

Open 1st Call for ECO4ALL COST Action Mobility and Conference Grants

2nd Grant Period

Achieving the objectives of sustainable development for 2030 with the contribution of sustainable consumption is a shared concern in modern society. Considering the significant regional disparities in EU and abroad, as well as the lack of a strategic policy framework on regional development, there is an increasing need for all to work towards the development of regional and cross-border cooperation.

The main aim of the ECO4ALL Action is to contribute to the information, reflection and dissemination activities for youth at large, academics, young researchers, staff of the public administration, business environment and for civil society as a whole regarding the circular economy that works for consumers; therefore ECO4ALL aims at promoting the understanding of sustainable consumption, the conservation of resources and the prevention of waste, as well as the responsibility of manufacturers in the design and marketing phases, as one of the most important prerequisites towards consumer protection through reducing, reusing, repairing.

Cut-off dates for Grant applications:

- 22th March 2025
- 22th April 2025

All the applications that have been sent by the cut-off date will be evaluated within 15 days and the applicants will be informed about the decision. **The funded missions must take place between April 09, 2025, and August 31, 2025**

Types of Grants:

SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS (STSM)

Short-Term Scientific Mission consists in a visit to a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation (for Affiliation, see Article 4.1.1.1.1) by a researcher or innovator for specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time.

Short-Term Scientific Missions **benefit to:**

- **STSM Grantee:** receives funding for implementing a project with an international team and gains new knowledge or access to equipment or techniques not available in the home institution;
- **STSM Host:** receives an international partner in their institution and can develop long lasting collaboration.
- Up to 2500 Euros per grant.

VIRTUAL MOBILITY (VM)

Virtual Mobility consists of a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc.

Virtual Mobility **benefit to:**

- **COST Action:** uses a flexible tool to implement virtual activities inside the network, achieve the MoU objectives and significantly increase their impact and reach. Contributes to European leadership in knowledge creation and increasing its innovation potential;
- **VM grantee:** develop(s) capacity in virtual collaboration and networking in a pan-European framework.

- Up to 1000 euros per grant.

Examples of activities that can be performed by the VM grantee are:

- Virtual mentoring scheme, with special focus on activities and exchanges that can generate capacity building and new skills, particularly for Young Researchers and Innovators (e.g. managerial skills, methodological skills, communication skills, etc);
- To support the harmonization and standardization of methods and procedures within the Action networking activities, e.g. o setting up a survey amongst all Action members to collect different results and outcomes from experiments done in their respective labs and research groups;
 - o coordinating the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network afterwards;
 - o preparing questionnaires and response scales to be used by the Action members as part of virtual networking activities.

ITC CONFERENCE

ITC Conference consists in a presentation of the own work given Action Participant affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country for their participation in high-level conferences fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

ITC Conference:

- Serve COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy;
- Support Action Participant affiliated in a legal entity in an Inclusiveness Target Countries/ Near Neighbour Countries to establish a strong network and increase their visibility in the research community through sharing their work and to gain knowledge.
- Can contribute to increasing visibility of the Action.
- Up to 1500 euros per grant.

ITC Conference **benefit to:**

- **ITC Conference Grantee:** receives support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) at a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE GRANT

Dissemination Conference Grant/DCG provide a platform for researcher members to present their work, share findings, and engage with a broader audience, thereby promoting knowledge exchange and fostering collaborations, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

DCG Conference:

- Will help increase the visibility of the Action in the research community, and will contribute to increasing visibility of the presenter;
- Will attract additional participants and stakeholders by facilitating the dissemination of Action results to relevant end-users at high profile Conferences in the field on a topic relevant to the Action.
- Up to EUR 2 000,00 per grant for face to-face conferences or EUR 500.00 for virtual conferences

DCG Conference benefit to:

- **Dissemination Conference Grantee:** receives support for attending and presenting the Action, their activities, and results (oral presentation) at a conference and/or for developing new contacts and potential future collaborations;
- **COST Action:** receives increased visibility and awareness, new contacts with potential stakeholders.

ITC Conference **benefit to:**

- **ITC Conference Grantee:** receives support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) at a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

ECO4ALL COST Action launches a 1st Open Call for Grants with a rolling system for application deadlines for grant period / GP2, which are as follows:

Eligibility criteria

- Researchers and innovators with appropriate affiliation as described in the [COST Annotated Rules \(Level C\)](#) section 4.1.1.1.1.
- Grants will only be secured if the output is closely related to the goals and deliverables of the Action. For more information, please see ECO4ALL [MoU](#).
- All grant applications should include an explanation of the estimated requested grant budget.

Evaluation criteria

All the applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 40% Appropriateness of the objectives for the selected Working Group and objectives.
- 25% Members from different countries involved in the plan for participation.
- 35% Suitability of the applicant's scientific background for the work plan objectives of COST ECO4ALL objectives.

Additional information

- Priority will be given to active Working Group members whose application is endorsed by the Working Group activities and deliverables.
- The submission for ITC CG or DCG must be after the acceptance of the paper.
- Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered.

Assessment of the grant application

Following the Grant Call closing date, the ECO4ALL Evaluation Committee will conduct a scientific and budgetary assessment of the applications, considering the Action objectives and predefined evaluation criteria in consultation, if necessary, with WG leaders to achieve the objectives of the CA22124, based on the request of the applicant and

- **should reflect the complexity and the effort required by the grantee.**
- **should include an explanation of the estimated requested grant budget.**

The ECO4ALL Evaluation Committee will determine an appropriate funding level for approved applications, ensuring that the awarded Grant does not exceed the amount requested by the applicant. Incomplete applications will be rejected by the Grant Awarding Coordinator before being reviewed by the ECO4ALL Evaluation Committee.

Approval Process

Following the assessment decision, successful applicants will be notified by the COST Association that their application has been approved, and a Grant Letter will be sent outlining their rights and duties, as well as those of the Action Grant Holder. Similarly, applications not approved will receive a notification accompanied by the justifications for their rejection.

How to apply?

To apply for a Grant within the ECO4ALL Cost Action (CA22124), please fill in the respective application form available on the e-cost system and upload the mandatory documents.

Before you apply, make sure you review and understand the existing Grant Procedures and related documents. Always read [COST Annotated Rules \(Level C\)](#).

Networking	Activity Information to be provided in the application
STSM	<i>To be filled in e-COST:</i> • Title • Start and end date (within the active Grant Period, i.e. no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods) • Budget requested by the applicant; • Information about the host institution and contact person. Location of host institution must be in a different country than the country of affiliation of the applicant; <i>To be uploaded to e-COST:</i> • Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives; • Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant;
Virtual Mobility Grant / VMG	<i>To be filled in e-COST:</i> • Title • Start and end date (within the active Grant Period, i.e.no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods) • Budget requested by the applicant <i>To be uploaded to e-COST:</i> • Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Main Objective, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, plan for participation, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives; • Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc)
ITC Conference Grant / ITC Grant	<i>To be filled in e-COST:</i> • Title of the presentation • Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period, i.e.no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods) and country; • Budget requested; • Attendance Type (face to face or online) <i>To be uploaded to e-COST:</i> • Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career. • Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation; • Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers; • Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)
Dissemination Conference Grant / DCG	<i>To be filled in e-COST:</i> • Title of the presentation • Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period, i.e.no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods) and venue; • Budget requested; • Attendance Type (face to face or online) <i>To be uploaded to e-COST:</i> • Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Alignment with the Science Communication Plan adopted by the COST Action and Expected impact to the COST Action. • Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by the COST Action; • Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers; • Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)

More information about the grant awarding process can be found here: [Grant Awarding user guide](#)

If you have any queries regarding your application, please contact the action's Grant Awarding Coordinator: Radu Mirza radumirza@gmail.com / ECO4ALL Chair Action eco4all.ca@gmail.com.