



BETTER

COST Action CA20103: **B**iosecurity **E**nhanced **T**hrough **T**raining
Evaluation and **R**aising Awareness

Dissemination Grants

What are Dissemination Grants?

Dissemination Grants consist in financial support to Action participant for their participation in high-level conferences.

The overall aim of BETTER is to reduce the risk of infectious disease introduction and spread by improving the implementation of biosecurity measures in animal production systems

Call for Dissemination Grants

The Dissemination Conference Grantee receives support for attending and presenting the Action, their activities, and results (**oral presentation**) at a conference and for developing new contacts and potential future collaborations;

- ◆ Open call (no deadlines).
- ◆ Evaluation of applications on a proposal by proposal basis.
- ◆ Applications must be submitted until 10 days after the communication of acceptance from the conference organisers).
- ◆ Limited to one grant per conference.

Dissemination Grants:

- Significantly increase visibility of the Action in the research community, can contribute to increasing 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.

Financial support

- Scope: Providing contribution for travelling, accommodation, registration fee and subsistence expenses.
- Maximum Amount (EUR):
 - Up to EUR 2.000,00 per grant for face-to-face conferences
 - Or
 - EUR 500.00 for virtual conferences

Who can apply?

Any COST Action BETTER participant.

How to apply for a Dissemination Grant?

<https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>

- Applications shall be submitted online in e-COST using dedicated forms available. Applications will be available to the grant awarding coordinators of the COST action BETTER.
- Applicants must upload their CV in their e-COST profile.

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Application (filled in e-COST) with the following information

- Title of the presentation
- Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period) and venue; (containing if available, the weblink(s) to the event and the programme)
- Budget requested;
- Attendance Type (face to face or virtual)

To be uploaded in e-COST

- Application form (based on e-COST template) describing: Alignment with the Action Science Communication plan 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;
- Application template:
https://www.cost.eu/DisseminationConference_GrantApplication

Implementation of the Activity

- Grantee delivers the approved oral presentation, actively networks with other participants and promotes the COST Action to the potential stakeholders.

Reporting and Request for Grant Payment

- Upon completion of the activity, the grantee submits the required reports and relevant documentation to e-COST within **30 days** of the grant end date;
- Application for payment of the grant via e-COST;
- The required report/documentation for claiming a Dissemination Grant are:
 - Outcome of the presentation in terms of contacts made and potential for future collaborations.
 - The certificate of attendance, the programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral presentation of the grantee.
 - Copy of the given presentation.

Report Template: https://www.cost.eu/DisseminationConference_Report

Receiving payment of the grant:

- Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation;

Priority criteria for selection

Applications will be assessed by the Grant Awarding Coordinators. Eligibility prerequisites for granting. In case more than one candidate applies for the same conference:

- a) COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy (see below)
 - a. First time participant in dissemination grant (+1 point)
 - b. Young researcher (+2 points)
- b) The scientific scope of the proposed participation and how it will support the Action in achieving its scientific objectives (+5 points)
- c) Active contribution of the applicant in the COST working groups (+2 points)

Applications scoring 5 (five) points or less will not be considered for this grant.

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.

For more general information on Dissemination Grants please contact the Grant Awarding Coordinators.

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