

COST Action CA21107

Work Inequalities in Later Life redefined by Digitalisation (DIGI-net)

1st Call for the Dissemination Conference Grants

Grant period no. 2

Applications for Dissemination Conference Grants

occurring between

1st April 2024 and 8th September 2024

The aim of the *COST Action 21107: Work Inequalities in Later Life redefined by Digitalisation (DIGI-net)* is to overcome critical gaps in conceptual innovation on the influence of digitalisation on work inequalities in later life, in order to address the research-policy disconnect and tackle work inequalities in later life redefined by digitalisation. The Action will enhance scientific knowledge by integrating the different disciplines and schools of thought, by developing collaborations with public policy officials, international policy bodies, non-academic professionals, civil society NGOs, trade unions, management of organisations and older workers themselves.

The Action is an innovative participatory, interdisciplinary, and cross-European network. The first area concerns social inequalities in cases where some groups are privileged, and other groups are marginalised. The second knowledge gap concerns organisational age culture in which stereotypes and discrimination are known to strongly shape organisational life for older workers in terms of hiring, training and

retirement. A third largely unexplored central area concerns the complex interplay and connection between digitalisation of work and older workers' health, which is a vital condition for extending working life. A fourth directions envisage policies and practices dealing with digitalisation and who are implemented by national governments as well as by European institutions and organisations. The fifth dimension of the CA21107 is focused on the social, corporate and news media reflecting and propelling stereotypes of older workers and digitalisation.

Purpose of the Dissemination Conference Grant

The Dissemination Conference consists of an oral presentation by an Action Participant of the work at an high level conferences fully organized by a third party (not organized nor co-organized by the COST Action). Dissemination Conference significantly increase 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 CA 21107.

Dissemination Conference 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.

Who can apply?

- Any individual affiliated to a Legal entity according to the [Annotated Rules for COST Actions - COST](#);
- The applicants that have been accepted to present a **paper/oral presentation** and are listed **in the official event/conference program**. The CA21107 contribution must be acknowledged in the contribution;
- Priority will be given to the members of the CA 21107 and with the relevant research interests in the Action topic;
- Previous successful applicants are not precluded from applying, but preference and priority will be given to applicants who have not been awarded a DIGI-net grant before.

Amount of grants

- The grants provide contribution for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee, printing of scientific poster and overall effort for a max of EUR 1000.
- Up to EUR 1 000 per grant is allocated for face-to-face conferences or EUR 500 for virtual conferences.
- The financial support on offer is a contribution to the overall expenses incurred during the Dissemination Conference and may not necessarily cover all of the associated outgoings.
- Dissemination Conference need to be carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period and always within the Action's lifetime, **1st April 2024 and 8th September 2024**.

Note:

- Grantees must make their own arrangements for all health, social, personal security, and pension matters.

Financial issue

- Grants are usually processed only after the Dissemination Conference has taken place and the reporting have been satisfied and approved by the MC Action.
- Dissemination Conference Grants do not necessarily cover all expenses related to undertaking a given mission.
- A Dissemination Conference Grant is a contribution to the overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses of the Grantee.
- The Grant Evaluation Committee should consider and can approve differentiated country rates reflecting the duration and location of the Conference and the actual conference fee.
- The maximum amounts granted for each individual Dissemination Conference will be determined during the evaluation process by the Grant Evaluation Committee. The selection of applicants is based on the scientific scope of the Dissemination Conference which must clearly compliment the overall objectives of the Action and be related to a specific Working Group.

The following funding conditions apply and must be respected:

- For this call, a grantee can be afforded up to a maximum of EUR 1000;
- Dissemination Conference must occur in their entirety within the dates specified in this call.
- For this call, the Management Committee of COST Action CA21107 has allocated the budget for 6 Dissemination Conference Grants.
- The amounts granted for each individual will depend on the length of the stay and will be determined during the evaluation process.

Note:

- Grants are paid by the Grant Holder Institution after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation.
- This amount is subject to availability of funds and approval by the Grant Holder Institution.

Please note that reimbursements will be done in compliance with the COST Annotated Rules. The application follows the steps in e-COST. In case of questions, please contact the Administrative Manager.

The application steps and responsibilities

- The applicant is responsible for organizing the application process.
- All applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in Annex 2 of the COST Annotated Rules.
- All applicants must register for an eCOST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu>
- The application templates for grants can be found on the COST website: www.cost.eu/grants_userguide
- The requested data on the eCOST and are:
 - Title of the presentation
 - Conference title, date (within the active Grant Period, i.e. no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods), URL and country;

- Budget requested;
- Attendance Type (face to face or virtual).
- The applicants must make sure that information about their *bank account* is added to their profile
- The applicant must complete and submit their Dissemination Conference Application form online at: [Apply for new Grant \(cost.eu\)](#) describing:
 - Relevance of the conference topic to the Action and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career.
 - Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or invited presentation;
 - Acceptance (or invitation) letter from the conference organisers.
- The applicants must also submit to the Grant Evaluation Committee before the deadline is expired, the following documents:
 - CV - short format of Europass (see [Home | Europass](#))
 - The budget requested for the Dissemination conference (see budget template – Annex 1);
 - Title of the presentation; conference title; date (within the active Grant Period , i.e.no overlap across two consecutive Grant Periods) and country; attendance type (face to face or virtual).
 - Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or invited presentation;
 - Acceptance letter from the conference organisers.
 - Relevance of the conference topic for this COST Action and grant period and Motivation describing the potential for impact on the applicant's career.

The selection of applicants is based on the following criteria:

- A. Contribution to achievement of the COST Action 21107 MoU objectives and deliverables
- B. The compliance of the conference topic with the COST Action 21107
- C. The gains of the Conference in terms of the new knowledge and new collaborations;
- D. Inclusiveness criteria

When to apply?

The current call is open until **1st March 2024**.

For this first call, the Dissemination Conference may take place within the period: **1st April 2024 and 8th September 2024**.

At the Conference:

Grantee delivers the approved oral presentation, actively networks with other participants, and promotes the COST Action to the potential stakeholders.

After the Conference has taken place

The Grantee has 15 calendar days from the end date of the Conference:

- to send the report and documents to the eCOST and claim the payments;
- to send the report and documents and to the Grant Awarding Coordinator: daniela.soitu@uaic.ro;

The required report/documentation for claiming a Dissemination Conference Grant is:

- Report to the Action MC on the outcome of the presentation contacts made and potential 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 presentation.
- A ppt presentation of results for a CA21107 meeting or webinar;
- A short brief for website and social media.

Payment of the Grant is subject to the scientific report being pre-approved on behalf of the Action's MC by the delegated Grant Evaluation Committee.

Written approval of the scientific report by the aforementioned persons shall be uploaded in eCOST for archiving purposes.

Failure to submit the scientific report and the related documents within 15 days from the end date of the Conference will effectively cancel the Grant.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION:

The MC Action will approve the final report and send the completion notice to the Grant Holder. The Grant Holder will then execute the payment of the grant directly to the grantee.

For additional info, please contact:

Grant awarding Coordinator -Professor Daniela Şoitu. University of Iaşi

Email: daniela.soitu@uaic.ro

Grant Evaluation Committee

It consists of Grant awarding coordinator and the Vice-chair of the Action

Grant awarding Coordinator: Professor Daniela Şoitu. University of Iaşi

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Vice-Chair of CA 21107: Professor Clary Krekula, University of Linnaeus

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Annex 1: Budget Template

Instructions: complete blue cells with numbers

| | Reference | Euro/No | Notes |
|---|------------------|---------|--|
| # of Conference Days | A | | |
| Daily Subsistence (hotel, food, local transport) | B | | as per eCOST daily allowance rates: https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/04/2022_Daily-allowance-table.pdf |
| Total Subsistence | C=AxB | | |
| Long distance travel cost (flight, train, bus, car) | D | | provide details |
| Fees | E | | provide details |
| Other | F | | provide details |
| Total Grant Amount | G=C+D+E+F | | |