**GDHR Network (**[**CA19143**](https://e-services.cost.eu/action/CA19143/participants)**) Call for ITC Conference Grants Applications**

**First Call for Grant Period III**

First Call for ITC Conference grants occurring between 2 May 2023 until 31st October 2023 (Third Grant period).

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

ITC Conference Grants are aimed at supporting Young Researchers and Innovators affiliated in an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) or Near Neighbour Country to attend related conferences, events or conduct activities on the topic of the Action that are not organised by the COST Action.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

* Conference Grants are Open to Young Researchers and Innovators (individuals <40 years old) with a primary affiliation in an institution located in Inclusive Target Countries (ITC) and Near Neighbour Countries (NNC), participating in our COST Action The Global Digital Human Rights Network (GDHRNet) (CA19143).
* The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference program. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference must be on the topic of the Action and must acknowledge
* The conference must take place between 26 April to 31 October 2023.

## HOW TO APPLY

* All applications must be submitted directly through the eCOST System. If you do not have an eCOST Account yet, please create one [here](https://e-services.cost.eu/).
* Within eCOST you will need to create a “Conference Grant Request”.
* You will need to submit the following documentation:
	+ ITC Conference Grant application form (you can download this through the system).
	+ CV (including list of academic publications, if any).
	+ Short description of your involvement in our COST Action.
	+ Acceptance letter from the conference organisers (confirming either your speaking slot or your poster presentation).
	+ A copy of the abstract or poster submitted to the conference.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

In addition to the formal eligibility criteria detailed above, all applications will be assessed against the following criteria of scientific merit:

* Does the conference (or topic of the panel etc.) fall within the remit of COST Action GDHR Network?
* Is the topic of the conference proposal within the remit of COST Action GDHR Network and will it likely make a significant contribution to the debates within the action?
* Is the proposal internally coherent, logical, with a clearly discernible structure?
* Is the presentation likely to make a significant contribution to the candidate’s scientific and professional development?
	+ Preference will be given to papers being submitted to conferences with competitive peer-review;
	+ Gender balance will be taken into account.

Selection Committee of the Conference Grants consists of the Action Vice Chair Vygante Milasiute and Grant Awarding Coordinator Jukka Viljanen. WG Leaders relevant to the ITC conference topic/plan may be consulted if needed. In case a Conflict of Interest (CoI) arises and specifically, if such CoI affects the Selection Committee, directly or indirectly, ad-hoc replacement with other members (selected from the MC) will be carried out.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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 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.

* Max 2 000 EUR for face to face events, including Conference Fees.

ITC Conference Grants remain the same: anywhere in the world

* Max 500 EUR for Virtual Conferences fees.

Documentary evidence of the conference fee amount must be provided by the applicant and in kind, must be archived by the Grant Holder along with the relevant administrative documents.

## APPLICATION TIMELINE

Opening of the call: April4  2023

Deadline for application: April 26 2023.

The conference must take place until 31 October 2023.

Reports to be submitted until 31 October 2023.

## RECEIVING YOUR GRANT

If you have been selected as an ITC Conference Grant Recipient, you will receive your grant **after** the conference. After your conference, the eCOST System will automatically ask you to submit a Scientific Report, which you need to provide in the 30 days after the Conference has ended. We will send the grant to your bank account once your scientific report has been approved.

In addition, we will ask you to present the results of your conference grant at the next Management Committee meeting or to write a short blog entry for our website. Please remember to ask someone to take a picture of you during your presentation so that we can showcase your involvement on our website.

## CLARIFICATIONS:

The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the Action cannot to be considered as being a grantee’s employer. Grantees must make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security and pension matters.

For questions, please feel free to contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator - Prof. Jukka Viljanen – jukka.viljanen@tuni.fi