1st Call for ITC Conference Grants

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Achieving coordination between executive actors of territorial units is one of the major challenges of today's politics. External effects and thus the interdependence of political actions beyond borders of sovereign authority have increased dramatically, necessitating better coordination of decision-making and actions across territorial units as well as across levels of government in an increasingly complex environment. The effectiveness and legitimacy of democratic governance in modern States depends crucially on their coordination ability. There is still a serious lack of knowledge among scholars and practitioners on how to organize and process intergovernmental coordination in those various instances. Moreover, there is still no systematic connection between the various research communities dealing with the issues from their separate perspectives, such as federalism, European governance or local and regional governance scholars.

IGCOORD aims at connecting those different strands of research to provide systematic and comparable insights in the institutions, mechanisms and processes of intergovernmental coordination in the horizontal and in the vertical direction, across levels of government, policy sectors and territorial units. More specifically, it aims at 1) collecting comparative evidence, 2) distilling basic mechanisms and causal explanations from analytic comparison, 3) developing new collaborative research

1. IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for submission of applications: **There is no specific deadline, applications can be submitted at any time.**

Outcome notification date: **Grant decisions are normally announced within 30 days after submission.**

Period within which ITC conference must occur: **1 February 2022 – 15 September 2022.**

2. OVERVIEW

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 IGCOORD and to acknowledge COST.

3. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

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

For this first ITC call, the Management Committee of the Action has allocated a **total budget of EUR 3.500,00**.

The Core Group has decided that **maximum of EUR 700,00** can be allocated to each successful applicant.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants should read carefully the funding rules detailed in the COST Annotated Rules.

Applicants need to have their e-COST profile at https://e-services.cost.eu and submit their application by selecting "Grant Applications" and then "Apply for Grant".

The applicant shall fill in the following information in the e-COST system:

- Title of the presentation;
- Conference title, date (no later than 15 September 2022) and country;
- Budget requested;
- Attendance type (face to face or virtual).

The applicant shall upload the following documents into the e-COST system:

- Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Relevance of the conference topic to the Action, and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career;
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation;
- Acceptance letter from the conference organisers;
- A CV including a list of academic publications – if applicable (max. 3 pages).

Grantees will notified of the outcome by the Action's Grant Awarding Coordinator as determined in this call.

FINAL PROVISIONS

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 Grant Awarding Coordinator.

The grantee shall upload to e-COST the following documents:

- Scientific report on the outcome of the presentation of the accepted contribution, in terms of the grantee's visibility, 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 title and type of the presentation (oral or poster) and the name of the grantee;
- Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster).

The **applicant is responsible** for obtaining an official acceptance letter/email confirmation of acceptance from the conference organizers.

Failure to submit the **scientific report** and the **supporting documents** within 15 days after the conference will effectively cancel the grant.

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

Please contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator Miro Hacek via email if any queries relating to ITC Grants occur: Miro.Hacek@fdv.uni-lj.si.

NOTE: COST Association and Action's Grant Holder may request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by ITC Grant's applicants.

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