

ITC CONFERENCE GRANTS - CALL07

The International Network to Encourage the Use of Monitoring and Forecasting Dust Products (**inDust**, COST Action CA16202) is open the 7th ITC Conference Grant Call.

1. OBJECTIVES / DESCRIPTION

Conference Grants are aimed at supporting PhD students and Early Career Investigators (ECI, < 8 years from PhD) researchers from participating Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs) to attend international science and technology related conferences not specifically organised by the COST Action.

Relevant dates:

- Deadline for applications on 25th January 2020
- Outcomes will be notified on 3rd February 2020
- Conferences dates: must take place before 15th April 2020
- After the conference: scientific report and relevant documentation submission within 30 days of the end of the conference and **before 23 April 2020**, whichever takes place earlier (see Section 6 of the present document).

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligibility criteria are:

- Applicants must be a PhD student or an ECI with primary affiliation in an institution located in a CA16202 participating ITC (currently Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, FYR Macedonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey).
- The main subject of the presentation must be on a topic relevant to inDust (<http://www.cost-indust.eu/the-action/objectives>).
- Applicants must make first author and presenter of an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and be listed in the official event/conference programme.
 - COST Action CA16202 should be acknowledged both in the book of abstracts and in the oral/poster presentation following COST guidelines (Section 9 of the COST Vademecum, <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20180501-Vademecum2.pdf>).
- The participation must be pre-approved by the Action Core Group, on behalf of the Management Committee (i.e. the Grant is for future conferences and not for conferences which already took place).

3. SELECTION OF APPLICANTS

The evaluation of applications will be performed by the Core Group, on behalf of the Management Committee. The selection of applicants is based on the following criteria:

- The scientific scope of the conference contribution must compliment the overall objectives inDust (<http://www.cost-indust.eu/the-action/objectives>).
 - Therefore, within inDust, those contributions that have as a final objective **a more user-oriented perspective** will be prioritised.
- Oral contributions will be given priority over poster contributions.
- Attendance at European conferences is preferred, although conferences held elsewhere can also be considered.

4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The financial support on offer is a fixed financial contribution to the overall expenses incurred during the participation in a given conference and may not necessarily cover all of the associated expenses.

It takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the application. The following funding conditions apply and must be respected:

Up to a max of EUR 2500 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant, including:

- Up to a max of EUR 160 per day afforded for accommodation and meal expenses.
- Up to a max of EUR 500 for the conference fees to be incurred by the selected Grantee.

Also, when meal and accommodation expenses are supported by the hosting institution as part of the provisions offered in their conference package, the amount for subsistence afforded to each eligible participant must be deducted from the Grant.

For this call, the inDust Management Committee has allocated a total budget of **max 4000 EUR for 4 ITC Conference Grants**. The amount granted will be determined during the evaluation process.

5. HOW TO APPLY

Interested researchers should:

- Carefully read the funding rules detailed in Section 8 of the COST Vademecum (<https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20180501-Vademecum2.pdf>)
- Register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/>

6. AFTER THE CONFERENCE

The Grantee must submit a scientific report through the e-COST system (<https://e-services.cost.eu/>) within 30 calendar days from the end date of the conference in question and before 23 April 2020, whichever takes place earlier.

- The scientific report should include any relevant discussion or feedback for the talk given by the Grantee, information on relevant talks attended at the conference and interesting discussions. Pictures can be included.

The Grantee must submit documentary evidence of all the payments to the Grant Holder Manager along with any other relevant administrative documents, which are the following:

- Letter/mail of abstract acceptance
- Evidence of conference fee (copy of conference registration or conference invoice)
- Travel invoices
- Boarding passes
- Tax residence certificate

Payment of the Grant is subject to the submitted scientific report being approved by the Action Chair and Vice-Chair.

7. CONTACT PERSONS

- ITC Grant Conference Coordinator: Dr Pavla Dagsson-Waldhauserova (pavla@lbhi.is)
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