

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

COST Action number CA22117

Young Researcher and Innovator 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 YRI 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 presentation (poster or oral communication) at a relevant in-person and international conference. The applicants must be at the early stages of their careers, younger than 40 years old. 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>

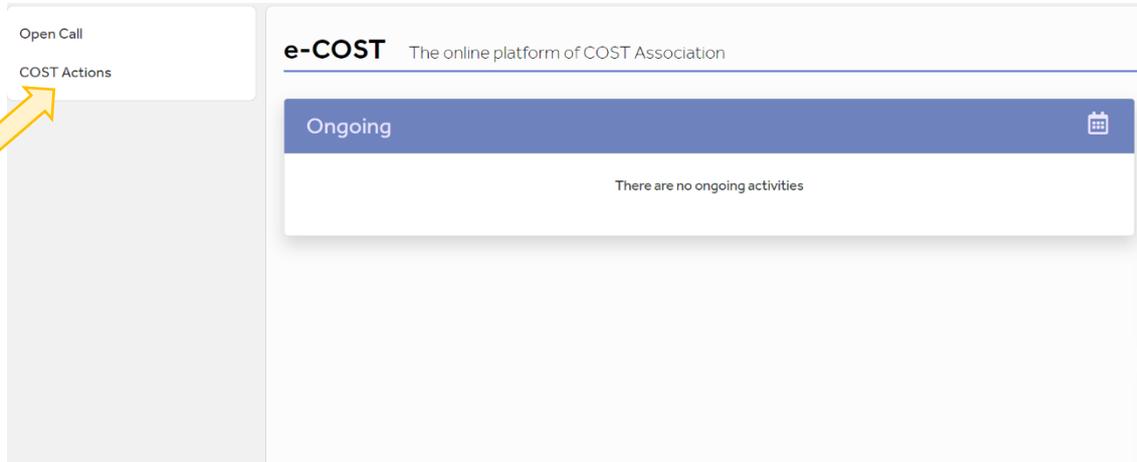
Guidelines on how to find the form in e-COST website are attached at the end of this document. Decisions will be made until the 31st of March 2026.

The application consists of:

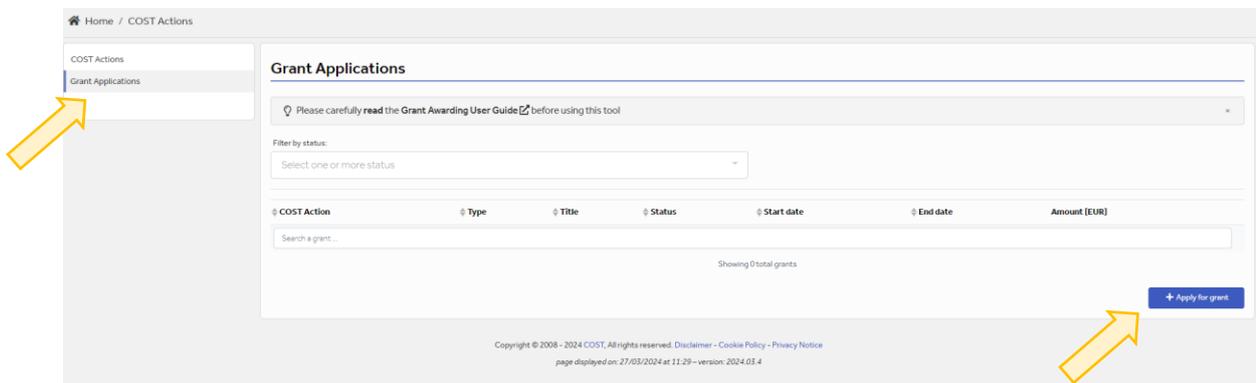
- Project title
- Conference date and country (max. end date: 15th September 2025)
- Budget requested
- Attendance type (face-to-face or virtual)
- Application form (template at eCOST), describing:
 - Relevance of the conference topic to the COST Action (max. 500 words)
 - Motivation and impact for the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

How to apply for a YRI 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 shows 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 area is titled 'Mobility of researchers and innovators' and contains three panels: 'Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM)', 'Virtual Mobility (VM)', and 'Presentations at conferences organised by third parties'. The 'Presentations at conferences organised by third parties' section is highlighted with a yellow border and contains three options: 'Young Researcher and Innovator Conference (YRIG)', 'Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference (ITCG)', and 'Dissemination Conference (DCG)'. The 'ITCG' option is the one to be selected.

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'.