

ADVANCE-TB DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE GRANT CALL For Grant Period 4

ADVANCE-TB COST Action 21164 opens a call for Dissemination Conference (DC) Grants for Grant Period 4 (1st November 2025 - 28th September 2026). Before applying for the Grant please see [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#) that govern all activities of COST Actions.

A. PURPOSE OF DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE GRANT

A Dissemination Conference grant funds an **oral presentation** by an CA21164 Participant regarding the work of the Action in a high-level conference fully organized by a third party, i.e. not organized nor co-organized by ADVANCE-TB.

The main purpose is to significantly increase the visibility of the ADVANCE-TB COST Action in the research community, develop new contacts and potential future collaborations, and disseminate Action results (oral presentation) at high profile Conferences in the field of the ADVANCE-TB COST Action. At the individual level, it can contribute to increasing the visibility of the presenter.

B. IMPORTANT DATES

The ADVANCE-TB Dissemination Conference Grant Call will be receiving applications according to the following timetable:

	1 st Round	2 nd Round	3 rd Round
Open Application Round	21 st Nov 2025	15 th Feb 2026	1 st May 2026
Deadline for submitting application	31 st Dec 2025	1 st Mar 2026	15 th May 2026
Notification of decision applicants until	16 th January 2026	20 th March 2026	5 th June 2026
Start of DC	After approval notification and to be completed before 15 th September 2026*		

* Please note that all Conferences should be completed before **15th September 2026**.

C. DISSEMINATION CONFERENCE ELIGIBILITY RULES

Call applicants should be:

- ✓ Action Member of the ADVANCE-TB COST Action 21164
- ✓ ADVANCE-TB Member with a primary affiliation to a legal entity located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country, a COST Near Neighbor Country, or a European RTD Organization. Please see the [Country Organization Table](#) for details.
- ✓ The applicant and/or home research group might have previous experience in projects related to the Action focused on tuberculosis, non-tuberculous mycobacteria infections or any other related aspects.
- ✓ First-time GP applicants will be prioritized.
- ✗ Conference proposals submitted out to the timetable will be automatically discarded.

D. HOW TO APPLY

Eligible applicants shall follow these steps, according to the corresponding timetable:

1. Obtain an **Invitation or Acceptance Letter** from the **Conference Organizers**
2. Download and complete all the fields of the Dissemination Conference grant application template, available here:
https://www.cost.eu/DisseminationConference_GrantApplication
3. Complete the Dissemination Conference application process online at
<https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>
 - Select the Action of interest (CA21164)
 - Select **Apply for New Grant**
 - Select **Dissemination Conference**
 - Fill in the corresponding sections directly on the platform
 - Add the **supporting documents**:
 - i. Dissemination Conference application form completed (step 2)
 - ii. CV (including a list of academic publications - if applicable)
 - iii. Motivation letter including benefit to the development of the ADVANCE-TB COST Action and the clear link with the Advance TB objectives (1.000-3.000 words)
 - iv. Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by ADVANCE-TB COST Action
 - v. Acceptance or Invitation letter from the conference organizers
 - vi. Budget requested (Please see Section E - Financial Support)
 - Click on **Submit application**

The eligible applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail for the successful reception of their application from the e-COST platform.

E. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support for networking activities organized through a Grant Awarding Process is a grant awarded to individuals, not intended to cover employment costs. The scope will be to contribute to (not cover all) travel, accommodation, subsistence expenses, registration fees, and overall effort.

During the grant submission, the candidate will prepare a justification of the requested amount by filling in the **Estimated Budget Plan template** (found in ANNEX 1) and submit it with the application. The budget justification should include costs of travel, transportation, accommodation, meals and others.

The maximum amount allowed according to the type of attendance at the Conference is as follows:

- Up to €1,000 per grant for face-to-face conferences
- Up to €500 per grant for online conferences

The selected applicants should wait for the official invitation from the Grant Holder before booking any travel arrangements and paying conference fees.

Please note that applicants cannot apply for different conference grants for attending the same event. And if the applicant is successful in obtaining the grant, they cannot apply for another type of grant for the same dates that they are receiving COST funding.

F. EVALUATION PROCEDURE AND SELECTION OF APPLICANTS

The applications will be evaluated within 15 working days and according to the above timetable in Section B and the results will be communicated to the applicants through the e-COST.

The system of evaluation assigns points to each item based on the criteria defined on a 0-100-point scale.

Grant Awarding Coordinator is responsible for the coordination process and final approval of grants.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA (up 100 points)

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	POINTS
1	Quality and Scientific Excellence of the Conference	25
2	Keynote presentation	15
3	Oral presentation	10
4	Impact on the career of the applicant	15
5	CV of the applicant	20
6	Relevance of the Conference to the objectives of ADVANCE-TB	15

Please make sure to provide the required information for each of the evaluated items.

TOTAL POINT RATE	EVALUATION DECISION
0 – 50	Low recommendation application
51 - 80	Medium recommendation application
81 - 100	High recommendation application

In case the Grant Awarding Coordinator and the Grant Evaluation Committee (if appointed), detect that requested documents are missing and/or need additional information during the evaluation process, the applicant will be contacted and missing details will be requested. In order to include missing files, the application will be rejected and afterwards, the applicant will be able to edit the application and re-submit with the corresponding documentation. This process can modify the date of notification of the final decision.

G. REPORTING AND REIMBURSEMENT

Your report is due within 30 days from the end date of the activity, or within 15 days from the end date of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first. The grantee must submit the required report and relevant documentation in e-COST. The process is as following:

1. Download and complete all the fields of the Dissemination Conference Report template, available here:
→ https://www.cost.eu/DisseminationConference_Report
2. Upload on e-COST:

- Dissemination Conference Report template completed
- Acceptance or Invitation letter from the conference organizers
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral presentation focused on promoting the scientific achievements and activities being performed by ADVANCE-TB COST Action
- Certificate of attendance
- The program of the conference or book of abstracts/proceedings indicating the oral presentation of the grantee
- Copy of the oral presentation given at the conference

3. Send the Grant Holder Manager by email a copy of your ID Card or Passport on advance_tb@igtp.cat

In addition to the scientific report, the grantee will be put in contact with WG4 Leader and Co-Leader for dissemination purposes. Please note that Grants funded by ADVANCE-TB will be posted on the official website and social media.

In addition to the scientific report, the grantee is expected to prepare a communication write-up aimed at a larger audience. This will be published on the ADVANCE-TB website. For further information the grantee may contact the WG4 Leader and co-Leader.

Payment of the Grant is subject to the Dissemination Conference report being approved by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and the Grant Evaluation Committee, if appointed.

The Grant Holder Institution will proceed with the final payment once the activity is completed and all required reports and documentation are approved.

More information can be found in the [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#) and [Funding Documents & Guidelines](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information (advance_tb@igtp.cat).

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ANNEX 1: Estimated Budget Plan

The applicant is requested to fill in the below table to justify the requested budget amount for the Grant.

	Euro €
Registration Fee	
Travel Costs	
Accommodation and Meals	
TOTAL	