

CliMent Grant Awarding Call: 2nd Grant Period

CliMent: Climate change impacts on mental health in Europe COST Action (CA23113) opens the Grant Awarding Call for its 2nd Grant Period (ending 31 October 2026)

- I. General Evaluation Procedure (applicable to all Grants)
- II. Dissemination Conference Grant

I. General Information and Evaluation Procedure (applicable to all Grants)

- All grant activities supported under this Call must comply with the *CliMent* COST Action internal rules and the COST Association regulations.
 - All activities must **start and end within the active Grant Period**. Overlaps between two consecutive Grant Periods are not permitted.
 - Applications must include realistic and justified activity dates. **Any change** of dates, work plan, or budget **requires prior approval by the Grant Awarding Coordinator before implementation**.
 - Grants are reimbursed only after the completion of the activity and the submission and approval of the required reports.
- The Grant Awarding Committee reviews all applications on behalf of the Action Management Committee. In case of a conflict of interest, the affected Committee member(s) will be replaced by the Chair, Vice-Chair, or a Working Group Co-Lead for the respective evaluation round.
- The members of the Grant Awarding Committee must submit their evaluation reports **within one week after receiving the applications** from the Grant Awarding Coordinator, **unless otherwise specified**. If some evaluations are not received within this period, the Grant Awarding Coordinator will proceed with the available reports to ensure timely decision-making..
- Applicants will be notified of the results **within three weeks** after submitting their application (or after the call deadline, if applicable).
- The Grant Awarding Committee reserves the right to suggest adjusting the requested budget according to the available funds, the duration, and the scope of the proposed activity.

For further details, before applying, all applicants must carefully and completely read Annex 2 of the [*Annotated Rules for COST Actions*](#).

For any inquiries, contact the *CliMent* Grant Awarding Coordinator at julius.burkauskas@lsmu.lt.

II. Call for Proposals: Dissemination Conference Grant

Key Deadlines

The Dissemination Conference Grant Call will **open at the start of the 2nd Grant Period** and will remain open for **submissions until 30 November 2025**. Applications will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis, pending the availability of funds. Applicants are, however, encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Dissemination Conference grant funds an oral presentation by an Action Participant of the work of the Action in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

1. Objective: The Dissemination Conference Grant aims to enhance the visibility of the COST Action within the research community and beyond by supporting participants in presenting their work at high-profile conferences. It facilitates the dissemination of Action results to relevant end-users, attracts new participants and stakeholders, and fosters networking opportunities for both the grantee and the COST Action. Additionally, it provides the grantee with a platform to present their contributions, develop new professional connections, and explore potential future collaborations.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Candidate Requirements

- *The Grant applicant(s) must be an **Action Participant** involved in the COST Action.*
- The applicant must have an accepted oral presentation, which must be **directly linked to the goals and scope of the *CliMent* COST Action**.
- The presentation must be a collaborative effort involving at least two members of the COST activity and must be related to the work of one of the working groups.

Activity Requirements

- The conference must be a high-level event in the research field, fully organized by a third party (i.e., not organized or co-organized by COST), and should enhance the visibility of the Action, attract additional participants, and disseminate results to relevant stakeholders.
- The applicant must commit to promoting *CliMent* COST Action in their presentation or dissemination activities.
- Required outputs include: a copy of the presentation, proof of conference participation, and an activity report following the event.

3. Funding

- Up to two Dissemination Conference Grants may be awarded under this Call, with up to 1250 EUR for face-to-face or 500 EUR for online conferences within the 2nd Grant Period.
- *Applicants to Conference Grants shall not apply to different types of conference grants in the period.*
- Grants are paid **after completion** of the activity and approval of the required.

4. Application Process

Applications must be submitted online via e-COST: <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>

Steps to Apply:

1. Log in to e-COST and select **Apply for New Grant**, choosing **Dissemination Conference Grant**.
2. Provide the following information:
 - o Title of the presentation.

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- o Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period, i.e. no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods) and venue.
- o Budget (amount) requested.
- o Attendance Type (face-to-face or online)
- 3. Upload the completed Dissemination Conference Grant Application template ([download template](#)), including:
 - o Conference Details;
 - o Accepted oral contribution details;
 - o Alignment with the *CliMent* COST Action Science Communication Plan;
 - o Expected impact.
- 4. Upload additional required documents:
 - o *Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by the COST Action.*
 - o *Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers.*

Once submitted, applicants will receive a confirmation email from e-COST. *Upon approval, the Grantee will receive a Grant Letter stating the approved amount and conditions for receiving the grant.*

5. Evaluation Criteria

Applications are assessed based on the following criteria:

	Criteria	Description	Score* max
1.	Oral presentation	How is oral presentation directly linked to the goals and scope of the <i>CliMent</i> COST Action?	5
2.	Conference level	The level and potential of the conference to facilitate dissemination and visibility of the COST Action, including opportunities for networking, collaboration, and knowledge transfer. For a conference to be eligible for Grant, it must be recognized as an international event and demonstrate high academic or professional standing by meeting at least one of the following criteria: being organized by a reputable academic or professional body; being indexed in established databases (e.g., IEEE, ACM, Scopus, Web of Science); or being supported by a program committee or advisory board comprising recognized experts in the field.	5
3.	Collaboration among Action members	The presentation is a collaborative effort involving at least two members of the COST Activity and is related to the work of one of the working groups.	5
4.	Alignment with the <i>CliMent</i> COST Action Science Communication Plan	How the presentation contributes to the <i>CliMent</i> COST Action Science Communication Plan and to meeting the Action challenge and objectives. Description of the targeted audience and potential stakeholders to engage	5
5.	Expected impact	Description of the expected impacts to increase the Action visibility in the research community; to attract additional participants and stakeholders; and to disseminate Action results to relevant end-users.	5

*Scale: 1 poor; 2 deficient; 3 satisfactory; 4 very good; 5 excellent (*threshold 3*).

Final conclusion:

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An application shall be considered ineligible for funding under any of the following conditions:

- (1) if at least one of the evaluation criteria is scored below its established threshold;
- (2) if the total score from the scientific quality criteria (excluding inclusiveness) is lower than 16;
- (3) if the overall total score, including inclusiveness points, is lower than 17.

Inclusiveness points may only complement scientific quality and cannot compensate for insufficient performance in the main evaluation criteria.

Applications with the highest scores will be prioritized for funding.

Example for evaluation for "**Collaboration among Action Members**" with five levels:

5 points (excellent) – The presentation is a strong collaborative effort involving multiple COST Action members (more than two) and demonstrates deep integration with a working group's objectives.

4 points (very good) – The presentation involves at least two COST Action members and is clearly related to a working group's objectives.

3 points (satisfactory) – The presentation includes collaboration between two members, but the connection to a working group is moderate or unclear.

2 points (deficient) – The presentation mentions collaboration but lacks strong evidence of active engagement between COST Action members.

1 point (poor) – The presentation does not adequately demonstrate collaboration among COST Action members or relevance to a working group.

6. Reporting and Reimbursement

- Within **30 days after the activity** (or 15 days after the Grant Period ends, whichever comes first), the grantee must submit a scientific report *and* relevant documentation in e-COST
- The scientific report template is available at:
https://www.cost.eu/DisseminationConference_Report.
- Payment is subject to the approval of the scientific report by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and the Core group.
- *The required report/documentation for claiming a **Dissemination Conference Grant** is:*
 - *Report to the Action MC on the outcome of the presentation, including the establishment of new contacts 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 oral presentation.*
- In addition to describing the conference's activities, this report should emphasize the value of attending conferences for networking, capacity building (e.g., collaborations), and personal growth.