

COST ACTION 18114 ENTAN - European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network

First Call for Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) conference grant applications

For conferences occurring no later than March 15, 2020.

All ITC activities must occur in their entirety until the date specified above.

Final application deadline is September 15, 2019

ENTAN is a recently approved Action from the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Association. ENTAN is mandated to study how modalities of Non-Territorial Autonomy (NTA) can help resolve or alleviate national and ethnic conflicts in states where national and ethnic communities demand the recognition of their collective rights. ENTAN includes four working groups specifically focused on: NTA legal and political aspects; cultural identities; regional and socio-economic development; and developing of an NTA university course.

Liberal democracies produce vital notions of citizens' rights, but citizens are often understood as homologous quantities, leaving little room for the political recognition of difference and pluralism, and, for national minority collective rights. At the same time, in the international arena, the concept of National Self Determination (NSD) is understood to mean the creation or consolidation of nation-states for aggrieved national communities. However, the number of national communities outnumbers the number of nation-states by far, and, in most cases, different ethno-national populations overlap in the same territorial space, making a territorial solution unworkable and destructive. In various parts of the world, these unfulfilled demands have led to bloody and entrenched conflicts. The problem of the representation of scattered minorities is not new, and there have been historically, important attempts to create modalities of NSD that do not require the creation of nation states. Among the most influential are the National Cultural Autonomy (NCA) model developed by the Austrians Otto Bauer and Karl Renner, the latter a former president of Austria. However, while

NCA was for a period of time important and influential in Central and Eastern Europe, it had limited influence in Western Europe and other parts of the world. There are, however, many other modalities of NTA that emerge simultaneously in different parts of the world, showing that the problem of minority self-determination is recurrent in many different countries.

The aim of ENTAN is to examine how and in what context, modalities of NTA can improve the value of democratic participation in Europe, by enhancing the collective incorporation of national minorities, improving minority recognition and fostering recognition and reconciliation in areas of conflict.

ENTAN will provide for up to 4 ITC conference grants under this call.

All ITC activities must be finished by March 15, 2020.

PURPOSE OF AN INCLUSIVENESS TARGET COUNTRIES (ITC) CONFERENCE GRANTS:

Conference Grants are aimed at supporting PhD students and Early Career Investigators (ECI), i.e. researchers up to 8 years after their PhD completion, from inclusiveness target countries participating in the COST Action 18114 to attend international conferences on ENTAN related topics not specifically organised by the COST Action.

Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students and ECIs with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the Republic of Serbia).

The grants are exclusively reserved for applicants making an oral/poster conference presentation and are listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral presentation/poster presentation/speech at the approved conference needs to be closely related to the topic of the Action and to acknowledge COST.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

The following funding conditions apply and must be respected:

Up to a maximum of EUR 2500 in total can be afforded to each successful ITC applicant, of which:

1. Up to a maximum of EUR 300 in total can be afforded for travel expenses;
2. Up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses;
3. Up to a maximum of EUR 500 can be afforded for conference fees to be incurred by the selected grantee.

A conference grant is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the outcome of the evaluation of the application by the dele-

gated person(s). Conference grants do not necessarily cover all of the expenses related to participating in a given conference. A conference grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the selected grantee.

In addition, when meal and accommodation expenses are supported by the hosting institution as part of the provisions offered in their conference package, the amount for subsistence afforded to each eligible participant must be deducted from the grant.



DEADLINE: Interested researchers can apply by September 15, 2019 by following the instructions below.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Applicants should read carefully the funding rules detailed in Section 9 (pp. 36-37) of the COST Vademecum.
2. Applicants need to have their e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> and submit their application via the „Create Conference Grant Request“ link.
3. The applicant is required to send their ITC application form submitted to e-COST (pdf) and the relevant supporting documents to Aleksandar Pavlović, ENTAN ITC Coordinator, at pavlaleks@gmail.com

The list of supporting documents (in pdf format) to be submitted for the evaluation are:

- ▶ The submitted ITC application form (downloadable when the online application is submitted – see points 2 & 3 above);
- ▶ A short description of their involvement in the COST Action (max. 1 page);
- ▶ Acceptance letter/email confirmation from the conference organisers (confirming either your speaking slot or your poster presentation) or conference programme showing the applicants' participation;
- ▶ A copy of the abstract or poster submitted to the conference;
- ▶ A full C.V. (including a list of academic publications – if applicable, max. 5 pages).



EVALUATION:

The applications will be assessed by the ITC Committee of ENTAN and successful applicants will be notified by October 15, 2019. The committee will evaluate applications according to budget, possible contribution that the proposed conference participation will make against the scientific objectives outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and the individual candidate's career.



REQUIREMENTS:

Successful grantees are required to submit a **scientific report** and **supporting documents**. Payment of the grant is subject to the submitted scientific report and supporting documents being approved by the Action Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Action Chair is affiliated to the Grant Holder Institution).

The scientific report should be sent to: the Action Chair (or Vice-Chair if the Action Chair is affiliated to the Grant Holder Institution), the ITC coordinator and the Action's Grant Manager within 15 calendar days from the end date of the conference. Written approval of the submitted scientific reports must be sent to the Grant Manager for archiving purposes.

Short scientific reports should cover a short description of involvement in the COST Action, a description of the oral presentation/poster presentation and the outcome/results, expected publications that may arise from the ITC (if applicable).

The applicant is also responsible for acquiring an official acceptance letter/email confirmation of acceptance from the conference organisers.

In addition to the scientific report, successful applicants should submit to the Grant Manager (by mail) the following **supporting documents**:

1. **One original certificate of taxpayer status i.e. residence form** from your country of residence. Each country has a slightly different form to confirm your residence/taxpayer status but it is usually issued both in English and in the official language of the country. Please ask for an English or bilingual version. The original of the form should be signed and stamped by the respective authority in your country (e.g. local Public Revenue Office, Tax Inspectorate or Ministry).
2. **A full-colour scan of the main page of your passport** which exhibits your name and surname and passport number.
3. **Scanned copy of invoices, receipts, bills, tickets and other proofs of payments for all types of costs**, including for hotel accommodation, travel, meals, and paid conference fees.

Failure to submit the scientific report and the supporting documents within 15 days from the end date of the conference will effectively cancel the grant.

The grant is payable up to 30 days after the grantee report and supporting documents have been approved by the Action Chair (or Vice-Chair).

Please note that the COST Association and Action's Grant holder can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by ITC applicants.

Useful link: <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18114/#tabs|Name:overview>

Please contact the ITC conference grants coordinator, Aleksandar Pavlović, via email if any queries relating to ITCs conference grants occur: pavleleks@gmail.com