



## PEN@HYDROPOWER (CA 21104)

1<sup>st</sup> Call for Inclusive Target Countries Conference Grants and Dissemination and Communication Grants

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## Inclusive Target Countries Conference Grants and Dissemination and Communication Grants

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> call for applications for Inclusive Target Countries Conference Grants (ITCCGs) and Dissemination and Communication Grants (DCGs) funded by the COST Action CA21104 [Pan-European Network for Sustainable Hydropower – PEN@Hydropower](#). ITCCGs and DCGs help PEN@Hydropower participants to attend conferences and other events, not organised under the COST Action CA21104 Pen@Hydropower as follows:

- ITCCGs target at young researchers, researchers, PhD students and innovators from Inclusive Target Countries (ITCs) to attend high-quality international conferences and other events, not organised by Pen@Hydropower,
- DCGs to support grantees to attend high-quality conferences, not organised by Pen@Hydropower Action to increase the visibility and awareness of Pen@Hydropower.

ITCCGs and DCGs grant may be used for the cost of travel to the conference, accommodation and daily sustenance expenses, conference registration fees, the cost of printing the scientific poster, etc. ITCCGs and DCGs as well as the supported grantees should contribute to the scientific objectives of Pen@Hydropower. For all PEN@Hydropower participants ITCCGs and DCGs represent an opportunity to present their work on selected research topics highlighted by working groups and the PEN@Hydropower objectives.

The maximum funding amount is up to €2,500 per grant for usual face-to-face conferences and up to €500 per grant for virtual conferences. Under this first call, PEN@Hydropower is offering up to 4 ITCCG and DCG positions. Grantees must provide their own arrangements for travel, accommodation, etc.

Each application is independently evaluated by the Action Core Group. Applications are ranked and



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selected based on the following criteria:

- the subject area and overall quality of the conference,
- the scientific quality of the work presented, and the extent to which the proposed work presents or contributes to the strategic priorities and objectives of the Action as defined in the MoU. Details on the content and objectives of the Pen@Hydropower Action can be found in the [Action's Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#).

### Guidelines for applicants

Applicants should carefully consider eligibility criteria. Young researchers, researchers, PhD students and innovators from Inclusive Target Countries (ITC) under the age of 40, who are affiliated with an institution in an ITC country are eligible for ITCCGs: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine. The country from which the grantee originates, must participate in Pen@Hydropower. Applicants should always check the current [list of ITC countries](#).

Applications should be submitted by April 14, 2023. Decisions will be announced by April 21, 2023.

Applications for STSMs are managed through the e-COST administrative tool. All applicants must have an [e-COST profile](#) and complete the forms in the e-COST system. The following documents must be uploaded:

- ITCC or DCG grant application (based on the e-COST template),
- CV,
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted presentation,
- Letter of acceptance from the organisers, and
- Cover letter explaining how participants will help increase the visibility of Pen@Hydropower.

For more information on how to submit via the e- COST system, please visit the websites [Grant Awarding User Guide](#), or [How-to-Apply Guidelines](#).



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Grants will be disbursed upon completion of the activity and submission and approval of required documentation. Documentation must be submitted within 30 days of the completion of the activity or no later than 15 days after the end of the grant period (10/31/2023). The submitted documentation must include the following:

- a written report according to the template
- the conference programme or book of abstracts/proceedings with the presentation (oral or poster)
- a copy of the presentation (oral or poster) acknowledging Pen@Hydropower as the funding source through the following statement: **“This article/publication is based upon work from COST Action Pen@Hydropower, CA21104, supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)”**, and
- a certificate of participation.

Upon submission, the Grant Awarding Coordinator will approve the submitted materials and grantees will receive notification followed by disbursement.

Participant grants are non-commercial transactions and claims are not subject to the VAT deduction. Taxes normally due or applicable in connection with the disbursement of the grant may not be deducted from amounts payable to participants. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that all amounts received from COST funding comply with their national tax rules and obligations. The force majeure provisions affecting travel in paragraph A1-3.1.6 of Annex 1 apply to financial support for network activities organised through a grant award process. A [user guide](#) for claiming expenses in case of force majeure is available to the participants.

### Recommended conferences

The list of recommended conferences is as follows:

- Hydro 2023, <https://www.hydropower-dams.com/hydro-2023/>
- IHA International Hydropower Association 2023 World Hydropower Congress <https://www.hydropower.org/events/2023-world-hydropower-congress>
- IAHR World Congress, <https://rivers.boku.ac.at/iahr/>
- ECOS 2023 Conference, <https://ecos2023.com>



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- Clean Currents 2023, <https://cleancurrents.org/>
- 9th IAHR Meeting of the WorkGroup on Cavitation and Dynamic Problems in Hydraulic Machinery and Systems, <https://iahrwg2023.upt.ro>
- Sustainability in Hydropower 2023, <https://www.ntnu.edu/sushpconf/sustainable-hydropower-conference>

The applicant may choose a conference from the above list or suggest another.

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