

1st Call for Dissemination and Communication Grants (DCG) 24 June 2024

TransformERS aims to inform research, policy, and practice for transformations that deliver justice in a changing global context by bringing together and positioning research relevant to societal transformation.

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01: TransformERS & DC grants

This is the 1st Call for applications for Dissemination & Communication Grants (DCG) funded by the COST Action CA22156 ["Transformations international Experience and Research network for Sustainable futures \(TransformERS\)"](#).

These calls for applications aim at:

- a) supporting grantees to participate in high-level conferences, not organized by the Action, and
- b) increase the visibility and awareness of TransformERS.

DC Grants offer reimbursement for travel, accommodation, and subsistence expenses, registration fees, the printing of scientific posters, and overall effort.

The maximum grant amount is **1,000€** per grantee for face-to-face conferences. Each application will be assessed independently by the Grant Evaluation Committee of the Action, and an evaluation score will be given considering:

- (i) the background of the conference, the sessions, and the scientific issues that will be addressed in relation to the Action's strategic priorities and objectives as defined in [the Action's Memorandum of Understanding \(MoU\)](#), and
- (ii) the degree to which the proposed paper/poster/panel complements or contributes to the Action strategic priorities and objectives as defined in the MoU.

02: Guidelines for applicants

Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

- grantees affiliated with an institution located in a country participating in the TransformERS network.
- The list of recommended events is presented below, however, applicants are free to find other relevant events that:
 - ✓ Serve COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy
 - ✓ Can contribute to increasing the visibility of TransformERS
 - ✓ Are not organised by TransformERS

How to apply for a grant?

- Applications for grants are managed through the e-COST management tool. All applicants must have an [e-COST profile](#).
- Fill in the form in the [e-COST system](#).
- Upload supporting documentation:
 - ✓ DCG Conference grant application (based on e-COST template)
 - ✓ Copy of the abstract of the accepted oral or poster presentation, if applicable
 - ✓ Acceptance letter from the conference organisers
 - ✓ Cover letter justifying how the conference participation will contribute to increasing the visibility of TransformERS
- For additional information on the submission via the e-COST system, applicants may visit the [Grant Awarding User Guide](#).

The DCG Conference Grants of this 1st Call will be available within the 1st Grant Period of the Action, i.e., 31 October 2024. TransformERS offers **2 face-to-face DC grants**. Grantees need to make their own arrangements for travel, accommodation, etc.

Applications should be submitted by **08 July 2024**. Decisions will be announced by **15 July 2024**.

03: Recommended events

- [Society for Social Studies of Science \(EASST-4S\) conference 2024: Making and doing Transformations. July 16-19 Amsterdam](#)
- [Wageningen Centre of Sustainability Governance conference 2024: Governing sustainability transformations. October 16-17, Wageningen](#)
- [Nature Based Governance: Co-evolutionary and Transformative Perspectives on the Biodiversity and Climate Crises. September 24-26, Beskydy \(CZ\)](#)
- [IOER Conference 2024: Space and Transformation: Living in Harmony with Nature. 25-27 September, Dresden](#)

04: Reporting and payments

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of the required report/documentation.

The deadline to submit the report is 30 days from the end of the activity, within 15 days from the end date of the Grant Period.

The report must include:

- Report following the template
- Certificate of attendance
- Programme of the conference or book of abstracts/proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster)
- Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster)

If the Grant Awarding Coordinator approves the report, the grantees will receive a notification that the grant can be offered, followed by the payment.

Participant grants are non-commercial transactions, therefore, claims as such are not subject to VAT deduction. Taxes normally due or applicable with respect to the payment of the grant are not to be deducted from amounts payable to participants. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that all amounts that they receive from COST funding are compliant with their national tax rules and obligations. Provisions related to Force majeure impacting travel in paragraph [A1-3.1.6 of Annex 1](#) are applicable to financial support for networking activities organised through a Grant Awarding Process. [A user guide for claiming expenses in case of force majeure is available to the participants.](#)

05: Useful links & documents

- [DCG Application form](#)
- [TransformERS official webpage](#)
- [TransformERS COST page and documents](#)
- [Official COST guidelines](#)

06: Questions/inquiries

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