



**COST Action “European Network to connect research and innovation efforts on Advanced Smart Textiles” (CONTEXT)
CA17107**



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5th CALL FOR CONFERENCE GRANTS (2 CGs)

PERIOD JULY 2021 – OCTOBER 2021

Deadline for applications (**June 20th 2021**)

We are pleased to announce the opening of the 5th Call for Conference Grants of the COST Action CONTEXT (CA17107) (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA17107>) (https://e-services.cost.eu/files/domain_files/CA/Action_CA17107/mou/CA17107-e.pdf)

WHAT ARE CONFERENCE GRANTS?

Conference Grants are aimed at supporting PhD students and Early Career Investigators with a primary affiliation in an institution located in a COST Inclusiveness Target Country to attend international science and technology related conferences not specifically organised by the COST Action.

COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC): Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.

Early Career Investigator (ECI): An individual who is within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained their PhD/doctorate (full-time equivalent).

The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action and must acknowledge COST.

The calculation of the financial contribution for each Conference Grant must respect the following criteria:

- Up to a maximum of EUR 800 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses.
- Up to a maximum of EUR 500 can be claimed for the conference fees to be incurred by the selected Grantee.

The Grantee has 30 calendar days from the end date of the Conference in question to submit a scientific report to the Action Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Action Chair is affiliated to the Grant Holder Institution) and the Action's Grant Holder.

The submission of the report is mandatory or the Grant is cancelled. Late submission, beyond the deadline, can also lead to the cancellation of the Grant. A scientific report template is available on-line here: http://www.cost.eu/ITC_conference_grant_report_template.

To learn more about COST rules and about Conference Grants please check the ITC Conference Grants Guide: http://www.cost.eu/ITC_conferencegrants_userguide and the COST Vademecum: www.cost.eu/Vademecum

DEADLINE AND APPLICATION

The regular call application is open from **May 31st to June 20th 2021**. The evaluation results will be communicated shortly after the submission.

If the 2 Conference grants are not taken or the total budget is not spent after this regular call, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until September, 10th, 2021 (until the 2 places are taken or the total budget is spent).

The application must be submitted at least 20 days before the conference start date and it should take place until October 22nd, 2021!

If you are interested in applying, please follow the procedure:

Encode a Conference Grant application by logging into e-COST and clicking on the ITC Conference Grants tab.

The application form contains the following sections:

- Applicant details
- Conference Grant details
- Bank details
- Financial support
- Supporting documents:
 - Your CV (including a list of academic publications - if applicable)
 - A short description of your involvement in this COST Action
 - Acceptance letter from the conference organisers (confirming your speaking slot or your poster presentation)
 - A copy of the abstract of poster submitted to the conference

The evaluation of applications will be performed by the Core Group, on behalf of the MC.

The selection criteria will consider:

- The scientific scope of the conference contribution must clearly compliment the overall objectives of the Action.
- Oral contributions will be given priority over poster contributions.
- Attendance at European conferences is preferred, although conferences held elsewhere can also be considered.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate contact to us:

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