# CA23150 - pan-EUROpean BIoGeodynamics network (EUROBIG)

## 2026/D Call for Young Researcher and Innovator Conference (YRIC)

## Important Dates

**Call opens: 16th Aug 2026**

**Call closes: 21st Aug 2026**

**Notification of Results: within 2 weeks of application submission**

**This Call is for participation in the "Conference on Tectonic and Geomorphic Connections to Biodiversity" - https://geobiodiversity.ethz.ch/conference.html**

## About ITC CG

YRIC Conference Grants (up to €2,000 for face-to-face conferences) are for **young researchers and innovators** to attend a highlevel conference and present their work as an **oral or poster presentation**. The work presented must be relevant to the Action's scientific objectives. The grant can provide a contribution to travel, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fees, and other relevant costs.

## About Cost Action CA23150 – EUROBIG

Growing evidence indicates that the Earth's interior and surface evolution is intrinsically interrelated with the evolution of its atmosphere, oceans, landscape and life. This lays down principal foundations of Biogeodynamics – an emerging scientific field that explores the interface of geodynamics, geomorphology, climate, ocean and atmosphere sciences, geobiology and ecology with special focus on how the evolution of the planetary interiors, surface, atmosphere, ocean, climate, and life is intrinsically interrelated. Despite its strong scientific and educational potential, Biogeodynamics has not been yet fully established as a new discipline and the progress in this direction in term of both science and education is relatively slow. An intrinsically cross-disciplinary character of Biogeodynamics creates organisational, educational and scientific challenges due to the necessity of truly collaborative research and education to efficiently combine scientific knowledge, research tools and training approaches from the very different research fields (such as Earth Sciences, Biology, Ecology, Climate Sciences, Planetology), which traditionally evolved independently from each other. To address the identified challenges, EUROBIG establishes the first pan-European Biogeodynamics network. This will accelerate the development of Biogeodynamics as a discipline in Europe and worldwide by supporting and linking the relevant communities, facilitating interactions to address the important scientific, methodological, educational and networking challenges of this new field. Conducting this COST Action on a pan-European level will allow to establish and maintain European leadership in this new crucial scientific field with great future cross-disciplinary research, educational and societal potential. More information about Cost Action EUROBIG: https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA23150/

## Eligibility Rules

In order to apply for an YRIC Conference Grant, the following criteria must be fulfilled:

• The Applicant must be members of EUROBIG COST Action. If not already the case, please apply through the e-COST platform;
• The Applicant must be a young researcher or innovator, i.e. **under the age of 40**
• The Application must be submitted before the deadline of a YRIC Conference Grant call;
• Summer schools cannot be granted;
• Applicants are also requested to consult the Annotated Rules for COST Actions.

## Financial Rules

• The maximum grant is €2,000 for face-to face conferences;
• The YRIC Conference grant can be used to fund/refund costs for travelling, accommodation and subsistence expenses, registration fee and other relevant costs.
• Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the end of the Conference and approval of all required report/documentation;
• Note: The Core Group can decide to approve the grant with a lower amount than requested.

## Application instructions

The applicant must use the e-COST management tool to register the YRIC Conference grant application request. In addition to the information entered at the website, the applicants should also upload the following documents:

• Application form (template available on e-COST);

• All documents are available here: https://www.cost.eu/funding/documents-guidelines/

• Copy of the abstract of the oral or poster presentation;

• Letter of recommendation from your supervisor at your institution;

• Requested budget in € - (upload a document clarifying the estimate of the expected expenses).
For additional information on the submission via the e-COST system, applicants may visit the Grant Awarding User Guide

- Using the e-COST site, go to COST Actions, on the left panel.
- Go to Grant Applications, again, on the left panel.
- Click on the "+ Apply for grant" button located on the bottom right.
- Select Young Researcher and Innovator Conference
- Select the COST Action **CA23150 (EUROBIG)**

## Evaluation of applications

Each proposal will be assessed independently by the Grant committee of the Action, and an evaluation score will be given considering:

• the clarity of the proposal;
• relevance to the aims and objectives of EUROBIG;
• scientific quality of the presentation/poster;
• suitability of the budget requested.

## After the YRIC conference

Within 30 days from the end date of the Conference, the grantee must submit via e-COST: • Report on the outcomes of a presentation and participation in a ITC Conference; • The certificate of attendance; • The programme of the conference or book of abstracts / proceedings indicating the presentation (oral or poster) of the grantee; • Copy of the given presentation (oral or poster); Note: Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days from the end date of the Conference will cancel the Grant

**Presented poster and presentations should include: - COST Action and Biogeodynamics logos and acknowledge the grant.**

We look forward to receiving your application and are here to help with any questions you have.

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