)".

# *Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants*

**Call Open Date:** 15. 3. 2024.

**Call Deadline Date:** 31. 8. 2024.

**Eligibility:**

Young Researchers and Innovators (individuals < 40 years old) with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC and NNC participating in the BEST-CSP Action.

- ITC countries: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary*, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.
- NNC countries: Algeria, Azerbaijan, [Belarus]*, Egypt, the Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, [Russia]*, Syria and Tunisia.

The applicant shall deliver an oral presentation or present a poster at a chosen conference and be listed in the official event/conference program. The work presented shall be relevant to the scientific objectives of the Action and shall acknowledge COST.

**Description:**

Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants are aimed at supporting young researchers and innovators from ITC or Near Neighbour Countries (NNC) to attend an international conference and present their work fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

**More information about the Action** can be found: **https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA22107/**

**Application process:**

An application must be submitted online via the e-COST system at least 30 days before the start of the conference by creating a Conference Grant Request. In order to make an application, you need an e-COST profile. It is necessary to fill out the online form (title of presentation, conference title, date and country, requested budget and attendance type) as well as upload the following supporting documentation:

- ITC conference grant application (see template here)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation
- Acceptance letter from the conference organizers
- CV, including recent publications or conference presentations

See the step-by-step process in the Grant Awarding User guide

Acceptance/Rejection of application: You will be notified within three weeks after submission of a complete application.

## **After the ITC:**

After the successful participation in the conference the following documents must be in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period (31.10.2024), whichever date comes first:

- A scientific report on the outcome of the presentation of the accepted contribution, in terms of grantee's visibility, including the establishment of new contacts for future collaborations.
- Certificate of attendance
- 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)
- ITC grantees are expected to share the outcome of their conference contributions with the BEST-CSP Action community. The grantee is therefore required to send in a written blogpost (preferably with a photograph taken at the conference) or a short video talking about the experience, which will be then uploaded on the BEST-CSP Action website and/or social media accounts.

Once all the necessary documentation is submitted on time and the report is approved by the Grant Awarding Coordinator you will receive the grant.