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Virtual Mobility (VM)

Annex 2 of the Annotated rules for COST Actions

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A VM consists in a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc. VM

- **COST Action:** uses a flexible tool to implement virtual activities inside the network achieve the MoU objectives and significantly increase their impact end reach. Contributes to European leadership in knowledge creation and increasing its innovation potential.
- **VM grantee:** develops capacity in virtual collaboration and networking in a pan-European framework.

Examples of activities that can be performed by the VM grantee are:

- Virtual mentoring scheme, with special focus on activities and exchanges that can generate capacity building and new skills, particularly for Young Researchers and Innovators (e.g., managerial skills, methodological skills, communications skills, etc)
- To support the harmonization and standardisation of methods and procedures within the Action networking activities, e.g.
 - Setting up a survey amongst all Action members to collect different results and outcome for experiments done in their respective labs and research groups.
 - Coordinating the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network afterwards
 - Preparing questionnaires and response scales to be used by the Action members as part of virtual networking activities
- To support the implementation of research coordination related activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence, e.g.
 - Computational or modelling activities,
 - Data analysis of the Action for a specific report or activity.

Eligibility

Eligible individuals to apply for a VM grant must be affiliated to a legal entity in

- a **COST Full Member state**
- COST Cooperating Member (**Israel**)
- COST Partner Member (**South Africa**), with the grant being funded by the Partner Member
- a **Near Neighbouring Country**



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- a specific organization among **EU Institutions, Bodies, Offices and Agencies**, with the grant being funded by the organization,
- a **European RTD Organisation**.

A complete definition of the terms used above is given in the document [“Country and organisations table”](#)

The affiliation of an individual or a legal entity is determined as per Article 4)1.1.a.1) of the [Annotated rules for COST Actions](#)

Application Process

Every VM application shall be submitted online in e-COST using dedicated forms available. Applicants should be upload their CV in their e-COST profile. This information will be visible to the evaluation committees in the Action.

To be filled in e-COST:

- Title
- Start and end date (within the active Grant Period);
- Budget requested by the applicant;

To be uploaded to e-COST:

- Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Main Objective, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, plan for participation, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives;
- Other documents required by the Action (e.g. recommendation letter, etc...)

Implementation of the Activity

Upon approval of the application, the Grantee receives a Grant Letter from the Grant Holder stating the approved amount and the conditions for receiving the grant.

The Grantee performs the tasks in line with the approved application.

Once the activity has ended, the grantee submits the required report (report to the Action MC on the work developed, main outcomes and achieved outputs of the VM, and description of the future follow up collaboration) on e-COST within 30 days after the end date of the activity or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever comes first.

Funding Scheme

The grant scope is to provide a contribution for overall effort, not necessarily covered by an employer or by a Grant Holder institution.

The grant maximum amount is 1 500,00 EUR. The grant depends on the duration, scope and complexity of the task and activities to be covered by the VM grant. Upon approval of the Grant, the Action MC can decide to lower the requested grant.