Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) Conference Grants — Call for Applications

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GenE-HumDi ITC conference grants:

Call for applications for Inclusive Target Countries Conference Grants CGs funded by the COST Action "Genome Editing to Treat Humans Diseases" (GenE-HumDi) CA21113.

ITC Conference Grants support **researchers and innovators from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) or Near Neighbour Countries (NNC)** to attend an international high-level **third-party** conference (i.e., not organised or co-organised by the Action) and present their work. The presented work must be **directly relevant to genome editing** and aligned with the scientific objectives of the GenE-HumDi Action.

Call Target Audience:

- Encourage the participation of Young Researchers and Innovators affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs) and Near Neighbour Countries (NNCs) for their participation presenting their work, in high-level conferences fully organized by a third party.
- To enhance the quality of science and research training in ITCs and NNCs

The maximum grant amount that a recipient can receive for attending an in-person conference is 1000 €. The Grant Awarding Committee of the Action will evaluate each application individually and assign a score based on two factors:

- The conference's context, sessions, and scientific topics and how they align with the Action's strategic priorities and objectives as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU, check it online).
- The proposed paper, poster, or panel's relevance and contribution to the Action's strategic priorities and objectives as outlined in the MoU.

Eligibility:

Applicants must have their primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC or NNC1 country participating in the GenE-HumDi Action.

Find out whether your country is EU, ITC or NCC

Presentation requirement

The applicant must:

- Deliver an **oral presentation of their own work** at the selected conference
- Be officially listed in the conference programme

The presented work must:

- Be relevant to the **scientific objectives of GenE-HumDi**
- Acknowledge **COST** support

Grant Amount/Eligible Costs

The grant provides a **contribution**, not necessarily full coverage, for:

- Travel
- Accommodation and subsistence
- Conference registration fees
- Other relevant expenses

Maximum amount: **1000 Euros**

Applicants must include a **justified budget estimate**. The Grant Awarding Committee may approve a **lower amount** than requested.

Application Process:

Applications must be submitted **online via the e-COST system[2]**, at least **30 days before the conference start date**, by creating a **Conference Grant Request**.

Proposals could be shortlisted based on evaluation scores to match funding constrains.

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[1] COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V3.0-25-IX-2025.pdf

[2] e-COST

The application must include:
1. ITC Conference Grant application form ([template](#))
2. Abstract of the accepted oral presentation
3. Acceptance letter from conference organisers
4. CV including recent publications or conference contributions
5. A justified estimation of costs
6. A pre-recorded ppt shortly explaining the submitted work (optional but strongly recommended).

See the detailed step-by-step instructions in the **Grant Awarding User Guide**.
Notification of results: within **3 weeks** after submission of a complete application.
o For additional information on the submission via the e-COST system, applicants may visit the [Grant Awarding User Guide](#)

Receiving the Grant:
Funds must be expected after the conference end, given that reports are timely submitted and are received prior **01.09.2026 (September first).** The grantee must upload the following documents to e-COST:
1. **Scientific report**: "Documenting 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. **Certificate of attendance.**
3. Conference programme or book of abstracts **showing their oral presentation.**
4. **Copy of the oral presentation** (slides).

- We strongly encourage our grantees to accompany the report with a **Blogpost or short video** describing the conference experience (preferably with a photo). Emailed to the [Grant Holder Manager](#) as a **separate file** from e-COST reports.

Once the documentation is approved, the grant will be paid.

Important dates
This is an **open call**. Applications may be submitted at any time of the GP4.
- **Eligible Conference Dates: January 2026 –July 2026**

Useful hyperlink and document files**:**
o [Application form](#)
o [Reporting form](#)
o [GenE-HumDi official webpage](#)

Question and inquiries
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