



Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference Grants (ITC CG)

How to apply?

Because of the time constraints related to the Early Registration at most conferences (often the time from the acceptance notification is short), NexusLinguarum decided to apply a **two-step application procedure**:

1. Upon submitting the paper, the applicant expresses his/her interest in getting the grant support by filling in a simple web questionnaire, containing all information needed for the ITC CG Manager and Committee to rank his/her prospective application. *The link to the questionnaire is [here](#).*

Note: Preliminary applications submitted via the questionnaire will be kept in a ranked list (with continuous updates), which will only be accessible to the Grant Awarding Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator, the Grant Evaluation Committee, the MC Chair, and the Grant Holder representative.

2. Immediately upon getting the acceptance/rejection notification, the applicant informs the Grant Awarding Coordinator via e-mail about this result - whatever it is (i.e., even if the paper is rejected!).

Then, upon getting the positive acceptance notification, the applicant fills in an official ITC CG application. This is available upon logging into e-COST and clicking on the "ITC Conference Grants" tab. For details see the [User guide](#).

The application is either approved or rejected, within five working days, by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and/or Vice-Coordinator. The decision is based on the following:

- fulfillment of the mandatory requirements (if there is merely a mistake or omission in the filled application, the applicant can correct it and resubmit)
- position of the preliminary application on the ranked list
- availability of budget.

Immediately upon the approval of the application, the applicant (grantee) receives a notification via e-Cost. However, the grant sum is only paid after the event and upon the submission of a report, see below.

How large can an ITC CG grant be?

The awarded grant should be, in any case up to a maximum of

- EUR 2 000 for face-to-face conferences OR
- EUR 500 for virtual conferences

in total to each successful applicant.

Note: The ITC CG is a fixed grant contributing towards the overall expenses and may not necessarily cover all the costs. The exact amount is determined by the Core Group on proposal of the Grant Evaluation Committee, based on the request of the applicant and should reflect the duration and location of the conference.

Criteria used for ranking the applications

Major criteria:

- Relevance of the paper topic to the NexusLinguarum Action goals
- Scientific standing of the conference (top-class international conferences are strongly preferred)
- Importance of the respective track within the conference (main track papers have priority over, e.g., poster/demo/workshop papers)
- Country, gender, WG, and age balance

Minor criteria:

- Whether this would be the first trip of the applicant funded by a CG
- Whether the applicant is the first author of the submission
- Whether the paper is a result of a collaboration of multiple Action partners
- Relevance of the conference as such to the Action goals (however, outreach papers aiming at conferences in neighbor areas are also welcome).

Additional conditions of the grant and duties of the grantee

In order for the grant to be correctly administered, the following conditions must also be satisfied:

- The attendance at the conference must start and end during the same Grant Period. The current Grant Period of NexusLinguarum relevant for ITC CG grants ends at October 31, 2023.
- A report (according to the COST [template](#)) and the required supporting documentation have to be submitted (through e-COST) not later than 30 days after the end of the participation at the conference or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first. For details, see [here](#).

- The presentation and publication must acknowledge the NexusLinguarum Action including the title and grant number; the recommended text is: *"This ... is based upon work from COST Action NexusLinguarum -- European network for Web-centered linguistic data science (CA18209), supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology, <https://www.cost.eu/>)"*
- The presentation and publication must be uploaded in the Zenodo NexusLinguarum community (<https://zenodo.org/communities/nexuslinguarum>)

Contact

For any further information about the submission procedure, please contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator, Penny Labropoulou (penny@athenarc.gr) and/or Vice-Coordinator, Vojtěch Svátek (svatek@vse.cz).