

Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants

Grant applicants are Action Members (registration at <https://e-services.cost.eu/action/CA20125/working-groups/apply> is needed) with a primary affiliation to a legal entity located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member Country*, a COST Near Neighbour Country** or a European RTD Organisation.

Each application will be assessed independently by the Grant Awarding Committee.

Virtual Mobility consists of collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action in order to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, disseminate the Action results etc. It is a flexible tool to implement virtual activities inside the network in order to achieve the objectives of the Action. For examples of possible VM activities, please see the [Annotated Rules](#) for COST Actions.

The maximum grant per VM is EUR 1500. The amount is decided by the Grant Awarding Committee on behalf of the Action MC according to the duration, scope and complexity of the task.

The application process is as follows:

Before the VM:

- The interested participant applies via the e-COST system.
- Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the rules detailed in [Annotated rules for COST Actions, ANNEX 2](#)
- The applicants encode the grant application form in e-COST and upload the VM grant application (based on e-COST template). The application form shall indicate the title, general overview of the proposed activities, start and end date of the VM (within active grant period); main goals, description of the work; expected outcomes, contribution to the Action MoU objectives and requested budget.
- We strongly encourage applicants to contact respective working group leaders prior to submitting their application to ensure that the proposed outcome of their VM agrees with the objectives of this action and working group topics.
- In order to facilitate the evaluation process, we kindly ask applicants to clearly state in which workgroup(s) their VM will contribute

The application will then be assessed by the formally delegated Grant Awarding Coordinator and Committee on behalf of the Action MC. After the evaluation, the applicant will be formally notified of the outcome of their VM application by the Grant Awarding Coordinator.

After the VM:

- Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the report on the main achievements and planned future activities with other relevant documentation in e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.
- Grant Awarding Coordinator will collect reports submitted by individual grantees and coordinate approval and confirmation or rejection of the report
- Grant Awarding Committee: approves/rejects report;

The report should clearly state the purpose of the VM, description of the work carried out, description of the results and main achievements obtained during the STSM, planned future collaborations and the impact of conducted VM for personal career development. Failure in submitting the scientific report within the set timeframe may cancel the Grant.

Receiving payment of the grant:

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

* Inclusive Target Countries are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.

** Near Neighbour Countries are Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Russia, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine.