



A European Network to Leverage the Multi-Age Workforce (LeverAge)

COST Action CA22120: GP 2 General Call

Dissemination conference grant

Europe faces one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century – an aging, age-diverse workforce. In response many projects, including several other COST Actions, addressed aspects of work and/or aging. However, so far no Action has yet tackled the essential psychological and managerial aspect of work and aging. The LeverAge COST Action aims to expand science and practice on work and organizational practices for an age-diverse workforce, successful aging at work for workers of different demographics, knowledge transfer between generations, the integration of age-diverse workers at work, aging and technology at work, and late-careers and retirement.

The dissemination conference grant aims to support an Action participant for attending and delivering a presentation that advances the goals of the Action, their activities, and/or results at a conference, thereby increasing visibility and awareness for the Action and creating new contacts with potential stakeholders.

For more detail on Dissemination conference grants, please see [page 97 of the Annotated Rules](#).

What kind of expenses are covered?

For the current grant period (1.11.2024 to 31.10.2025), COST Action LeverAge will award up to EUR 2000 per grant. The grant provides a contribution for registration fee, printing of a scientific poster (if relevant), travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses. Funding is subject to budget availability.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be engaged in an official research program as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow or can be employed by, or affiliated to, an Institution or legal entity, which has within its remit a clear association with performing research, located in any [COST Full or Cooperating Member](#) or [Near Neighbor Country](#), regardless of age. The conference can be held in any part of the world and must not be (co)organized by the COST Action.

When to apply?

Applications for GP2 may be sent in anytime before October 15, 2025. Applications will be collected for processing on the following dates: January 31, March 31, May 30, and July 31. Additional collection dates will be provided thereafter if there are funds remaining.

How to apply?

Applications should be submitted via the e-COST website.

To create an e-COST account and apply, you must [register](#) here.

You may then apply [here](#).

The application consists of:

- Project title
- Conference date and country (max. end date 31.10.2025)
- A detailed budget table, based on [country daily allowance rates](#). Please note that only the following budget items are eligible: long-distance (101+ km) travel, travel insurance, visa costs (if any), country daily allowance [based on COST daily allowance calculations](#), and conference participation or presentation-associated costs. No other types of expenses will be reimbursed.
- Relevance of the conference topic to the COST Action (max. 500 words)
- Motivation describing the potential impact for the applicant's career (max. 500 words)
- Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation
- Acceptance letter from the conference organizers
- Certificate of attendance
- CV of the applicant

Grant awarding criteria

All incoming grants will be evaluated by the grant awarding committee (consisting of the grant awarding officer and three further members of the Action's core group) based on the following criteria:

1. The applicant fulfills the eligibility criteria (see above)
2. The conference contribution addresses an essential psychological or managerial aspect of work and aging
3. No more than one conference grant by a single applicant per grant period
4. In line with the COST mission of enabling cross-border collaboration, the Action will only grant awards to fund participation in international conferences
5. Geographic diversity, YRI status, and gender balance will be taken into account
6. In case of conflicts of interest, for example if a grant evaluation committee member is also a grant applicant for a given call, other member(s) of the Action leadership with no conflict of interest will step in as replacement(s) to ensure no conflict of interest in the grant awarding process

Reporting and claiming:

After the conference has occurred, the applicant must submit a report (500 words max.) containing the outcome of the presentation, in terms of the applicant's visibility or establishment of new contacts for future collaborations. The grantee must also submit the certificate of attendance, the program of the conference or the book of abstracts of the conference (indicating the presentation of the grantee), and a copy of the given presentation (oral or poster). The report and relevant documentation must be uploaded to e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity. The grants are paid after the completion of the activity and approval of the report.