

## **CALL for Applications for Virtual Mobility Grants**

GP May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

4 grants – each up to 1.500,00 Eur

Deadline for Application: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants aim at promoting virtual collaboration as a complement to traditional ways of collaboration within the research and innovation of COST Action Who Cares in Europe?. This mechanism intends to stimulate virtual collaboration among the members.

### **The following eligibility criteria apply:**

- Applicant(s) are Who Cares in Europe? COST Action participants with a primary affiliation to an institution located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country or MC Observers from a COST Near Neighbour Country (NNC).
- The applicant(s) shall inform the MC about the aim of the VM Grant and how its outcomes will generate benefits to COST Action Who Cares in Europe?, actively contribute to the activities and overall objectives of the Action and submit a report at the end, to be approved by the VNS manager on behalf of the MC.

A maximum of 4 Virtual Mobility Grants can be awarded. Each Virtual Mobility Grant cannot exceed 1.500,00 Eur.

### **Application submission:**

The application shall be submitted through the e-COST following the VMS Application. Application form (template available on e-COST) should describe:

- Main objective of the Virtual Mobility Grant.
- Working Plan: Description of the collaborative initiative to be implemented.
- Plan for Participation: List of participants in the collaborative initiative (short description of their expertise and contribution).
- Main expected outputs: results and contribution to the progress towards the MoU objectives (either research coordination and/or capacity building objectives can be tackled) and delivery of the MoU objectives.
- Contribution to the COST Action Strategy: How will Virtual Mobility contribute to the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy and plans for stakeholder engagement and promoting the participation of researchers from NNC and IPC (COST Global Networking) and to the approved virtual networking strategy, if available.

Applications have to be submitted in e-COST until **15<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.  
The results are expected after three weeks.

**Templates:**

[https://www.cost.eu/VM GrantApplication](https://www.cost.eu/VM_GrantApplication)

[https://www.cost.eu/VM Report](https://www.cost.eu/VM_Report)

A detailed description of opportunities and rules can be found in the following documents

- <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2022/02/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-2022-02-15.pdf>
- <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/12/Grant-Awarding-userguide.pdf>

In case of contradiction between the current call and the official documents generated by the COST Association, the official COST documents are considered to have higher relevance.

**Evaluation criteria**

The selection of successful grantees will be based on contributions to the overall objectives of COST Action Who Cares in Europe?, the strategy on the virtual networking of COST Action Who Cares in Europe? and the implementation of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy.

More about the Action's topics MoU, Working Groups and Projects can be found at <https://whocaresineurope.eu/>

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