

Dissemination Conference Grants

International network for harmonization of atmospheric aerosol retrievals from ground based photometers (Harmonia, COST Action CA21119) is opening the Dissemination Conference Grant Call.

Objectives / description

Dissemination Conference Grants are aimed at supporting oral presentation by an Action Participant of the work of the Action in high-level conferences fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action. The Grantee delivers the approved oral presentation, actively networks with other participants and promotes the COST Action to the potential stakeholders.

Dissemination Conference:

- Significantly increase visibility of the Action in the research community, can contribute to increasing visibility of the presenter;
- Attract additional participants and stakeholders and disseminate Action results to relevant end-users at high-profile conferences in the field on a topic relevant to the HARMONIA Action.

Relevant dates:

Deadline for applications: **opens in November 2024 and remains open until the capacity is filled**

Outcomes: **Every month starting November 4th, 2024**

Conferences dates: must take place before **15th October 2025**

The successful applicant must submit a scientific report and relevant documentation within 30 days of the end of the conference and before 15 October 2025, whichever takes place earlier.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must be an Action Participant of the HARMONIA Action, and the grant is aimed at their participation in high-level conferences, to promote the COST Action to the potential stakeholders and actively network with other participants. The main subject of the presentation must be on a topic relevant to the main objectives and deliverables of HARMONIA.

Applicants must be corresponding authors of oral presentation at the conference in question and be listed in the official event/conference programme.

COST Action CA21119 should be acknowledged both in the book of abstracts and in the oral presentation following COST guidelines (Pages 98-100 in the Annotated rules for COST actions, <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2024/11/COST-094-21-V2.0-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C.pdf>).

The participation must be pre-approved by the Action MC (i.e. the Grant is for future conferences and not for conferences which already took place).

Selection of applicants

The evaluation of applications will be performed by the Core Group, on behalf of the MC. The selection of applicants is based on the following criteria:

The scientific scope and importance of the conference contribution must clearly be coherent and contribute to the overall objectives and deliverables of the Action.

Only oral contributions (face to face or online) are considered.

Attendance at European conferences is preferred, conferences elsewhere can be considered.

Further aspects of the proposal evaluation are: high quality presentation focusing on the dissemination of HARMONIA outcomes, clear strategy to approach stakeholders (identify at least 3 stakeholders) and plan to promote the COST Action. Gender/geographical equality are considered.

Financial support

The financial support on offer is a fixed financial contribution to the overall expenses incurred during the participation in a given conference and may not necessarily cover all of the associated expenses.

It takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the application. The following funding conditions apply and must be respected:

Up to a max of EUR 2000 in total per grant for face-to-face conferences, or EUR 500 for virtual conferences, can be afforded to each successful applicant. Applicants should provide an estimated budget that includes: registration fee, travel expenses and daily allowance (altogether accommodation, meals, and short-distance transport expenses; table for The Daily Allowance rate available at http://www.cost.eu/daily_allowance, based on the country where the event takes place). The estimated budget should be included in the first part of the E-COST Application Form.

In addition, when meal and accommodation expenses are supported by the hosting institution as part of the provisions offered in their conference package, the amount for subsistence afforded to each eligible participant must be deducted from the Grant.

For this call, the Harmonia MC has allocated a total budget of **max 2000 EUR for Dissemination Conference Grants**. The amount granted will be determined during the evaluation process.

How to apply

Interested researchers should:

Register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/>

Apply filling the information by logging into e-COST and clicking on the Grant Applications tab and uploading the supporting documentation (Dissemination Conference grant application based on [e-COST template](#);

Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation; Acceptance letter from the conference organizers.

Must fill the information also in the following link: <https://forms.gle/vQfKbbUPb3vPiFfx8>

Carefully read the funding rules on pages 98-100 in the Annotated Rules for COST Actions (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2024/11/COST-094-21-V2.0-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C.pdf>) and Grant Awarding User guide (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2025/01/COST-Grant-Awarding-user-guide.pdf>)

Your presentation must contain one acknowledgement slide to promote the Action and the funding organization

After the conference

The Grantee must submit the supporting documentation through the e-COST system (<https://e-services.cost.eu/>) within 30 calendar days from the end date of the conference and before 15 October 2025, whichever takes place earlier:

The scientific report based on [e-cost template](#), which should include any relevant discussion or feedback for the talk given by the Grantee, information on relevant talks attended at the conference, interesting discussions and how the grant is linked to HARMONIA specific deliverables. Summary of the approach to the stakeholders with their identification, as well as promotion of HARMONIA should be detailed. Pictures and link to the Program of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings should be included.

Certificate of attendance

Copy of the given presentation

Payment of the Grant is subject to the submitted scientific report being approved by the Action Conference Grant Coordinator, Chair and Vice-Chair.

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