

COST Action CA23158 – Artistic Intelligence

Call for Conference Grants and STSMs

Open till May 10, 2026

Dear Artistic Intelligence COST Action members

Our Grant Awarding Committee is inviting you to submit your proposals for Conference Grants and Mobility Grants by May 10, 2026. We look forward to receiving your proposals!

Type of activities to be funded

Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs): Visits to a host organisation located in a different country than the country of affiliation by a researcher or innovator for a specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time (minimum 5 days)

The financial contribution requested for STSM is limited to 2000 euros.

Virtual Mobilities: Virtual exchanges among researchers or innovators supporting specific topics to help achieve the Action objectives and deliverables (research coordination)

Conference Grants (see our warning about predatory conferences below)

ITC Conference Grants 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 organised by a third party, i.e. not organised nor co-organised by the COST Action.

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 organised by a third party, i.e. not organised or co-organised by the COST Action. The financial contribution requested for ITC and YRI Conference Grants is limited to 1.500 euros

Duration of the call

April 7 2026 – May 10 2026

Evaluation process

Please check the guidelines for further information

Mobility Grants: (link to STSM guidelines – change from 3 to 5 days)

Conference Grants: (upload the guidelines in our website)

Criteria

The Grant Evaluation Committee manages the evaluation in accordance with COST rules and will take into account geographical spread, career stage, and gender balance. All applications will be assessed at the same time.

The Committee will also consider the scientific merit of the proposal based on the submitted abstract, taking into account the scientific scope of the conference, its

relevance to the Action's aims, and how it will support the Action in achieving its research objectives.

Priority will be given to:

- Young researchers and innovators
- On-site conferences over online conferences.
- Applicants who have not already received a grant.
- Participation in European conferences (if on-site).
- Members engaged in an official research program as a doctoral student or young postdoctoral fellow.

Applications

Applications should be submitted through the e-cost profile via <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/add>.

Other relevant information regarding the mobility and conference grants can be found on our website [here](#).

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns at [XXXXXXXXXXXX](#)

Targeted conferences:

Targeted conferences for the grants include – but are not limited to – the SAR International Conference on Artistic Research or the xCOAx.

Warning about predatory conferences

The proliferation of predatory conferences has increased. These events are considered to be poorly organised or non-existent conferences that exploit presenters and attendees by collecting registration fees. When identifying venues for presenting your research, please consider the following recommendations to avoid predatory conferences. You can find more information about this growing phenomenon in the following links:

<https://libraryguides.salisbury.edu/PredatoryPublishing/conferences>
<https://risingscholars.net/en/news/details/1156/>

More info

COST defines YR&I as < 40 years old.

COST Inclusiveness Target Countries are as follows:

- EU Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.
- Full Members that are not EU Member States: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine.

COST Near Neighbour Countries are as follows: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, the Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, and Tunisia.