



# Call for ITC and Dissemination Conference Grants

Second Grant Period, 1 November 2023

– 31 October 2024







### **Scope of Transmit Cost Action**

Transmit proposes a COST Action on the techno-economic analysis (TEA) of the overall, integrated CO<sub>2</sub> Capture, Utilisation, and Storage (CCUS) value chain. It aims to bring together academia, research institutes and industry into a cutting-edge, pan-European knowledge network. The Action advances the research frontier of CCUS TEA from partially unharmonized and disciplinary research to harmonized, holistic pan-European, coordinated research on the full CCUS system, facilitating development of the most technologically, economically and commercially feasible CCUS technologies and systems. It will be achieved by harmonizing and coordinating the methods and tools used for CCUS TEA in Europe, leveraging the knowledge created by our partners in national or international research projects. The project focuses most on holistic assessment of the CCUS chain, and on those areas where most development is needed (e.g. CO<sub>2</sub> capture from air, CO<sub>2</sub> utilization). TrANsMIT has a strong focus on knowledge sharing and career development, tackling existing disparities in knowledge distribution and career opportunities.

For further details and specific objectives, please read the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of the TrANsMIT COST Action available at: <a href="https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21127/">https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21127/</a>

### **Description**

This call includes two types of grants:

- 1. ITC Conference grants (ITCG): provide financial support to Young Researchers or Young Innovators (under the age of 40) affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) or Near Neighbour Country (NNC) for presenting their own work in high-level conferences not organised nor co-organised by the COST Action. ITC Conference grants serve COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy. ITC Conference grant allows the grantee to receive support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) at a conference and establish new contacts for future collaborations.
- 2. Dissemination Conference grants (DCG): provide financial support for participation in high-level international scientific conferences not organised nor coorganised by the TrANsMIT COST Action to any researcher affiliated to a legal entity (specified at "eligibility criteria" section below). Dissemination Conference grant allows the grantee to deliver the approved oral presentation, actively networks with other participants and promote the TrANsMIT COST Action to the potential stakeholders. Therefore, researchers awarded with a Dissemination Conference grant will be able to present the TrANsMIT COST Action, its activities, and results (oral presentation) in the conferences and/or develop new contacts and







potential future collaborations. Dissemination Conference grants will consequently contribute to increasing visibility of the researcher and the TrANsMIT COST Action.

### **Eligibility criteria**

The eligibility criteria for the grants are:

- 1. **ITC Conference grants** are limited to Young researchers and Young innovators (under the age of 40) affiliated in an ITC or NNC.
  - The following countries are considered ITC: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.
  - The following countries are considered NNC: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, the Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, and Tunisia.
- Dissemination Conference grants can be awarded to any researcher, giving priority to Young researchers and Young innovators (so applications of Young Investigators are particularly encouraged). Researchers must be affiliated to a legal entity in:
  - COST Full Members: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and United Kingdom (full list: <a href="https://www.cost.eu/about/members/">https://www.cost.eu/about/members/</a>).
  - Researchers and Innovators affiliated to legal entities from EU Member States
     Outermost Regions: French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte,
     Reunion Island and Saint Martin (FR), Azores and Madeira (PT), and the
     Canary Islands (ES).
  - COST Cooperating Member: Israel.

### **Grant funding**

The total budget for ITCG and DCG in the current Grant Period is approximately €6 000 and the number of grants is anticipated to be four (4).







The scope of these grants is to provide contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort.

The financial support asked for these grants should be not higher than €1 500 per grant.

Proposals might be approved with a grant amount lower than requested. The final amount is decided by the TrANsMIT COST Action and based on the duration and location of the conference and the actual conference fee.

Grant funding will be released after the completion of the activity and upon approval of all necessary reports and documentation. If the pre-payment is requested, request should be directed to the Grant Holder Manager, Katarzyna Piecha-Sobota (katarzyna.piecha-sobota@polsl.pl).

### Period of ITC and Dissemination Conference Grants application deadlines

The period of ITC and Dissemination Conference Grants should be completely framed inside the Grant Period and yet reserve some margin for presenting the scientific report for approval and final payment. Therefore, **the activity should be finished the latest by 30 September 2024**. The following two cut-off dates for the submission and notification of results will apply:

Cut-off	Application deadline	Notification of results
1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
2 <sup>nd</sup>	12 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	17 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

### ITC and Dissemination Conference Grants application procedure

The application procedure is legally bound to the Annotated Rules for COST Actions. Eligible applicants must submit their applications online at the following web address: <a href="https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants">https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants</a>.

The following information is needed for the on-line application form:

- To be filled in e-COST:
  - Title of the presentation;
  - Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period), venue and country;
  - Budget requested;







- Attendance Type (face to face or virtual).
- To be uploaded to e-COST:
  - Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation (in the case of Dissemination conference grants, focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by the TrANsMIT COST Action);
  - Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers;
  - Grant application form:

For ITC Conference grant (<u>ITCG-application-template.docx</u>), describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the TrANsMIT COST Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career.

For Dissemination Conference grant (<u>DCG-application-template.docx</u>), describing: Alignment with the Action Science Communication plan and expected impact to the TrANsMIT COST Action.

#### Selection committee

A scientific committee – ITCG and DCG Committee – composed of the Grant Awarding Coordinator, the Action Chair and/or Vice-Chair and the Working Group leaders will evaluate all the applications and define a seriation for the attribution of the grants. In case of conflict of interest, the member that is constrained in their duties should designate a substitute. The criteria for evaluation will include: scientific quality, alignment with Action objectives, expected impact and budget.

### **Grant reporting and payment**

Within 15 days from the given conference, the successful applicant must submit the documentation specified bellow. Failure to submit this documentation in the set period will effectively cancel the Grant.

The claim for the payment of any of the grants must be done by submitting via e-COST the required report/documentations, which includes:

- The certificate of attendance:
- The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral (or also poster in the case of ITC conference grant) presentation of the grantee;
- Copy of the given presentation;
- If available, the weblink(s) to the event and the programme.







Apart from those, specific report should be submitted for each grant:

- 1. For claiming an ITC Conference Grant: Report 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.
- 2. For claiming a Dissemination Conference Grant: Report on the outcome of the presentation, contacts made and potential for future collaborations.

The payment of the Grant is subject to the approval of the report by the ITCG and DCG Committee, on behalf of the Action's MC, and the final decision is uploaded in e-COST by the ITCG and DCG Coordinator. Based on this, the Grant Holder will execute the payment of the grant directly to the grantee or the host institution as requested in the application.

### Website

https://transmitccus.eu/

#### **Contacts**

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