

CA18238 Ocean4Biotech

2nd Call for Inclusive Target Country Conference Grant

Applications for conferences occurring from 1st of September to 20th of October 2023

Call Deadline 20th September 2023, 23:00 h CET.

This call is open for all conferences occurring between 1st of September to 20th of October with special emphasis on **VI Scientific and Practical Conference of Young Scientists "Modern Hydroecology: The Role of Scientific Research in Addressing Current Issues"** occurring from 10th to 11th of October 2023 in Ukraine.

Inclusive Target Country (ITC) Conference

ITC Conference consists in a presentation of the own work given by a Young Researcher and Innovator¹ affiliated in an ITCs / Near Neighbour Country (NNC) 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 ITCs / 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.

Funding conditions apply:

- up to a maximum of EUR 2 000 for face to face conferences and EUR 500 to online conference will be granted to each successful ITC conference grant applicant;
- ITC conference must occur entirely within the dates specified for this call.
- Contribution should be in line with Ocean4Biotech objectives, which can be found [here](#) (page 10-11).

How to apply for ITC conference grant

1. All applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> - adding their bank account details to their profile.
2. Applicants must submit their ITC conference grant applications online at the following web address: <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>
3. Information to be filled in e-COST:
 - Title of the presentation.
 - Conference title, date and country.
 - Budget requested.
 - Attendance Type (face to face or virtual).
4. Documents to be uploaded to e-COST:

¹ A researcher or innovator under the age of 40.



- 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 (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers.

5. The formally delegated ITC grants committee will then assess the applications. Committee is composed of Dragana Drakulovic (Montenegro), Danijela Joksimovic (Montenegro), Johan Robbins (Belgium) and Orhan Tufan Eroldogan (Turkey). For more information please contact Ernesta Grigalionyte-Bembic (ernesta.grigalionyte-bembic@nib.si).

6. The applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their ITC conference grant application by **30th September 2023**.

7. **Until 25 October 2023** ITC conference grantees **must submit following documents**:

- Report to the Action MC on the outcome of the presentation of the accepted contribution, in terms of grantee's visibility, including the establishment of new contacts for future collaborations.
- The certificate of attendance.
- The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral presentation of the grantee.
- Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster).

All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in A2-1.2.1 (p. 96-97) and A2-2.3 (p. 98-100) of the *Annotated Rules*. This document is available at:

<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/12/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V1.3.pdf>

ITC conference grant applications evaluation criteria

Each ITC conference grant application will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Scientific quality of abstract submitted.
- Gender balance.

