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

COST Action number CA22117

ITC Conference 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 ITC conference grant aims to support the attendance of a high-level conference fully organised by a third party (i.e., not organised or co-organised by the COST Action), improving the grantee's network and knowledge, and contributing to increase the visibility of the grantee and of the COST Action.

Grant details and eligibility:

The EUFLYNET COST Action will award grants up to 1,000 euros each to support the attendance and presentation (poster or oral communication) at a relevant in-person and international conference. The applicants must be at the early stages of their careers, younger than 40 years old, and be primarily affiliated in a legal entity located in a COST Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) or Near Neighbour country (see list of eligible countries below). The conference and presented work must fit within the COST Action goals. The conference must take place until the 15th of September 2025.

What the grant covers:

The grant covers the registration fee, printing of scientific poster (if relevant), as well as travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses.

Reporting and claiming:

Once the conference has occurred, the grantee must submit a report containing the outcome of the presentation, in terms of the grantee's visibility, establishment of new contacts for future collaborations. The grantee must also submit the certificate of attendance, the programme of the conference or the book of abstracts of the conference (indicating the presentation of the grantee), and a copy of the given presentation (oral or poster). The report and relevant documentation must be uploaded to 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.

How to apply:

Applications should be submitted via the e-COST website until the 15th of January 2025. To create an e-COST account and apply, you must register here:

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

Guidelines on how to find the form in e-COST website are attached at the end of this document. Decisions will be made until the 31st of January 2025.

The application consists of:

- Project title
- Conference date and country (max. end date: 15th September 2025)
- Budget requested
- Attendance type (face-to-face or virtual)
- Application form (template at eCOST), describing:
    o Relevance of the conference topic to the COST Action (max. 500 words)
    o Potential impact for the applicant's career (max. 500 words)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers
- Short CV (max. 2 pages)

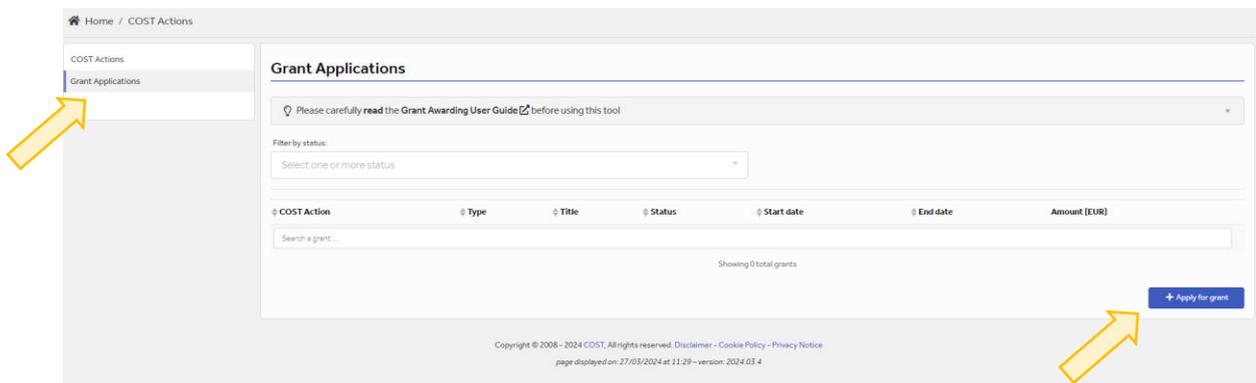# List of COST Inclusiveness Target Country or Near Neighbour countries

Albania	Greece	Palestine
Algeria	Hungary	Poland
Armenia	Jordan	Portugal
Azerbaijan	Kosovo	Romania
Belarus	Latvia	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lebanon	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Libya	Slovenia
Croatia	Lithuania	Syria
Cyprus	Malta	Tunisia
Czech Republic	Moldova	Turkey
Egypt	Montenegro	Ukraine
Estonia	Morocco	
Georgia	North Macedonia	

How to apply for an ITC Conference Grant

1. Register at e-COST website: https://e-services.cost.eu/user/registration/email

2. On the left menu, click "*COST Actions*" (below, in yellow)
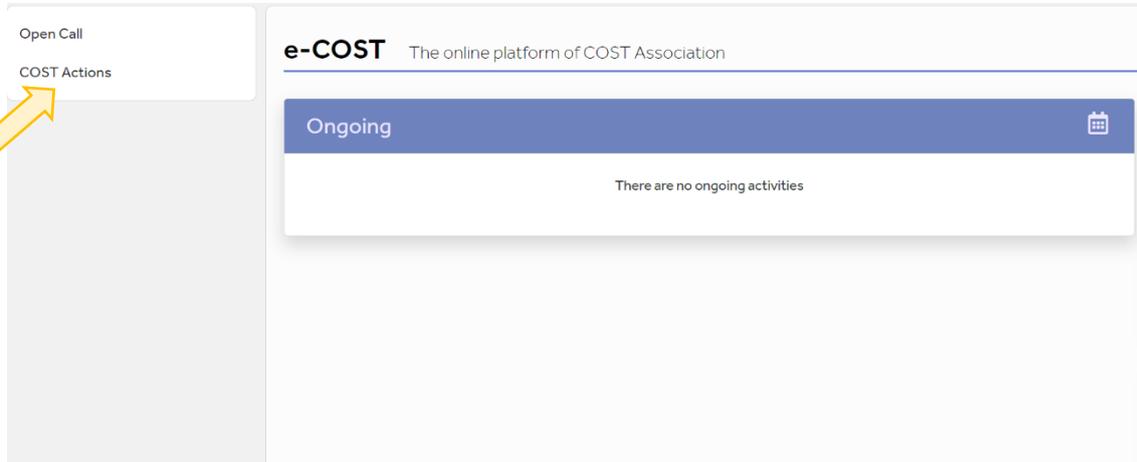
3. Select "*Grant Applications*" and "*Apply for grant*"

4. Select "*ITC Conference Grant*"

5. Fill out the form, upload the required documents, and remember to find the correct COST Action: **CA22117**