Call for Conference Grants with
COST Action CA23140 – ESENBURN – CALL 2026-2027

The **ESENBURN COST Action** is pleased to announce the **Young Researcher and Innovator Conference Grant** and the **Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference Grant** to support the participation of researchers in scientific events and enhance the visibility of ESENBURN's research outcomes. These grants are designed to promote the dissemination of research, foster networking, and provide professional development opportunities, particularly for early-career researchers.

YOUNG RESEARCHER AND INNOVATOR GRANT

➢ WHAT IS A YOUNG RESEARCHER AND INNOVATOR GRANT ?

The **YRI** Grant is aimed at **supporting early-career researchers**, including PhD students, who are actively involved in the ESENBURN COST Action to **attend a high-level conference and present their work as a poster or oral presentation. The work presented must be relevant to the scope of the Action.**

➢ WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT ?

The amount is **1500€** per grantee. Providing contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee and overall effort.

➢ WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE ?

This is a call of interest before launching the application procedure. Please show your interest by replying to this email if you wish to participate to this action. You'll receive assistance for submitting your application. The conference must be scheduled before **October 31, 2027**.

APPLICATION:

- Applications must be submitted online in e-COST using dedicated forms available.
- YRI Conference Grant Application (based on e-COST template)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation
- Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers
- Other documents required by the Action, if any.

Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the required documentation in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity. Following the COST rules, the grant is paid at your return, after the submission of these following documents.

The required report/documentation for claiming a YRI grant are :

- Report
- Certificate of attendance
- Programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster)
- Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster)
- Certificate of bank account ownership
- Testimonial form to be completed by participants.

INCLUSIVENESS TARGET COUNTRIES CONFERENCE GRANT

➢ WHAT IS AN INCLUSIVENESS TARGET COUNTRIES CONFERENCE GRANT ?

The ITC Conference grant **funds an oral presentation of their own work within the scope of the Action by an Action Participant affiliated to** a legal entity located in an **Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country*** in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party (not the COST ACTION).

*List of ITC/NNC countries : https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2026/09/Annex-I-level-A-Country-and-Organisations-Table-Version-1.8-clean-1.pdf

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APPLICATION:

- Applications must be submitted online in e-COST using dedicated forms available.
- ITC Grant Application (based on e-COST template)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation
- Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers
- Other documents required by the Action, if any.

You will receive a response in the 15 days following your application.

Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the required documentation in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity. Following the COST rules, the grant is paid at your return, after the submission of these following documents.

The required report/documentation for claiming a Inclusiveness Target Country Conference Grant are:

- Report
- Certificate of attendance
- Programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral presentation
- Copy of the given oral presentation
- Certificate of bank account ownership
- Testimonial form to be completed by participants.

➢ EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS :

The evaluation and selection of **YCI Grant** and **ITC Grant** applications is performed by the Action's Grant Awarding Coordinator and Grant Evaluation Committee, on behalf of the Management Committee (MC) of the ESENBURN COST Action.

- The selection of applicants is based on the scientific relevance of the YRI & ITC Grant applications, which must clearly fit in the Action's scientific objectives.
- The selection also takes into account the COST policies on promoting gender balance, enabling Young Researchers (under 40 years old) and broadening geographical inclusiveness.
- Applicants will be notified of the application results within 20 working days of receipt of the application.
- Applicants may be asked to provide additional information.
- Applicants may resubmit once in the same call if not successful.
- Applicants may apply for and be awarded more than one grant of any type during the call period, but in the case of restricted funds or applications of equal merit, the grant may be awarded in preference to an applicant that has not held a grant before.

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation. Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days from the end date of the conference will cancel the Grant.

Eligible dates : The Conference must be organised before October 31, 2027.

For more information, please consult the Grant Awarding Guide : Grant Awarding user guide
I you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact :

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