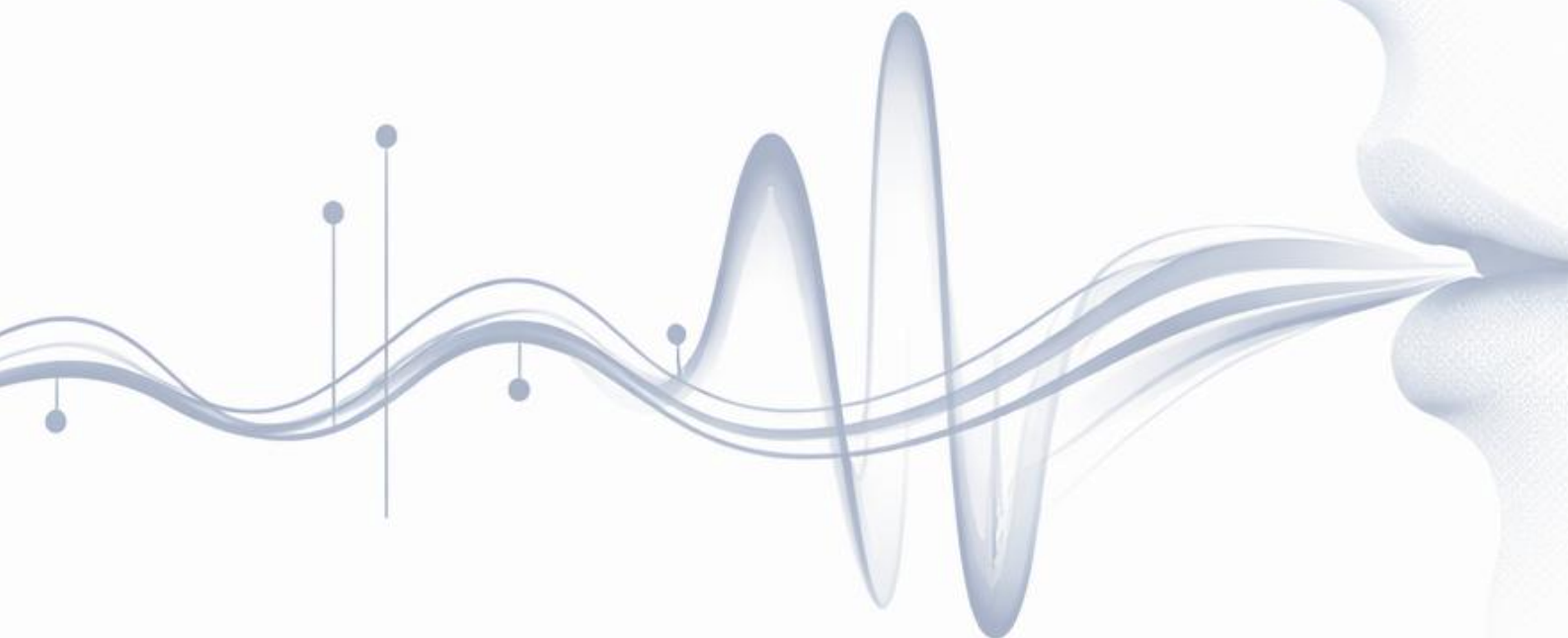


eVoiceNet

European Network for Vocal Biomarkers in Healthcare

**Call for Applications for Dissemination
Conference grants**



The first Call for eVoiceNet Dissemination Conference grants will open from 15th of April, until the 30th of September 2026.

What are Dissemination Conference grants?

The Dissemination Conference Grant (DCG) supports COST Action participants in presenting the work of the Action at high-level conferences organised by third parties (i.e. **not organised or co-organised by the COST Action**).

The grant funds an oral presentation delivered by an Action participant, focusing on results and activities developed within CA24128 eVoiceNet.

Eligible conferences may be held anywhere worldwide and can take place either in person or online. This funding scheme contributes to increasing the visibility and impact of the Action within the scientific community.

Objectives of the Dissemination Conference Grant:

- To significantly increase the visibility of CA24128 eVoiceNet in the research community
- To disseminate the results of the Action to relevant stakeholders and end-users
- To attract new participants and foster collaborations
- To enhance the visibility of the presenter as a representative of the Action

Who can apply?

Applicants must be affiliated with an institution located in a COST Full Member, Cooperating Member, or Near Neighbour Country, as defined in the COST Country and Organisations Table (<https://www.cost.eu/funding/documents-guidelines>).

All presented work must explicitly acknowledge the support of CA24128 eVoiceNet, in accordance with COST visual identity guidelines. The recommended acknowledgment is:

"This article/publication/contribution is based upon work from COST Action CA24128 European Network to Advance the Development and Implementation of Vocal

Biomarkers (eVoiceNet), supported by COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology). www.cost.eu"

Both the conference participation and the grant application must take place within the same Grant Period.

Please note that the grant is reimbursed only after the conference has taken place. Applicants are therefore expected to secure prior financial support (e.g., from their home institution). Reimbursement may be made to either a personal or an institutional account, provided that prior financial support has been arranged.

Scientific topics:

The content of the presentation must be clearly aligned with the objectives of CA24128 eVoiceNet and fit within the scope of one or more Working Groups:

- WG1: Data and methodology standardization to develop and validate vocal biomarkers
- WG2: Repository of open-source data and software resources for vocal biomarkers
- WG3: Ethical, data protection and privacy issues of vocal biomarkers
- WG4: Translational research and go to market strategies
- WG5: Dissemination

Financial support:

The eVoiceNet Dissemination Conference Grant provides a financial contribution to help cover your travel, accommodation, meals, and registration fees, as well as the effort required for reporting.

Please keep in mind that this grant is a contribution and may not cover all your expenses. For this Action, funding is strictly reserved for face-to-face participation, with a maximum grant amount of **EUR 1200**.

How to apply?

Starting from 15/04/2026, applications must be submitted via the dedicated COST online platform: <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/>.

Applicants are required to complete and upload the following documents:

- The COST Dissemination Conference Grant application form, accessible after registration on the e-COST system <https://e-services.cost.eu/>
- The title of the presentation
- Conference details, including name, dates (within the active Grant Period), and location
- A justification of the requested budget
- The acceptance letter from the conference organisers, if available. If not yet received, a screenshot of the conference website indicating the expected notification date for abstract acceptance may be provided. The acceptance letter will, however, be required before the grant can be formally awarded
- A copy of the abstract
- The applicant's CV, uploaded to their e-COST profile
- Involvement in eVoiceNet: Under the document type "Other," provide a description of your involvement and contributions to eVoiceNet thus far. Explain how your participation in and contribution to the selected conference would benefit the Action by defining the relevant Working Group(s) and the specific deliverable(s) addressed in the contribution.

All materials must be submitted through the e-COST platform.

Evaluation of applications

The assessment of Dissemination Conference Grant applications is carried out under the responsibility of the Grant Awarding Coordinator, with support from the Action Chair and Vice-Chair, and, where appropriate, input from the Working Group Leaders.

Applications are assessed using the following point-based criteria:

1. Relevance and Contribution to CA24128 eVoiceNet (max. 5 points)

- Alignment of the presentation with the objectives and priorities of the Action.
- Contribution to dissemination of Action results and strengthening the visibility of CA24128 eVoiceNet.
- Applications scoring 0–2 points will be automatically excluded.

2. Expected Impact on Visibility and Outreach (max. 5 points)

- Potential of the presentation to increase the Action's visibility within the scientific community.
- Ability to attract new participants and foster collaborations.
- Expected benefits for the presenter as a representative of the Action.

3. Excellence of Applicant (max. 3 points)

- Motivation and academic/professional background.
- Experience and expertise relevant to the Action and the topic of the presentation.

4. Priorities (1 point each)

- Applicant is an Action participant or member of a Working Group.
- Applicant actively uses a minority language in their work (evidence must be provided).

Additional Considerations

- Ensuring geographical diversity across COST Member, Cooperating, and Near Neighbour Countries.
- Promoting gender balance.
- Equitable distribution of grants across different Working Groups.

Successful applicants will be notified by the Grant Holder via email and will receive an official Grant Letter confirming approval of their application, along with details of the awarded funding and a Payment Request form, which should be completed after

submission and approval of the final report. Applicants must confirm acceptance by signing and returning the Grant Letter. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed directly by the Grant Awarding Coordinator via email.

After completion of the conference:

The grantee must submit a report no later than 30 days after the conference or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever occurs first. The report should be addressed to the Home Institution, Action Chair, Vice-Chair, and Grant Awarding Coordinator.

The report should include:

- A summary of the presentation, highlighting the visibility gained and any new contacts established for potential collaborations
- The certificate of attendance
- The conference programme or abstract book/proceedings confirming the grantee's presentation
- A copy of the presentation delivered at the conference

The report will be reviewed and validated by the Action Chair and the Grant Awarding Coordinator. Failure to submit the report within the specified timeframe will result in cancellation of the grant. Once the report is approved and the payment request processed, the grant will be transferred directly to the grantee via bank transfer.

Grantees may also be invited to present the outcomes of their participation at internal CA24128 eVoiceNet meetings or events (e.g., Management Committee or Working Group meetings). These results may additionally be used for the Action's communication and dissemination activities.

Important dates:


- There is no specific date for the submission of applications; applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis, within the timeframe of Grand Period 1.
- Applications will be evaluated and applicants will be notified within one month after their submissions.

- The Conference has to take place before 30 September 2026.
- Deadline for submission of reports: within 30 days after the end of the conference, but not later than 15 October 2026.
- Payment of grant: within 30 days from the submission of the report.

Contact:

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Links:

- [**Action CA24128 - COST**](#)
- [**Annotated Rules for COST Actions**](#)
- [**Grant Awarding user guide**](#)
- [**COST Action – countries and organizations**](#)
- [**COST visual identity**](#)