**Open Call for RESTORE Action ITC Conference Grants**

We are able to finance a few more Conference Grants (up to 1500 Euro)! If you were late to the previous calls here is another opportunity! As previously, we aim at supporting PhD students and ECI researchers (Early Career Investigators) from Participating Inclusiveness Target Countries to attend international science and technology related conferences not specifically organized by the COST Action RESTORE.

**Eligibility criteria:**

1. Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students and ECI’s with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC (Inclusiveness Target Country). **The ITCs are as follows:** Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.
2. The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference **must be on the topic of the Action** **RESTORE** and must acknowledge COST (see [COST Vademecum](http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum) Section 9, page 38).
3. The conference, the submission of the expenses, and the reporting must take place before **the end of the current Grant Period**.

Examples:

* The conference in March 2018 is funded from the GP1 budget. (ITC GC for GP1).
* The conference in July 2018 is funded from GP2 budget. (ITC GC for GP2).
* The conference in April 2019 is funded from GP2 budget. (ITC GC for GP2).
* The conference in May 2019 is funded from GP3 budget. (ITC GC for GP3).
* Etc.

The participation of each applicant will be pre-approved by the MC of the COST Action RESTORE. Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered.

**How to apply?**

To apply for a Conference Grant within the RESTORE Cost Action (CA16114), please send the following documents (in a single pdf file) to bartosz.zajaczkowski@pwr.edu.pl.

1. filled ITC application form (max. 1 page – see the form on the next page of this document);
2. the Applicant’s CV, including recent publications (max. 1 page);
3. the conference paper;

Additionally (if relevant):

1. the most recent conference booklet or leaflet / conference program (especially if the Applicant is listed);
2. the invitation from the Organizers (for a keynote presentation, etc.).

Your application will be first evaluated by the Chair of the RESTORE Action, the WG1 and WG2 workgroup leaders, and by the Communication Manager. Then, if the remaining budget allows to provide funding’s it will be submitted for approval by the MC of the Action. Priority will be given to applications that support the objectives of the Working Packages 1 and 2. Please consult [the RESTORE website](http://www.eurestore.eu/) and [the RESTORE Memorandum of Understanding](https://e-services.cost.eu/files/domain_files/CA/Action_CA16114/mou/CA16114-e.pdf) for details.

It is expected that each ITC grantee will **send a copy of their presentation/poster/paper** to the Communication Manger of the RESTORE Action. It will be then disseminated using the official RESTORE website, social media, etc. The material must be submitted to the Communication Manager by email shortly after the conference. Photographic material from the conference (e.g. the Applicant with the RESTORE logo in background) will be greatly appreciated.

Before filling the application, please consult **the ITC Conference Grant rules in the** [**COST Vademecum**](http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum) **at Section 8 (page 37)**. With any further questions please contact bartosz.zajaczkowski@pwr.edu.pl.

**ITC Conference Grant Application Form**

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| **Applicant:** | * Name: ……….
* Affiliation: ……….
* Email: ……….
* Phone : ……….
* Country: ……….
* RESTORE MC Member yes / no
* ECI: yes / no

**Note:** (ECI = Early Career Investigator, a researcher within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained their PhD/doctorate (full-time equivalent), see [COST Vademecum](http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum)) |
| **Conference:**  | * Name: ……….
* Website: ……….
* Topic: ………. (provide the most relevant topic keywords)
* Country: ……….
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| **Dates:** | From: yyyy-mm-ddTo: yyyy-mm-dd |
| **Requested budget:** | **Note:** Please be reasonable in your estimations. Please consult the budget rules in the [COST Vademecum](http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum) at Section 8.  |
| Conference fee (max. 500 Euro): | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro |
| Estimated travel costs: | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro |
| Stay and meals (max. 160 Euro/day) | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro/day |
| **Total amount (max. 1500 Euro):** | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro |
| **The title of the presentation/paper:** |
| **List of authors (with affiliations):** |
| **Abstract:**  |
| **Describe the importance of the conference, and how the contents of your presentation/paper relate to the COST Action RESTORE, and explain why is it important to your research:**  |

**NOTE:** This form should not exceed one page. Use reduced font size in the abstract and description section if necessary.