



## GUIDELINES

### INCLUSIVENESS TARGET COUNTRIES (ITC)\* CONFERENCE GRANTS FOR EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATORS AND PHD STUDENTS

\*ITC - Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Rep., Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.

#### GENERAL APPLICATION RULES

- Applicants must submit their applications online at the following web address: <https://e-services.cost.eu/conferencegrant>
- Before submission, please consult the guidelines in <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Inclusiveness-Target-Countries-Conference-Grants-userguide-V2-003-Oct-2018-1.pdf>
- For more detailed information you can also read section 9 of the Cost Action Vademecum Link: <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Vademecum-V8-1-May-2020.pdf>
- **Important dates** (e.g. Open calls, ITC conference grant period) will be published in web page <https://ribmins.com/open-calls/>

#### ELIGIBILITY criteria

- The applicant must be a **PhD student or an Early Career Investigator (ECI)\*** from an **ITC country** (\*ECI - An individual who is within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained their PhD/doctorate (full-time equivalent).
- **Period** - The **attendance** at the conference must start and end during the same **ITC Conference Grant Period** – Be aware that Grant Period is different from ITC Conference Grant Period. Please check on web page <https://ribmins.com/open-calls/>
- **Financial support** - must respect the following criteria:
  - Up to a maximum of 2500 € in total can be afforded to each successful applicant
  - Up to a maximum of 160 €/day can be afforded for **accommodation and meal expenses**
  - Up to a maximum of 500 € can be claimed for the **conference fees**
- **Supporting documents required** ITC Conference Grant Period
  - **CV** (including a list of academic publication)
  - **Short description** of your involvement in this Cost Action
  - **Acceptance letter** from the conference organisers confirming your presentation
  - A **copy** of the **abstract** or poster submitted to the conference

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#### EVALUATION (Ranking) criteria

- **CV** scientific background should be relevant to the specific objectives of RIBMINS: 0 (No, Not defined); 1 (YES).
- **Abstract Presentation:** 1 (Poster); 2 (Oral communication)
- **Scientific Scope** - Contribution to the scientific RIBMINS objectives: 0 (Not valid)\*\*; 1 (Scarce contribution); 2 (Medium contribution) and 3 (Important contribution)

\*\*Proposal with no valid scope (0 classification) for RIBMINS objectives will be directly rejected.