

Multidisciplinary consortium to accelerate plant cell wall knowledge (PlantWallK) - CA24116

1st Call for Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) Conference Grants

Call opens: 2026-03-01

Deadline: 2026-08-01

Period to attend a conference: 2026-04-01– 2026-08-31

Report deadline: within 30 days after the end of the conference

1. Purpose

PlantWallK supports Young Researchers and Innovators (under 40 years of age) to attend international high-level conferences and present their own work within the scope of the Action through an oral or poster presentation. The grant also supports networking and future collaboration.

2. Who can apply

The Grant Applicant must be Young Researcher and Innovator (**under the age of 40**) participant in PlantWallK COST Action with primary affiliation to a legal entity located in a [COST Full or Cooperating Member country](#), or in a [Near Neighbour Country](#).

3. Eligibility and financial conditions

Applications must meet all the following requirements to be considered:

- The applicant must have an accepted **oral or poster presentation** directly related to PlantWallK scientific aims.
- The presentation topic must align with PlantWallK priorities such as cell wall structure, biomechanics, modelling, high resolution imaging, or advanced data analysis.
- The conference must take place in a different country from the applicant's affiliation.
- The event must occur within the active Grant Period.
- European conferences are preferred, though non-European ones may be considered.
- Conferences must be attended in person.
- The grant is a financial contribution (up to 2000 EUR) towards travel, accommodation, subsistence, conference registration fees, and the overall effort linked to participation and reporting. No invoices are required.
- Grants are reimbursed after participation and approval of the mandatory report that must be submitted within 30 days after the conference.

4. How to Apply

Applications must be submitted **via the e-COST platform** under Grant Applications.

The following documents must be submitted through e-COST:

- Completed [YRICG application form](#)
- Acceptance letter from conference organizers

- Copy of the abstract of accepted oral or poster presentation
- PhD students should include a supervisor support letter

5. Evaluation Criteria

Applications that meet eligibility criteria will be assessed by three members of the Action **Grant Awarding Committee (GAC)**. This assessment considers the relevance of the presentation to PlantWallK objectives, quality of the Abstract, impact of the Conference, potential to disseminate the Action in relevant scientific communities. Evaluation decisions are typically communicated **within 4 weeks** of submission.

6. Reporting Requirements

Within **30 days** after the conference, grantees must submit at [e-COST platform](#) a **report** describing the presentation, outcomes, contacts, and collaboration potential ([template for YRICG report](#)) and upload the following documents:

- Certificate of conference attendance issued by the conference organiser.
- The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the oral presentation of the grantee
- Copy of the presented slides (with Action and COST logo).

Failure to submit on time results in **automatic cancellation** of the grant.

Each publication produced with support of a STSM must acknowledge the support of the COST Action and use the COST and PlantWallK logos (on slides and posters).

Acknowledgement text:

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