



CA21150 | Second Call for Grants in 2026

June 2026

We cordially invite CA21150 members to apply for Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) grants, Virtual Mobility Grants (VMG) and conference grants in the fourth year of the action.

STSM funds a visit to a host organization located in a country different from the country of affiliation by a researcher or innovator for specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time. STSM grant benefits to the STSM Grantee in receiving funding for implementing a project with an international team and gaining new knowledge or access to equipment or techniques not available in the home institution. It benefits the STSM Host in receiving an international partner in their institution and to develop a long-lasting collaboration.

VMG supports online collaborations on specific or general topics that can help achieving the Action MoU objectives and deliverables (research coordination). The outcomes should contribute to the visibility and impact of the COST Actions (spin-off publications or funded projects).

Conference grants are intended to present the work of the Action to international audiences and to give young researchers and researchers from ITC countries the opportunity to present their work at international conferences.

| STSM & VMG Funding Opportunities

- STSM: Provision of a contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, implementation of the project, delivery of the report to the COST Action MC and overall effort. VMG: Providing a contribution for the overall effort, not necessarily covered by an employer or by a Grant Holder institution.
- Maximum funds: STSM: up to EUR 2,500 (depending on duration and other costs according to own calculation); VMG: up to EUR 1,500

| Conference Grants

| Dissemination Conference Grant (DCG)

Eligible: CA21150 members (all), oral presentations

| Young Researcher and Innovator Conference Grant (YRIG)

Eligible: CA21150 members below age 40 (Young Researchers), both oral presentations and posters

| ITC Conference Grant (ITCG)

Eligible: CA21150 Members from ITCs or NNCs, only oral presentations

- Maximum funds: EUR 1,500



| Dates

| Application opening: 19 June 2026

| Deadline for submission of applications 5 July

| Grants can start after 01 July 2026, must be completed 01 September 2026 and report sent no later than 10 September 2026.

| Further Information: Scope & Evaluation Criteria

The COST Grants shall only be used to support the COST Action during a specific Grant Period within the frame of the rules for COST Grant budget. COST Grants may not be used for neither drafting, writing nor submitting proposals for the purpose of acquiring funding for national, European or internationally sourced research grants.

| How to apply

Please visit the [e-cost Grant application](#) website and fill in/upload the following:

- Title | start and end date | budget requested | information about the host institution and contact person | location of host institution
- To be uploaded: Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives and deliverables | confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant | For STSMs: detailed cost plan | For VMGs: justification of costs

Further detailed information: please see the [Annotated Rules](#). Grant payments are made after the STSM/VMG has been carried out and the report and other documents have been approved.

Depending on the availability of further funds, an open call for STSMs/VMGs will follow later this year. For more information, please contact the [CA21150 Grant Awarding Coordinator](#).