

DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE GRANTS (DCGs)

All applicants are advised to review the Annotated Rules For COST Actions prior to submitting their grant applications. (see [Funding Documents & Guidelines | COST](#))

General Call for Dissemination Conference Grants for the 1st grant period

The Dissemination Conference Grants (DCGs) provide financial support for delivering oral presentations on the work of EU-MACE by the Action participants at high-level conferences fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

The aim:

- Significantly increase visibility of EU-MACE in the research community and simultaneously 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.

To reach and engage relevant stakeholders, **DCGs priority** is given to propositions for attending conferences whose scientific/research focus resonates with the Action objective: : *Create a new form of alliance across the entire innovation value chain of materials for clean energy applications by overcoming the fragmentation of materials research and technology development and via supporting informed decisions by diverse stakeholders.* Such audience should be found at large-scale international conferences on materials science (with energy application session), on data-science and open science, focused renewable energy technologies (photovoltaics, batteries,...) etc., as well as at industrial innovation forums to attract manufacturers in the renewable energy sector.

Special provision for “Materials Week” in Limasol, Cyprus (July 17-21, 2024)

In accordance with the above stated priorities of EU-MACE, the Action has identified “Materials Week 2024” as the most beneficial conference that takes place within the first grant period. The conference is co-organized by several large-scale European and International programmes and projects on advanced materials research and innovation (R&I). It will bring together numerous small and large R&I communities that are driving advances in materials innovation manifested across diverse value chains and industrial markets.

Several sessions are relevant to EU-MACE, in particular Session 3: Digital Innovation - Catalysing the Green & Digital Transition for Innovative Advanced Materials and Products, but the abstract submission to another session can also be considered. The applicant is invited to justify the session choice in his/her/their application.

DCG Eligibility (cf. [Funding Documents & Guidelines | COST](#))

The DCG is open to all Action participants qualified to participate in networking actions. The conference must take place **before September 10th, 2024** to ensure the timely submission of the report and the grant payment within the first grant period. To receive a DCG, the applicant commits to actively network with other conference participants and to promote the COST Action to the potential stakeholders.

Evaluation criteria and procedure:

- Applications are considered individually on a rolling basis by an ad-hoc evaluation committee of experts.
- The applications will be evaluated within three weeks from the submission date.
- The applicants are advised to consult the [COST Annotated Rules](#) (Annex 2) for information about COST rules and procedures for ITC Conference Grant applications.
- All application must be submitted online in e-COST using the dedicated forms available and upload all required documents.
 - Applicant must have a registered and up-to-date e-COST profile <https://e-services.cost.eu/>
 - Encode a new grant application by logging into e-COST and clicking on the Grant Applications/Apply for new grant.
 - Upload
 - Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Alignment with the Science Communication Plan adopted by the COST Action 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 EU-MACE
 - Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers
- After the meeting, the grantee must submit
 - DCG report, no later than 1 month after the conference, including the outcome of the presentation, 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
- A failure to comply with above rules will effectively cancel the grant.

Additional rules for EU-MACE DCGs:

- Additional documents may be requested by the Grant Award coordinator.
- Supplementary financial documents may be requested by the Grant Holder Institution
- The presentation contents must be approved by the Action Chair and the Grant Award coordinator

How to acknowledge COST funding?

Contributions of COST Action EU-MACE (CA22123) to the research must be acknowledged in any publication; poster, proceedings, full research paper, etc., that will result from the ITC Conference Grant (ITC-CG). The acknowledgment should be written as *“This article/publication is based upon work from COST Action EU-MACE, CA22123, supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology).”*

Important dates:

- Application submission: **From 1st March 2024 to 31st July 2024 (funds allocated on a rolling basis)**
- Notification of application outcome: **Within three calendar weeks after their submission date**
- Conference attendance period: **before 10th September 2024**

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