

## ITC Conference Grants

**Aniridia-net.eu** #CA18116 invites researchers to submit proposals for ITC Conference Grants (ITC-CG). ITC-CG aim to help PhD students or postdoctoral fellows and Early Career Investigators (ECI) from participating Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC – <https://www.cost.eu/who-we-are/cost-strategy/excellence-and-inclusiveness/>) to attend international science and technology related conferences that are not specifically organised by **aniridia-net.eu**. Potential applicants must have confirmed a scientific contribution to the conference in a topic aligned with **aniridia-net.eu** goals (either a speaking slot or a poster presentation).

ITC-CG calls will be continuous for each grant period, and applications will be treated in a first come, first served basis **to the exhaustion of the budget**, after checking the suitability of the applicant, the conference and their application.

Applications for ITC-CG should be sent through e-COST System: <https://e-services.cost.eu/>

### **ITC-CG Eligible scenarios and requirements conditions:**

Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students and ECI's with a primary affiliation in an institution located in the participating ITC country\*.

The applicant must be listed in the official event/conference programme and present an oral/poster presentation at the proposed conference. European conferences are preferred, however conferences held elsewhere can also be considered. The selected conference must take place within the current grant period and always within the Action's lifetime.

The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference must align with the goals of CA18116 action, and acknowledge COST funding (<https://www.cost.eu/visual-identity/>).

=> Participation in the action as MC member is not a requisite for institutions or researchers involved in STSM, any institution/researcher from a participating country is eligible to apply.

### **ITC-CG – Financial support:**

A Conference Grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant. The grant is a contribution to the registration fee, overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee with a stipulated limit of up to 1.500 € in total.

### **Other considerations:**

The conference program and the book of abstracts including the applicant's name and contribution should be provided, upon completion of the conference. You may also provide 2-4 photos as well as a short report of the activity for publication through the action's website and social media.

**\*ITC (inclusiveness Target Countries):** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, **BULGARIA, CROATIA, CYPRUS**, Czech, Republic, **ESTONIA, HUNGARY**, the **NORTH REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA, LATVIA**, Lithuania, Luxembourg, **MALTA**, Montenegro, Moldova, **POLAND, PORTUGAL**, Romania, **SERBIA**, Slovakia, **SLOVENIA, TURKEY**. Participating countries in action CA18116 are marked in **BOLD-UPPER CASE** for each category.

In the following guides you will find the general rules for ITC CG and indications for preparing applications.

- **COST Vademecum:** <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Vademecum-May-2019.pdf>

- **Inclusiveness target countries (ITC) conference grants user guide:** <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Inclusiveness-Target-Countries-Conference-Grants-userguide-V2-003-Oct-2018-1.pdf>