**GDHR Network (**[**CA19143**](https://e-services.cost.eu/action/CA19143/participants)**) Call for Virtual Mobility Grant Applications**

**Call for Grant Period IV**

Call for Virtual Mobility Grants occurring between 1 November 2023 until 13th September 2024 (Fourth Grant period).

All Virtual Mobility Grant activities must occur in their entirety until the date specified above.

PURPOSE OF A VIRTUAL MOBILITY GRANT

Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants are grants awarded to individual WG members for supporting activities aiming at capacity building and transfer of knowledge through **bilateral/multilateral collaborations in a virtual setting**.

Full details on VM Grants are available in the [COST Annotated Rules](https://www.cost.eu/annotated_rules_for_cost_actions_c). Here we summarize the most important points.

#### Scope of the VM Grants

The activities expected to be performed by the successful applicant, but not limited to, are:

* To support the implementation of **research related activities** that do not necessarily require in-person presence, e.g.
  + analysis of the Action for a specific report or activity.
  + write-up of joint research articles or reports.
  + setting up a survey amongst all Action members to collect different results and outcomes from experiments done in their respective labs and research groups.
  + preparing questionnaires and response scales to be used by the Action members as part of virtual networking activities.

VM Grants should **contribute to the scientific objectives of our COST Action**.

#### Eligibility criteria

**All WG members** from COST Full and Cooperating Countries and Near Neighbour Countries are eligible to apply for the grants.

#### Financial support

COST foresees **up to 1500 EUR per VM Grant**. Since the financial support comes as a grant, no invoices or other justification of the expenses will be requested.

The VM Grants cannot be used to attend virtual conferences or to purchase software license or set up a database.

The Grant Holder shall pay the approved grant to the grantee after the MC has approved the grantee’s report and no later than 15 days from the end of Grant Period.

#### Final report of VM Grant

After the VM Grant activity is finished, the grantee is required to submit a short scientific report to the Action MC, **no later than 30 days** after the end date of the VM Grant activity, or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.

Failure to submit the scientific report within 30 days will effectively cancel the grant. The Action Chair or Grant Awarding Coordinator is responsible for approving the scientific report and informing the Grant Holder that the VM Grant has been successfully accomplished. After receipt of the approval by email, the Grant Holder will execute the payment of the grant.

Please note that the reimbursement of VM grantees will be done after the activity is over and the final report is submitted by the VM grantee. Exceptions to this rule cannot be granted.

#### How to apply for a VM Grant

1. All applicants must **carefully read the funding and eligibility rules** detailed in the [COST Annotated Rules](https://www.cost.eu/annotated_rules_for_cost_actions_c).

2. All applicants must register for an **e-COST profile** at [https://e-services.cost.eu](https://e-services.cost.eu/) — adding their bank account details and a recent CV to their profile.

3. The applicant must complete and submit his/her VM grant application online at e-Cost:

<https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/add>

The following information will need to be filled in:

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

The following documents will need to be uploaded:

• Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives including scientific dissemination plan

• Confirmation of the host on the agreement from the host institution in receiving the applicant;

* Applicant’s CV and recommendation letters

4. The application will be **assessed** by the Evaluation Committee consists of the Action Vice Chair Vygante Milasiute and Grant Awarding Coordinator Jukka Viljanen. WG Leaders relevant to the VM topic/plan may be consulted if needed. In case of Conflict of Interest (CoI) arises and specifically, if such CoI affects the Evaluation Committee, directly or indirectly, ad-hoc replacement with other members (selected from the MC) will be carried out.

**Evaluation criteria:**

Scientific quality of the proposal. The Evaluation Committee considers the scientific level of the project and how it is correlated to the aims of the GDHR Network Action.

The VM should have results that contribute to the scientific objectives of GDHR Network. The selection of applicants is based on the scientific aims and scope of the VM application which must clearly contribute to the overall objectives of GDHR Network (<https://gdhrnet.eu/overview/objectives/>).

Especially concrete deliverables of the VM to the Action like a scientific article, and a dissemination plan, are considered as a merit. Priority will be given to applicants who have in the previous years: a) actively contributed to the GDHRNet work, b) attended MC meetings, c) demonstrate clear connection to the network goals.

Candidate ranking will be done by summing up the scores of the whole research proposal and its individual parts (see below) on a 0-3 scale (3 = outstanding, 2 = excellent, 1 = average, 0 = insufficient).

5. The applicant will be **formally notified** of the outcome of their VM Grant application by the Grant Awarding Coordinator no more than 2 weeks after the application was received.

6. Successful applicants need to complete and submit a **VM Grant report**, within 30 days from the end date of the activity, or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first.

Please note that COST can request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by VM Grant applicants.

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