COST Action CA24117 ILCquest

Grant application and budget planning guidelines

Grant Period 2: 1 November 2026 – 31 October 2027

This document contains application guidelines for grants awarded during Grant Period 2 of the **COST Action CA24117 – ILCquest: Innate lymphoid cells – the European quest for innovative cancer prognosis and immunotherapy**.

According to the COST Annotated Rules (Brussels, 25 September 2025, COST 094/21, Version 3.0), **ANNEX 2. NETWORKING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED THROUGH A GRANT AWARDING PROCESS,** networking activities organised through a Grant Awarding Process encompass mobility of researchers and innovators and presentation at conferences organised by third parties. These activities should be in line with the scope and benefit of the action.

When applying, the following documentation must be uploaded for each type of grant:

Short-term Scientific Mission (STSM) – supporting documentation:

- STSM Grant Application (based on e-COST template)
- Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant
- Other documents required by the Action

Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) Conference Grant – supporting documentation

- YRI Conference Grant Application (based on e-COST template)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation
- Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers
- Other documents required by the Action

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Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) Conference Grant – supporting documentation

- ITC Conference Grant Application (based on e-COST template)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation
- Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers
- Other documents required by the Action

Dissemination Conference Grant (DCG) – supporting documentation

- DCG Application (based on e-COST template)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation
- Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers
- Other documents required by the Action

Virtual Networking Support (VNS) Grant – supporting documentation

- VNS Grant Application (based on e-COST template)
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Other documents required by the Action

Applicants applying for a **YRI Conference Grant, ITC Conference Grant, or DCG** must submit a **Budget Plan** as an additional document to the application.

The Budget Plan must provide a clear breakdown of the requested grant amount, including the following items:

- Conference registration fee: the amount of the registration fee, in EUR
- Travel expenses: anticipated cost of travel to and from the conference venue, in EUR
- Daily allowance calculated based on the formula:

(number of days attending the conference + 1.4) × daily allowance for the country where the conference takes place

** Official COST Daily Allowance rates for each country are available in the 2026 COST Daily Allowance Table.*

** The total requested grant amount must be rounded to the nearest whole euro.*

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