CALL for Applications for Virtual Mobility Grants

GP4: 1st November 2022 – 19th September 2023

5 grants – each up to 1.500,00Eur

Deadline for Application: September 17th, 2023

About the Action

The main aim and objective of COST Action CA18119 *Who Cares in Europe?* is to explore the relationships among voluntary associations, families and states in the creation of social welfare in Europe. How did state welfare emerge from social welfare provided by non-profit, non-state institutions and individuals; how did it develop and why, did it enter into crisis in many countries? The Action emphasizes the welfare state's deep historical roots, and will use local case studies to recover the "voices" and contributions of individuals, families and voluntary associations. This will give us a much deeper and richer story about social protection in Europe than is currently available. By analysing the long-term development of welfare within a triadic optic that examines the interactions among families, voluntary welfare associations and states in the creation of social welfare, the Action has the potential to radically shift dominant paradigms in the field of welfare studies. The Action will contribute to welfare policy development and debate by offering a historical perspective on current problems and debates and the principles and premises that underpin them.

Visit https://whocaresineurope.eu for more details about the Action and Working Groups' Research Directions.

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.

Application submission:

The application shall be submitted through the e-COST following the VM Application:

1.) Complete the on-line application form (log in at https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants)

2.) Upload the application form (template https://www.cost.eu/VM_GrantApplication) that 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 **September 17th, 2023.**

The activity needs to take place before **19th September 2023.**

After the end of the activity:

Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the required reports and 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.

The required report/documentation for claiming a Virtual Mobility Grant is Report to the Action MC on the work developed, main outcomes and achieved outputs of the Virtual Mobility, and description of the future follow up collaboration (template: https://www.cost.eu/VM_Report).

Templates:

https://www.cost.eu/VM_GrantApplication

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/

For questions, please write to COST Action Who Cares in Europe? Grant Awarding Coordinator Dr. Tamara Prevendar tamara.prevendar@gmail.com