We are happy to make 3500€ from the budget of our COST action called TRANSPAN.

We will offer 4 ITC conference grants and 3 dissemination conference grants, for 500€ each.

The ITC conference grants are given to young researchers affiliated with an institution in an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC). This is the list of ITCs: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey.

Dissemination conference grants can be given to any researcher.

We decided that we will offer those grants according to criteria set by ourselves, which are different from those decided by EPC for the regular travel grants:

- Applicants must be members of at least one working group (WG) of our COST action. WG applications can be submitted here: <u>https://e-services.cost.eu/action/CA21116/working-groups/apply</u>

- Applicants must submit an abstract to the EPC 2023 meeting

- Applicants must be affiliated with an institution in an ITC for the ITC conference grants

Applications will be evaluated by the core group of our COST action on these criteria:

- Applicant CV with motivation statement about commitment to pancreatic cancer research: up to 20 points

- If they are currently students (MSc/PhD/MD): 5 extra points

- In order to be as inclusive as possible, we will prioritize ensuring that as many countries and institutions as possible are represented.

Applications for the travel grants can be submitted to me (<u>f.canzian@dkfz.de</u>). The application will consist of:

- Applicant CV with motivation statement about commitment to pancreatic cancer research (max 2 pages)

- Indication of which WG(s) of our COST action the applicant is member of

- Indication of whether the application is for an ITC conference grants or for a dissemination conference grant

- Abstract submitted to EPC

Of course we'll make sure that people get either an EPC travel grant or one of ours, not both.