

1st Call for Dissemination Conference Grants **for conferences occurring until September 30th, 2025.**

COST Innovative Grant 18234: “**Machine learning from computational materials science data for modelling nanocrystal catalysts**” is financed by COST, an EU-funded intergovernmental framework for European Cooperation in Science and Technology. COST offers an open space for collaboration among scientists across Europe (and beyond) and thereby give impetus to research advancements and innovation.

For more information about COST Innovative Grant - CIG 18234, please visit the Action’s webpage: <https://comp-h2o-split.eu>

COST IG18234 invites applications for Dissemination Conference grants.

Dissemination Conferences consist in an oral presentation by an Action Participant of **the work of the Action** in high-level conferences fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action.

Dissemination Conference:

- Significantly increases visibility of the Action in the research community, can contribute to increasing visibility of the presenter.
- Attract additional participants and stakeholders and disseminate Action results to relevant end-users at high profile Conferences in the field on a topic relevant to the Action.

Dissemination Conference benefit to:

- **Grantee:** receives support for attending and delivering an oral presentation of the Action, their activities, and results at a conference and for developing new contacts and potential future collaborations.
- **COST Action:** receives increased visibility and awareness, new contacts with potential stakeholders.

Applicants for Dissemination Conference Grants can be individuals affiliated to a legal entity in:

- a COST Full/Cooperating Member
- a European RTD
- a NNC (Near Neighbour Country)

Dissemination Conference Grants must be aligned with the general objectives of the COST Innovative Grant 18234, which aims to develop and train machine learning algorithms that are capable of predicting catalytic performance.

Financial support

A **Dissemination Conference Grant** is a fixed financial contribution which takes into consideration the budget request of the applicant and the duration and location of the conference and the actual conference fee.

The maximum amount per **Dissemination Conference Grant** is up to 2,500€ per grant for face-to-face conferences or 500€ for online conferences. Each Dissemination Conference Grant sum will be decided by the Core Group, based on the request of the applicant and the relevant conference duration, location and actual conference fees.

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation¹.

Please note:

- Applicants to Conference Grants shall not apply to different types of **conference grants** in the period.
- Applicants shall not receive different overlapping grants during the same grant period.

Scientific report

The grantee will deliver the approved oral presentation, actively networks with other participants and promotes the COST Innovative Grant to the potential stakeholders.

Once the activity has ended, the grantee will submit the required reports and relevant documentation in e-COST including:

- Report to the Action MC on the outcome of the presentation, 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 oral presentation of the grantee
- Copy of the given oral presentation

The report will be submitted within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end date of the Grant Period, whichever comes first.

¹ Financial support for networking activities organised through a Grant Awarding Process is a grant awarded to individuals, not intended to cover employment costs.

How to apply

Dissemination Conference Grants are for conferences accruing until September 30th 2025.

The applications are to be submitted no later than April 30th, 2024.

1. All applicants must register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/> adding their CV and bank account details to their profile.
2. All applicants must complete and submit their Dissemination Conference Grant application online at: <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants> using dedicated forms available
3. The application shall include:
 - Title of the presentation
 - Conference title, venue and date (until September 30th, 2025).
 - Attendance type (F2F or online)
 - Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by the COST Action;
 - Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers;
 - Budget requested by the applicant.
 - The application form (available at the e-COST website) describing: Alignment with the Action Science Communication plan and Expected impact to the COST Action.

The applications will be then assessed by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and the Core Group, against the perceived contribution that the proposed grant will make in accordance to the scientific objectives outlined in the Innovators Grant Agreement. Preference will be given to researchers that apply for the first time.

Please note that COST can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by Dissemination Conference Grant applicants.

Evaluation results will be communicated to the applicants within three weeks after the application submission.

Upon approval of the application, the Grantee receives a Grant Letter from the Grant Holder stating the approved amount and the conditions for receiving the grant.

COST Action reserves the right for justified reasons to leave the position open, to extend the application period and to consider candidates who have not submitted applications during the application period.

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- ***Deadline for applications to be submitted for this Call: 30.4.2025.***
- ***You can apply any time until April 30th (Notification of application outcome will be sent three weeks after submission)***
- ***For Conference occurring until 30.9.2025.***