



ACRYRED



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Open Call for
ITC Conference Grants (ITC CG)
and Dissemination Conference Grants (DCG)

Grant Period 2
December 2023 – September 2024

The main aim and objective of the COST Action CA21149 ACRYRED “Reducing acrylamide exposure of consumers by a cereals supply-chain approach targeting asparagine” is to establish a multi-disciplinary research and communication network on reducing acrylamide formation, involving the entire value chain from grains to consumer products.

Funding provided by COST supports, among others, these networking activities:

Presentation at conferences organised by third parties for:

- Capacity building (limited to young researchers and innovators from ITC or NNC),
- Dissemination of COST Actions’ work and results.

Presentations at conferences organised by third parties are implemented via a grant awarding process.

The grant awarding by COST Actions and its implementation

- Contributes to the visibility of COST as an open, flexible, and inclusive funding programme;
- Offers a valuable experience for Young Researchers and Innovators as well as for the already established researchers in supporting their career development;
- Can strengthen the existing networks by allowing researchers and innovators to foster collaboration both in a face-to-face and virtual setting, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, disseminate the Action results, etc.

These opportunities are open to all members of CA21149 ACRYRED (students / professors / researchers). This call will stay **CONTINUOUSLY OPEN** and selection of candidates will follow the method “**first-in-first-evaluated**”, until the end of the allocated budget or the grant period.

What is ITC CG and DCG?

ITC Conference Grants (ITC CG) are aimed at supporting **young researchers – Early Career Investigators (ECI) and PhD students – from Participating Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) or Near Neighbour Countries (NNC)** to attend international science and technology-related conferences anywhere in the world. Participation in these conferences helps young CA21149 ACRYRED members to establish a strong network, to increase their visibility in the research community by presenting their own work (poster/oral presentation), and to further develop their scientific knowledge. ITC CG are not limited to conferences organised by the COST Action.

COST Full Members: Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, The Netherlands, The Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom.

COST Cooperating Member: Israel.

COST Partner Member: South Africa.

COST Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey.

COST Near Neighbour Countries (NNC): Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Russia, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine.

ITC Conference **benefit to ITC Conference Grantee:** he/she receives support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) at a conference and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

ACRYRED ITC Conference Grants are addressed to:

young researchers from participating ITC and NNC countries to attend international science and technology conferences for capacity building and networking objectives. This year, a priority will be given to the events targeted by the CA21149, e.g. 8th Cereals & Europe Spring Meeting 2024 in Zagreb (Croatia) <https://cespringmeeting.eu/>, 17th ICC International Cereal and Bread Congress in Nantes (France) <https://www.icc-icbc.com/en/#>

Dissemination Conference Grants (DCG) consists in an **oral presentation** by an Action Participant of the work of the Action in high-level conferences fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

Dissemination Conference:

- Significantly increase visibility of the Action in the research community, and can contribute to increasing the visibility of the presenter;
- Attract additional participants and stakeholders and disseminate Action results to relevant end-users at high profile conferences in the field on a topic relevant to the Action.

Dissemination Conference **benefit to:**

- **Dissemination Conference Grantee:** receives support for attending and delivering an oral presentation of the Action, their activities, and results at a conference and for developing new contacts and potential future collaborations;

- **COST Action:** receives increased visibility and awareness, new contacts with potential stakeholders.

ACRYRED Dissemination Conference Grants are addressed to:

- members of CA21149 participating in conferences, especially the [EUCARPIA](#) Cereals Section Conference, and the XXII Congress [EuroFoodChem](#).

Applicants are invited to apply to one of the proposed topics related to specific [Working Group \(WG\) objectives](#).

WG	Title	Leader and Co-Leader
1	Interdisciplinary exchange and integration of knowledge on asparagine and acrylamide	Prof Nigel HALFORD
2	Agronomy and Plant Breeding	Dr Elena BALDONI
3	Food chemistry & processing	Dr Jana PARKER
4	Cereal supply chain economy	Dr Tanya CURTIS
5	Dialogue on risk-benefit	Dr Zuzana CIESAROVA

Who is eligible?

The ITC CG applicant can be a Young Researcher and Innovator, <40 years old, affiliated with a legal entity strictly in ITC and NNC presenting a poster/oral presentation.

The DCG applicant can be any COST Action participant presenting the project and results via an oral presentation.

See section 6.4 “Eligibility to receive financial support” in [the Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#) for further details.

How to apply for an ITC CG and a DCG?

Applications are submitted online in e-COST using dedicated forms available at: <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>

1. All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in the Annex 2 of [the Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#).
2. For guidance on the e-COST tool, applicants can consult [the Grants User Guide](#) (see Documents & Guidelines).
3. All applicants must have an e-COST profile with bank account information and an updated CV.
4. All applicants must complete and submit their ITC CG/DCG application on the e-COST-system using dedicated forms.

ITC CG and DCG applications must be filled in e-COST providing:

- **Title of the presentation;**
- **Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period, i.e. no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods) and country;**
- **Total budget requested;**
- **Attendance type (face to face or virtual);**

ITC CG documentation which must be uploaded in e-COST:

- **ITC Conference Grant Application (based on e-COST template) describing:** Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career;
- **Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation;**
- **Acceptance letter from the conference organisers;**
- **Other documents required by the Action:**
 - **Motivation letter**
 - **Recommendation letter from the WG leader**
 - **Breakdown of estimated costs (registration fees, travel costs, accommodation costs, daily allowances)**

DCG documentation which must be uploaded in e-COST:

- **Dissemination Conference Grant Application (based on e-COST template) describing:** Alignment with the Science Communication Plan adopted by the COST Action and Expected impact to the COST Action;
- **Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation** focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by the COST Action;
- **Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers;**
- **Other documents required by the Action:**
 - **Motivation letter**
 - **Recommendation letter from the WG leader**
 - **Breakdown of estimated costs (registration fees, travel costs, accommodation costs, daily allowances)**

Process of selection and potential priority criteria

Applications will be assessed by the Assessment Committee consisted of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Grant Awarding Coordinator and the WG Leaders and Co-leaders. The criteria for selection of candidates are as follows:

- 1) Excellence of the application promoting the direct contribution to the ACRYRED WGs, as assessed by the Assessment Committee
- 2) Active participation of the applicant in the COST working groups, as assessed by the WG leader

The requested budget must be based on the estimated real costs related to participation in the conference.

The Applicant will receive an official confirmation of the application with a link to the official grant letter.

COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

The COST Excellence and Inclusiveness policy is developed around three main elements:

- *Geographical diversity,*
- *Career stage: involving Young Researchers and Innovators,*
- *Gender balance.*

The COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy shall contribute to the objectives of the 'Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area' Work Programme under Horizon Europe.

Financial support – reimbursement

- ITC CG and DC grants provide a contribution for **travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort**. They do not necessarily cover all the expenses.
- **The maximum amount for ITC CG/DCG grants is 2 000 €**. The amounts may change taking into consideration the specific conditions of the applicant and the available budget of the Action, and should reflect the duration and location of the Conference and the actual conference fee.

Implementation of ITC CG/DCG

- The Grantee must start and complete the mobility within the approved period and carry out the activities in accordance with the approved programme described in the Application.
- In line with the visual identity of the Action, the Grantee must use **the logos** of the COST Action CA21149, the COST programme and the European Union as well as **templates** for i) PowerPoint presentations, ii) template for word documents and iii) template for posters and include **the acknowledgement** to the abstract/oral presentation/poster presentation.

Posters/ presentations of the results from STSM have to be presented using project templates with the logo of ACRYRED (contact: **Malgorzata Starowicz**, m.starowicz@pan.olsztyn.pl)

One of the following sentences, which are in line with COST instructions on acknowledgements, should be used:

i) In the case of a publication from the research group dealing with ACRYRED objectives, but that was not based on activities performed within the framework of COST Action CA21149: "This publication is based upon work from COST Action CA21149 (Reducing Acrylamide Exposure of Consumers by a Cereals Supply-chain Approach Targeting Asparagine; <https://acryred.eu/>), supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology; www.cost.eu)."

ii) In the case of a publication that was based on activities performed within the framework of COST Action CA21149, but for which the author did not receive money from COST to cover the publication fee: "This study was performed within the framework of COST Action CA21149 (Reducing Acrylamide Exposure of Consumers by a Cereals Supply-chain Approach Targeting Asparagine;

<https://acryred.eu/>), supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology; www.cost.eu).”

iii) In the case of a publication that was based on activities performed within the framework of COST Action CA21149 and for which the author did not receive money from COST to cover the publication fee: “The authors would like to acknowledge the support by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology; www.cost.eu), in the framework of COST Action CA21149 (Reducing Acrylamide Exposure of Consumers by a Cereals Supply-chain Approach Targeting Asparagine; <https://acryred.eu/>).”

iv) In the case of a publication in which one of the authors has been directly financed by one of the CA21149 open calls (e.g. STSM, CG): “(Name Surname) would like to acknowledge the direct support by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology; www.cost.eu), in the framework of COST Action CA21149 (Reducing Acrylamide Exposure of Consumers by a Cereals Supply-chain Approach Targeting Asparagine; <https://acryred.eu/>).”

- The Grantee must collect a **certificate of attendance** and prepare a **scientific report**.
- Scientific report templates are available in [Grant Awarding User Guide](#) or through the following links: [ITCCG Report Template](#); [DCG Report Template](#)
- The required report should describe conference details in terms of grantee’s visibility, including the establishment of new contacts for future collaborations.

After the ITC CG/DCG

Reporting and claim for payment of the grant:

- When the activity has ended, the Grantee must upload in **e-COST** within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grand Period, whichever comes first, the required documentation:
 - a) scientific report,
 - b) certificate of attendance,
 - c) programme of the conference or book of abstracts/proceedings indicating the oral/poster presentation,
 - d) copy of the given presentation (oral or poster for ITC CG; oral for DCG).
- The scientific report must be approved by the PIMENTO Assessment Committee.
- If the report is approved, the Grant Holder financial and accounting department will process the Grant transfer.
- Failure to submit the scientific report within the requested period will effectively cancel the grant.

Dissemination and visibility of a grantee:

The report and the given presentation will be uploaded to the ACRYRED webpage <https://acryred.eu/>. It is recommended to produce photos and videos about the mobility which can be placed on the CA website, the on-line newsletter and other communication media.

For more general information on ITC CGs/DCGs please contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator:

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