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2nd 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 2nd 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 within COST Action CA21104 Pen@Hydropower as follows:

- ITCCGs are aimed at young researchers, researchers, PhD students and innovators from Inclusive Target Countries (ITC) to attend high quality international conferences / other events and to present their research work, not organised by the Pen@Hydropower,
- DCGs help grantees to participate in high quality conferences, not organised by the Pen@Hydropower Action, aiming to increase the visibility and awareness of Pen@Hydropower.

ITCCGs and DCGs offer reimbursement for travelling to the conference, accommodation and daily subsistence expenses, conference registration fees, cost for printing of the scientific poster, etc. Supported grantees should contribute to the scientific objectives of the Pen@Hydropower. For all PEN@Hydropower participants ITCCGs and DCGs represent an opportunity to present their work on selected research topics that have been highlighted by WGs and the PEN@Hydropower objectives.

In the framework of this second Call, PEN@Hydropower offers ITCCG and DCG positions, supporting financially travel grants to individuals. **The total grant amount must be justified** by the typical travel costs, costs of accommodation and living, conference fees, conference materials etc. and noted down in the application. Grantees need to make their own arrangements for travel, accommodation, etc.

Each application will be assessed independently by the Core Group of the Action. Ranking and



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selection of applications will be performed by considering:

- scientific quality of presented work and degree to which the proposed works presents or contributes to the Action strategic priorities and objectives as defined in the MoU,
- the thematic field and overall quality of the conference,
- cost estimation.

Details on the content and goals of Pen@Hydropower action are available in the [Action's Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#).

Guidelines for applicants

Applicants should carefully consider eligibility criteria. Eligible for ITCCGs are young researchers, researchers, PhD students and innovators from Inclusive Target Countries (ITC) under the age of 40, affiliated with an institution located in an ITC country: 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, where grantee is from, must participate in Pen@Hydropower. Applicants should always check the current [list of ITC countries](#).

Applications should be submitted until 5 October 2023. Decisions will be announced by 7 October 2023.

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

- ITCC or DCG grant application (based on e-COST template),
- Requested budget justified by the costs of accommodation and living, conference fees, conference materials etc. in €,
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted presentation or acceptance letter from the organisers, and
- Cover letter explaining how the participation will contribute to increasing visibility of Pen@Hydropower.

For additional information on the submission via the e- COST system, applicants may visit the [Grant Awarding User Guide](#), or [How-to-Apply Guidelines](#).



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Grants will be paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and the submission and approval of the required documentation. The documentation must be submitted in 30 days from the end of the activity, or at the latest within 15 days from the end date of the Grant Period 31.10.2023. The submitted documentation must include:

- written report according to the template
- programme of the conference or book of abstracts/proceedings showing the presentation (oral or poster)
- copy of the presentation (oral or poster), and
- certificate of attendance.

Once submitted, the Grant Awarding Coordinator will approve the submitted documents, and the grantees will receive a notification, followed by the payment.

Participant grants are non-commercial transactions, and claims are not subject to VAT deduction. Taxes normally due or applicable with respect to the payment of the grant are not to be deducted from amounts payable to participants. The responsibility of each trainee is to ensure that all amounts that they receive from COST funding are compliant with their national tax rules and obligations. Provisions related to Force majeure impacting travel in paragraph A1-3.1.6 of Annex 1 are applicable to financial support for networking activities organised through a Grant Awarding Process. A [user guide](#) for claiming expenses in case of force majeure is available to the participants.

Questions/inquiries

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