

COST ACTION 18114 ENTAN – European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network

Call for Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) conference grant applications

For conferences occurring no later than 30 September 2021.

ENTAN – is a COST Action aimed at examining the concept of non-territorial autonomy (NTA). ENTAN particularly focuses on NTA arrangements for reducing inter-ethnic tensions within a state and on the accommodation of the needs of different communities while preventing calls to separate statehood. The main objective is to investigate the existing NTA mechanisms and policies and to develop new modalities for the accommodation of differences in the context of growing challenges stemming from globalisation, regionalisation and European supranational integration. The network fosters interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary group work, and provides for training and empowerment of young researchers, academic conferences and publications, as well as for the dissemination of results to policy makers, civil society organisations and communities.

ENTAN will provide for up to 5 ITC conference grants under this call.

There is no specific deadline, applications can be submitted at any time, whereas grant decisions are normally announced within 20 days after submission. Grants are awarded on a first come first served basis.

All ITC conference activities must be finished by 30 September 2021.



PURPOSE OF 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, who have a primary affiliation in an institution located in one of the inclusiveness target countries ([ITC](#)) participating in ENTAN to attend any international conference on NTA related topics not specifically organised by ENTAN.

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 and objectives of ENTAN and to acknowledge COST.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

The following funding conditions apply and must be respected:

1. Up to a maximum of EUR 2500 in total can be afforded to each successful ITC applicant;
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 delegated 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: OPEN CALL

Apply at any time by following the instructions below.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Applicants should read carefully the funding rules detailed in [Section 9 of the COST Valdemecum](#).
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 pavaleks@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 CV (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 within three weeks after submitting the application. The committee will evaluate applications according to budget, possible contribution that the proposed conference participation will make towards the scientific objectives of ENTAN (as outlined in the 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.

The scientific report should be sent to: the Action Chair, 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.
4. **Signed Grant Agreement** with the Grant Holder Institution.

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.

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://entan.org>

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