

## Conference grants

Conference grants are aimed at supporting young researchers from specially designated countries called **Inclusive Target Countries (ITCs)**. These include Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, FYR Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey. The grants are available to **PhD students or early career researchers** (within 8 years of receiving their PhD) who are based at an institution within an ITC and who give **an oral / poster presentation at an international conference (preferably within Europe)**. The applicant must be listed in the official conference program and the main subject of the presentation must be on the topic of the Action and acknowledge COST.

In order to apply for a conference grant, interested persons who fulfill the listed criteria are asked to send their application to Support Group 4 (Research and Training Coordination) of the Keel Bone Damage Net Action:

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**before** the start of the conference.

Once this is accepted by SG4, you will be informed and should submit your online application at: <https://e-services.cost.eu/conferencegrant>.

Applications should include:

- CV of the applicant
- The confirmation that the applicant's abstract has been accepted as a poster / oral presentation at the conference
- A short summary (120 words or less) of why the applicant thinks he / she should be funded, the benefits he / she would receive and how the funding would benefit the Keel bone damage COST Action
- A budget request listing the costs for travel, conference fees, accommodation and meal expenses. Up to a maximum of EUR 2 500 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant. For details please consult section 9.3 of the [Vademecum, pages 35-36](#).

After the conference, in order grant funds to be disbursed, applicants must write a scientific report about their participation at the conference of 1 page or less.