

A European flyway research network for the effective conservation of migrant landbirds (EUFLYNET)

COST Action number CA22117

Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference Grants

One third of European breeding bird species are migrant birds that occur across the continent and winter in Africa, and most of these species are landbirds. Many species are in serious decline from several causes across the flyway. The EUFLYNET COST Action aims to understand these migrant landbird population dynamics and create a scientific network, through flyway level cooperation and coordination of existing local research throughout Europe, and training and sharing of expertise to peripheral countries. The ITC conference grant aims to support the attendance of a high-level conference fully organised by a third party (i.e., not organised or co-organised by the COST Action), improving the grantee's network and knowledge, and contributing to increase the visibility of the grantee and of the COST Action.

Grant details and eligibility:

The EUFLYNET COST Action will award grants up to 1,000 euros each to support the attendance and oral presentation at a relevant in-person and international conference. The applicants must be primarily affiliated in a legal entity located in a COST Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) or Near Neighbour country (see list of eligible countries below). The conference and presented work must fit within the COST Action goals. The conference must take place until the 15th of September 2026.

What the grant covers:

The grant covers the registration fee, as well as travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses.

Reporting and claiming:

Once the conference has occurred, the grantee must submit a report containing the outcome of the presentation, in terms of the grantee's visibility, establishment of new contacts for future collaborations. The grantee must also submit the certificate of attendance and the programme of the conference or the book of abstracts of the conference (indicating the presentation of the grantee). The report and relevant documentation must be uploaded to e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity. The grants are paid after the completion of the activity and approval of the report.

How to apply:

Applications should be submitted via the e-COST website until the 23rd of March 2026. To create an e-COST account and apply, you must register here:

<https://e-services.cost.eu/user/registration/email>

Guidelines on how to find the form in e-COST website are attached at the end of this document. Decisions will be made until the 31st of March 2026.

The application consists of:

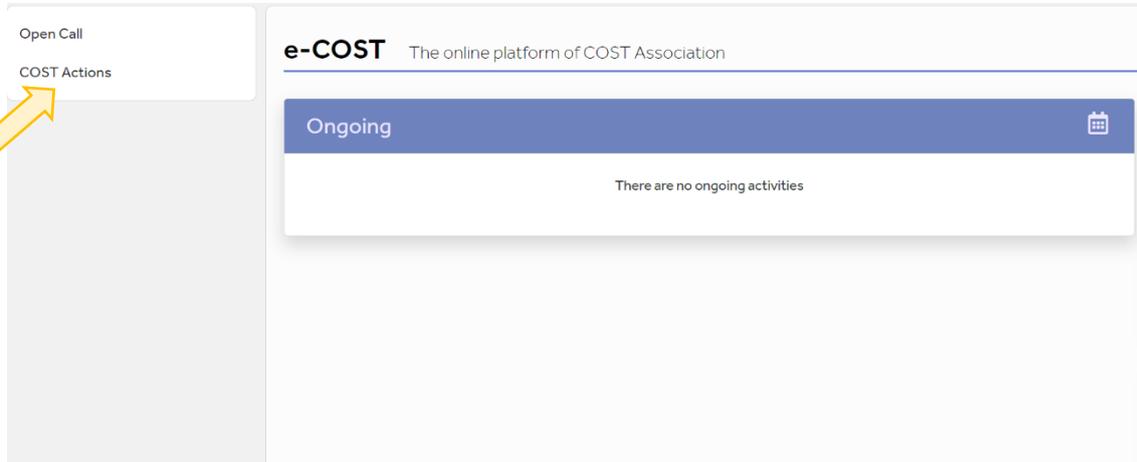
- Project title
- Conference date and country (max. end date: 15th September 2025)
- Budget requested
- Attendance type (face-to-face or virtual)
- Application form (template at eCOST), describing:
 - Relevance of the conference topic to the COST Action (max. 500 words)
 - Motivation and expected outcome (max. 500 words)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers
- Short CV (max. 2 pages)

List of COST Inclusiveness Target Country or Near Neighbour countries

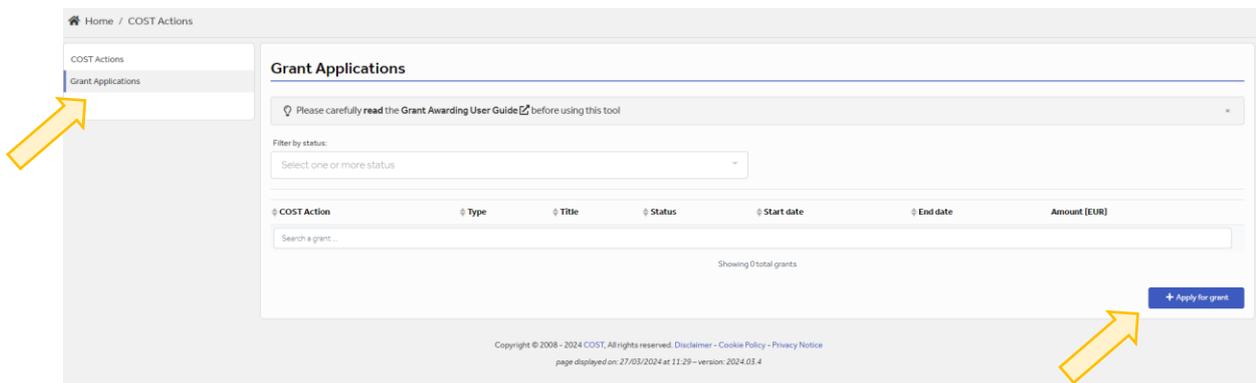
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| Algeria | Hungary | Poland |
| Armenia | Jordan | Portugal |
| Azerbaijan | Kosovo | Romania |
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| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Lebanon | Slovakia |
| Bulgaria | Libya | Slovenia |
| Croatia | Lithuania | Syria |
| Cyprus | Malta | Tunisia |
| Czech Republic | Moldova | Turkey |
| Egypt | Montenegro | Ukraine |
| Estonia | Morocco | |
| Georgia | North Macedonia | |

How to apply for an ITC Conference Grant

1. Register at e-COST website: <https://e-services.cost.eu/user/registration/email>
2. On the left menu, click “*COST Actions*” (below, in yellow)



3. Select “*Grant Applications*” and “*Apply for grant*”



4. Select “Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference”

The screenshot displays the 'My Grant Applications' section of the COST Actions portal. It features a sidebar with 'COST Actions', 'My Grant Applications', and 'Grant Applications Monitoring'. The main content is divided into two sections: 'Mobility of researchers and innovators' and 'Presentations at conferences organised by third parties'. Under 'Mobility', there are 'Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM)' and 'Virtual Mobility (VM)'. Under 'Presentations', there are 'Young Researcher and Innovator Conference (YRIG)', 'Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference (ITCG)', and 'Dissemination Conference (DCG)'. The 'ITCG' option is highlighted with a yellow border. Each option includes a brief description and an 'Apply' button.

5. Fill out the form, upload the required documents, and remember to find the correct COST Action: **CA22117**

The screenshot shows the 'Apply for new Grant' form. The 'COST Action' field is highlighted with a yellow border and contains the text 'CA22117 - A European flyway research network for the effective conservation of migrant landbirds'. Other fields include 'Applicant name', 'Primary affiliation', 'Type' (Short-Term Scientific Mission), 'Grant period' (AGA-CA22117-1 (01/11/2023 - 31/10/2024)), 'Title', 'Amount requested', 'Bank account', 'Start date requested', 'End date requested', 'Host institution name', 'Host institution city', and 'Host institution country'. A note at the bottom states: 'Host institution must be located in a different country than your country of affiliation'.