

1st CA22140 **Insect-IMP** Grants Call for Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) Conference grants

We are happy to announce the 1st grants call within the **Insect-IMP COST Action**. We will be awarding one ITC Conference Grants to Young Researchers and Innovators, under the age of 40, to attend international science and technology related conferences not specifically organized by the COST Action. The grants awarded, up to 1100€ each, will be used to support collaboration, knowledge sharing and transfer, research and developments within the Action scope of insect genetic improvement.

Application deadline: March 29th, 23.59 CET
Decision and notification: April 3rd

In this document we specify details on the grant call and present the review criteria. To explore all COST definitions, conditions, and details of the application process, including practical information on how to apply, the review and the payment processes, applicants are advised to explore:

- [COST website](#)
- [Grant Awarding User Guide](#)
- [Annotated rules for COST actions \(focus on pages 95-101\)](#)

Eligibility

- Have to be Full/Cooperating Members of **Insect-IMP** COST.
- For Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) Conference Grants: only Young Researchers and Innovators (under 40 years old) affiliated in an ITC/NNC are [eligible](#).

The grants contribute to traveling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fees, printing of scientific posters and overall effort. Grantees cannot be double funded for any of the expenses covered by the grant. An ITC Conference grant requires a presentation of own work, within the scope of **Insect-IMP** but not necessarily containing action-derived results, given by a Young Researcher and Innovator affiliated with an ITC/NNC for participation at a high-level conference. The presentation can be an oral or poster presentation.

Application process for ITC Conference

Applicants can submit a conference grant application through e-COST. Please read the Grant Award [User Guide](#) for guidance. Information that is required to fill e-COST application:

- Title of the presentation
- Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period) and country
- Budget requested
- Attendance Type (face-to-face or virtual)

Documents to be uploaded to e-COST:

- Application form (template available on e-COST)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers

Review of the proposal:

First, the applications are assessed based on their relevance to the [Insect-IMP](#) Action. If the application is relevant, further evaluation is done. Non-relevant applications will not be evaluated.

Criteria	Scale	Weight
Relevance to the Insect-IMP Action based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the relation of the expected outputs and contribution to the Insect-IMP objectives and deliverables		Pass/Fail
Scientific value and excellence based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the presentation content	1 (low) to 5 (high)	100%

Implementation of the Activity, reporting and claim for payment of the grant

Grantee must deliver the approved (oral or poster) presentation and acknowledge the Action. Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the required reports and relevant documentation in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever comes first.

The required report/documentation for claiming a Grant:

- The main report according to the COST template (available at the e-COST system)
- Certificate of attendance
- Programme of the conference or book of abstracts/proceedings indicating the presentation
- Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster)
- Specific short public report, according to the template of the [Insect-IMP](#) Action

By accepting the awarded grant, the applicant gives consent for the use of the data from the conference report submitted on e-COST for dissemination purposes, such as the [Insect-IMP](#) website.

Approval and payment

If the report is approved, the Grant Holder will arrange the payment as reimbursement.

If you have questions about the grant applications, get in contact with the [Insect-IMP](#) Grant Awarding Coordinator:

- Alexandre Trindade, atrindade@egasmoniz.edu.pt.

Short public report Template

Title of the conference presentation**Name of the applicant**

Reference: grant reference number from the e-COST system

Relevant working groups:

Conference details

Conference title:

Conference webpage:

Conference venue:

Conference start and end date:

Accepted contribution details

Title of the presentation:

Type of the presentation:

Co-authors and their affiliations:

Abstract (up to 250 words) (add figures)