

COST Action CA23138 – Port City Territories in Action: A Collaborative Laboratory for Inclusive Energy Transition (PACT)

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AWARDS

1. Funding opportunities

The COST Action CA23138 – Port City Territories in Action: A Collaborative Laboratory for Inclusive Energy Transition (PACT) announces the opening of an Open Call for Applications for activities funded through a grant awarding process within the framework of the COST Action and based on the Action's Grant Awarding Strategy.

During this application period, we invite applications for the following types of grant awards:

- **Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM)**
- **ITC Conferences**
- **Dissemination Conferences**
- **YRI Conference grants**

Please read the information below carefully and consult the evaluation criteria to determine eligibility. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

2. Application procedure

Time Period of Activities and Application Periods

Applications must be submitted between **Saturday, 28 March 2026** and **Saturday, 25 April 2026 at 23:59 CET** for STSMs, ITC conference grants, Dissemination conference grants and YRI conference grants occurring between **3 May and 20 September 2026**.

The Grant Awarding Committee will evaluate applications during a period of one week, starting from **26 April 2026** until **3 May 2026** and notify all the applicants of the evaluation results within this period.

Submission of the application

The applicant completes the grant application form in e-COST (on the “Grant applications” tab or <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/add>) and uploads any additional documents that are required.

For details on the application procedure, the documentation required for application and the grant awarding criteria, please refer to the **PACT Grant Awarding Strategy** which can be [accessed on the PACT Website](#).

Evaluation procedure

After the deadline set by the Open Call for Applications, the submitted applications will be subject to an initial screening by the Grant Awarding Coordinators, to verify that:

- the application concerns a type of grant award that is included in the call
- the application is complete, and all required documents are submitted
- the application is submitted within the deadline set by an Open Call for Applications
- the time period of the event falls within the time period specified in the call for applications

Applications that fail to meet these screening criteria will be rejected.

Applications that pass the initial screening will be evaluated by the PACT Action’s Grant Awarding Committee (GAC) in accordance with the criteria set by the Action’s Management Committee in the Grant Awarding Strategy and this Open Call. Each member of the GAC must cast a vote on every application. An application is approved if a majority of GAC members vote in favour.

GAC members submit their votes in written form within the deadline specified in the Open Call for Applications to the Grant Awarding Coordinators. The two Grant Awarding Coordinators collect the votes and inform the applicant of the final decision via the e-COST platform by either accepting or rejecting the application.

During the current Grant Agreement Period (Grant Agreement Period 2, 01/11/2025 to 31/10/2026), the Grant Awarding Committee is composed of the Action Participants fulfilling the following Leadership Positions:

1. Action Chair
2. Action Vice-Chair
3. Science Communication Coordinator
4. Working Group 1 Leader
5. Working Group 2 Leader

In cases where an application is submitted by a GAC member, or where a Working Group (WG) Leader serves as the applicant's academic mentor, supervisor or head of department, the concerned evaluator will be recused from the decision-making process. The Grant Awarding Coordinators will appoint an alternative evaluator from another Working Group to ensure impartiality.

After the MC has approved the grant awards, applicants are notified of the decision through e-COST.

→ For COST documents and Guidelines please refer to this link:

<https://www.cost.eu/funding/documents-guidelines/>

For any further information on the application procedure and grant awarding criteria please contact:

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