

COST Action CA16111 International Ethnic and Immigrant Minorities' Survey Data Network (ETHMIGSURVEYDATA)

Call for applications for:
ITC CONFERENCE GRANTS
(Deadlines: 30 June 2020, 30 October 2020 and 30 January 2021)

We invite applications for funding to support the presentation of an oral or poster presentation at a conference by **PhD students/candidates and Early Career Investigators (ECIs)**¹ on topics directly related to the ETHMIGSURVEYDATA network (ethnic and migrant minorities AND quantitative survey data). The conference must take place **before 20 April 2021 (Note: if the Action is extended, conferences may take place until 20 October 2021)**.

As part of COST Action CA16111 "International Ethnic and Immigrant Minorities' Survey Data Network" ([ETHMIGSURVEYDATA](#)), we have allocated funds to allow young researchers from selected countries (ITC) to present their research in a conference. These grants are directed to any young researcher who meets the requirements specified below.

- **Aim of the Conference Grant**

The Conference Grants are aimed at supporting PhD students/candidates or ECIs from participating Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITCs) to attend international science and technology related conferences, including those not specifically organised by the COST Action.

Participating ITCs are:

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, the North Republic of Macedonia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey.

The COST Action CA16111 Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students/candidates and ECIs **with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC that participates in this Action**. The applicant must deliver an oral or poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official conference programme. The main subject of the oral presentation/poster presentation/speech at the approved conference must be on the topic of CA16111 (ETHMIGSURVEYDATA), and hence **must mobilise sample-based quantitative survey data on Ethnic and/or Migrant Minorities' Integration** and be in line with the goals of the Action stated in its [Memorandum of Understanding](#).

¹ Early Career Investigators (ECIs) are researchers who are within 8 years since the date they obtained their PhD/doctorate.

Although attendance at European conferences is preferred, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered. In the current COVID-19 health crisis situation, online conferences are also eligible.

- **Applications and financial support**

The selection of successful applicants will be done in consideration with the scientific contribution of the conference presentation. A fixed amount to contribute to the overall travel, accommodation and meals expenses will be granted on the basis of the estimation provided by the applicant. For year 4, the total budget for ITC conference grants is EUR 4,000, which we estimate can finance 4-8 researchers. The budget available may increase throughout the duration of the financial year.

The calculation of the financial contribution for each Conference Grant will respect the following criteria:

- (1) up to a maximum of EUR 500 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant for conference fees;
- (2) up to a maximum of EUR 1,000 will be afforded to each successful applicant;
- (3) up to a maximum of EUR 160 per day can be afforded for accommodation and meal expenses.

The payment of the Conference Grant is subject to approval of the submitted certificate of attendance or the submitted scientific report by the ITC Conference Grant Manager. The Grantee has 30 calendar days from the end date of the conference in question to submit either a certificate of attendance or a scientific report.

Applications should include (in a single PDF file):

- (1) A **motivation letter** of approximately 500 – 700 words. The letter should provide a short description of the conference; a summary of the paper to be presented in the conference; and an estimate of transport, accommodation and meal expenses. It must also indicate **how the paper is related to ethnic and migrant minorities and quantitative survey data**.
- (2) **An academic CV showing that the applicant is a PhD student/candidate or within 8 years since they obtained their PhD/doctorate**
- (3) Documentary evidence of the **conference fee** amount, if applicable.
- (4) Documentary evidence that the applicant has been listed in the official **conference programme**.
- (5) Estimation of overall expenses.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until 15 March 2021. They will be evaluated in three batches corresponding to those received by the following dates: **30 June 2020, 30 October 2020 and 30 January 2020**. Applications should be sent as a single PDF document to Marie-Laure Mallet (mlauremallet@gmail.com) with the following subject line: **COST Conference Grant Application**.

For further information, please, consult the COST [Vademecum](#) or get in touch with the Network Coordinator, Brynja Dís (brynjadis@hi.is).