

Open 2nd Call for ECO4ALL COST Action Mobility and Conference Grants

1st Grant Period

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;
 - coordinating the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network afterwards;
 - 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 by a Young Researcher and Innovator 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 Young Researchers and Innovators 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

ECO4ALL COST Action launches a 2nd Open Call for Grants with a rolling system for application deadlines for this grant period / GP1, which are as follows:

- All the applications that have been sent will be evaluated within 5 working days and the applicants will be informed about the decision.
- The decision on the awarded amount is decided by GAC in consultation with WG leaders, if necessary, 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.**
- All mobilities need to be finished by 20th October 2024 and reports submitted before the end of the GP - October 31st.

Eligibility criteria

- Researchers and innovators with appropriate affiliation as described in the [COST ANNOTATED RULES](#) 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](#) .

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.
- 20% Suitability of the applicant's scientific background for the work plan objectives.
- 15% Benefits of the Grant for the applicant and COST ECO4ALL objectives.

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.

The application will be first evaluated by the Grant awarding coordinator of the COST Action ECO4ALL CA22124. Then, if the remaining budget allows funding, it will be submitted for approval by the Core Group of the Action. Before you apply, make sure you review and understand the existing Grant Procedures and related documents. Always read [COST ANNOTATED RULES](#).

STSM	To be filled in e-COST: • 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 the host institution must be in a different country than the country of affiliation of the applicant. To be uploaded to e-COST: • Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Goals, description of the work to be carried out by
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	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. • Budget explanation. • Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)
VMG	To be filled in e-COST: • Title • Start and end date (within the active Grant Period, i.e.no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods) • Budget requested by the applicant To be uploaded to e-COST: • 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	To be filled in e-COST: • 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 virtual) To be uploaded to e-COST: • 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 or poster presentation. • Acceptance 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-userguide.pdf](#)

If you have any queries regarding your application, please contact the action's GAC, Andrius Puksas: andrius.puksas@gmail.com