A European flyway research network for the effective conservation of migrant landbirds (EUFLYNET)

COST Action number CA22117

ITC Conference Grants

One third of European breeding bird species are migrant birds that occur across the continent and winter in Africa, and most of these species are landbirds. Many species are in serious decline from several causes across the flyway. The EUFLYNET COST Action aims to understand these migrant landbird population dynamics and create a scientific network, through flyway level cooperation and coordination of existing local research throughout Europe, and training and sharing of expertise to peripheral countries. The ITC conference grant aims to support the attendance of a high-level conference fully organised by a third party (i.e., not organised or co-organised by the COST Action), improving the grantee's network and knowledge, and contributing to increase the visibility of the grantee and of the COST Action.

Grant details and eligibility:

The EUFLYNET COST Action will award up to 2 grants, until 1,500 euros each, to support the attendance and presentation (poster or oral communication) at a relevant in-person and international conference. The applicants must be at the early stages of their careers, and primarily affiliated in a legal entity located in a COST Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) or Near Neighbour country (see list of eligible countries below). The conference and presented work must fit within the COST Action goals. The conference must take place until the 31st of October 2024.

What the grant covers:

The grant covers the registration fee, printing of scientific poster (if relevant), as well as travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses.

Reporting and claiming:

Once the conference has occurred, the grantee must submit a report containing the outcome of the presentation, in terms of the grantee's visibility, establishment of new contacts for future collaborations. The grantee must also submit the certificate of attendance, the programme of the conference or the book of abstracts of the conference (indicating the presentation of the grantee), and a copy of the given presentation (oral or poster). The report and relevant documentation must be uploaded to e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity. The grants are paid after the completion of the activity and approval of the report.

How to apply:

Applications should be submitted via the e-COST website before the 15th of January 2024. To create an e-COST account and apply, you must register here:

https://e-services.cost.eu/user/registration/email.

Decisions will be made until the end of January 2024.

The application consists of:

- Project title
- Conference date and country (max. end date: 31st October 2024)
- Budget requested
- Attendance type (face-to-face or virtual)
- Relevance of the conference topic to the COST Action (max. 500 words)
- Motivation describing the potential impact for the applicant's career (max. 500 words)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers
- Short CV (max. 2 pages)

List of COST Inclusiveness Target Country or Near Neighbour countries

Albania	Romania
Algeria	Serbia
Armenia	Slovakia
Azerbaijan	Slovenia
Belarus	Syria
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Tunisia
Bulgaria	Turkey
Croatia	Ukraine
Cyprus	
Czech Republic	
Egypt	
Estonia	
Georgia	
Greece	
Hungary	
Jordan	
Kosovo	
Latvia	
Lebanon	
Libya	
Lithuania	
Malta	
Moldova	
Montenegro	
Morocco	
North Macedonia	
Palestine	
Poland	
Portugal	