

CRIM THIRD PARTIES' CONFERENCES GRANT Call

A **Third Parties' Conference** is a fixed financial contribution that considers the applicant's budget request and the outcome of the application's evaluation. Third Parties' Conference do not necessarily cover all expenses related to participating in a conference. A conference grant is a contribution towards the selected grantee's overall travel, conference fee, accommodation and meal expenses.

Open calls will be published on the Meteomet webpage ([COST Action - CRIM - Meteomet](#)) until the CRIM website is operational.

All applications must always be submitted via e-COST, even if the call text is promoted elsewhere.

Following the rules of the COST Association, CRIM has planned the following types of grants to encourage participation in the WMO TECO 2026 session, the EGU 2026 conference and the C3S General Assembly. Participation in other third parties' conferences will also be considered and evaluated.

a) ITC CONFERENCE

ITC Conference grant funds an oral presentation of their own work within the scope of the Action by an Action Participant affiliated to a legal entity located in an Inclusiveness Target Country / Near Neighbour Country in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party.

Budget 5000 Euro / ~4 ITC Conference grants (based on the average costs of EUR 1250 per grant, up to EUR 2 500,00 per grant).

ITC countries list: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, North Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia & Turkey (<https://www.cost.eu/about/strategy/excellence-and-inclusiveness/>).

b) DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE

Dissemination Conference grant funds an oral presentation by an Action Participant of the work of the Action in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party.

Budget 5000 Euro / ~4 Dissemination Conference grants (based on the average costs of EUR 1250 per grant, up to EUR 2 500,00 per grant).

c) YOUNG RESEARCHER AND INNOVATOR CONFERENCE

YRI Conference grant funds a presentation (poster/oral presentation) of their own work by a Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party

Budget 4400 Euro / ~4 Young Researcher and Innovator Conference grants (based on the average costs of EUR 1200 per grant, up to EUR 2 500,00 per grant).

Timeline:

- Call announcement: 23 January 2026
- Call deadline: Open until October 2026, or until funds are exhausted
- Selection results: Within 30 days after submission of the application
- Conference dates: January - October 2026
- Submission of the report and supporting documents: Reports must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the activity or within 15 days after the end of the Grant Period (31 October 2026 at the latest).

For details refer to:

- the Annotated Rules (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2025/11/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-V3.0-25-IX-2025.pdf>)
- the Grant Awarding User Guides (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2025/01/COST-Grant-Awarding-user-guide.pdf>)

How to apply

Before the conference

Step 1 – Contact the Action Chair (Andrea Merlone, a.merlone@inrim.it) with a Cc to the Grant Awarding Coordinator (Laura Massano, L.massano@inrim.it) inquire about the availability of funding.

Step 2 – If funding is available, login to the on-line registration tool to register the request for a Conference Grant (<https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>). You may need to register and to upload your CV as well as other documents, including:

1. Conference grant application (based on e-COST template and type of the grant)
 - a) <https://www.cost.eu/ITCG-application-template>
 - b) https://www.cost.eu/DisseminationConference_GrantApplication
 - c) <https://www.cost.eu/YRICG-application-template>
2. Copy of the abstract of the poster or oral presentation
3. Acceptance letter from the conference organizers (if possible, if not, please upload it after the conference)
4. Description of the conference, highlighting the relevance of the conference to the CRIM objectives (500 words)
5. Motivation letter (how the attendance to this conference will contribute to the Grantee's career and or it will beneficiate CRIM Action (500-700 words). Please indicate the working group to which the work presented belongs
6. Budget plan
7. Short CV of the applicant

Step 3 – The application is assessed by the Grant Awarding Coordinator (Dr. Laura Teresa Massano) and the Evaluation Committees. If accepted, they will inform Grant Holder (GH). All evaluations will comply with the COST Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality policy.

Step 4 – Cost Office Acceptance Letter (Grant Letter). If the application is successful, the Grant Holder (GH) will provide the applicant with an Acceptance Letter confirming the approval of the grant and specifying the amount of financial support awarded.

After the conference

Reports must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the activity or within 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever comes first.

Step 1 – The Grantee is required to submit the report and other supporting documents on e-COST, including:

1. Report using the Report template (depending on the type of grant) on the outcome of the presentation of the accepted contribution, in terms of grantee's visibility, including the establishment of new contacts for future collaborations
 - a) <https://www.cost.eu/ITCG-report-template>

- b) https://www.cost.eu/DisseminationConference_Report
- c) <https://www.cost.eu/YRICG-report-template>
- 2. Certificate of attendance
- 3. Programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation of the Grantee
- 4. Copy of the given oral/poster presentation

Step 2 – After approval of the report by the Grant Awarding Coordinator, the Grant Holder will transfer the approved amount of the grant. All evaluations will comply with the COST Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality policy.

Grantees could be required to write a short report of their experience to be published in the newsletter and to contribute with content (posts, pictures, short videos ...) for the Action social media and Website.

For further details please consult the official guide at: <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2025/01/COST-Grant-Awarding-user-guide.pdf>.