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CALL “VIRTUAL NETWORKING SUPPORT GRANT”

PERIOD JULY 2021 – OCTOBER 2021

Deadline for applications (**July 7th, 2021**)

We are pleased to announce the opening of a Call for Virtual Networking Support of the COST Action [PlAgri](#) (CA19110)

(<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA19110/#tabs|Name:overview>)

WHAT IS A VIRTUAL NETWORKING SUPPORT (VNS) GRANT?

VNS grant aims to promote virtual networking as a complement to traditional ways of collaboration in the COST Actions and to support continuity and alleviate challenges during COVID-19 pandemic. It will serve to build capacity and spread the uptake of virtual collaboration across different research communities. More detail and the COST rules about the Virtual Networking Support Grants can be found in the COST Vademecum (Section 10) that can be downloaded from: <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Vademecum-V9-28-April-20212-1.pdf>

A financial contribution of 4.000 € will be awarded for VNS Grant per Grant Period.



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ELIGIBILITY

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- Applicant(s) are 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.
- The applicant(s) shall be prepared to develop a virtual networking strategy, coordinate the call for expression of interest for the Virtual Mobility Grants and draft at the end of the grant period a report to be approved by the MC.
- The applicant(s) should demonstrate experience in the field of the PIAgri Cost Action and capability to involve major stakeholders in the proposed virtual networking strategy: researchers, industry and end-users.

DEADLINE AND APPLICATION

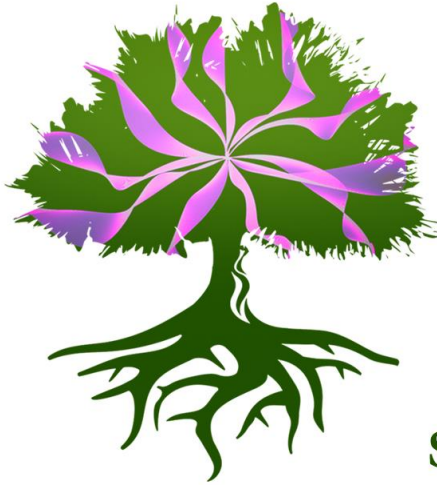
The VNS call application is open from **June 28th, 2021** to **July 7th, 2021**. The evaluation results will be communicated shortly after the submission.

The period of the grant: July 15th, 2021 to October 31st, 2021.

The application is to be submitted in e-COST system and needs to include the following information:

1. A description of how the COST Action can benefit from developing virtual networking activities, with a focus on:

- Progress towards the MoU objectives and deliverables.
- COST Excellence and inclusiveness Policy, especially towards the support of researchers in COST Inclusiveness Target Countries.
- Stakeholder engagement and promoting the participation of researchers from NNC and IPC (COST Global Networking).



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2. A proposal for the strategy outline on virtual networking, including an approach for coordinating Virtual Mobility Grants (where relevant) by:

- Opening calls and managing the evaluation process for awarding the Virtual Mobility Grants.
- Supporting and advising beneficiaries of the Virtual Mobility Grant.

Additionally, the proposal shall include a plan on coordinating and reporting any planned COST Action events that will be held online (e.g. Annual Meeting or Conference) and how they fit the overall Action strategy. **FOR MORE DETAILS CHECK SECTION 10 IN VADEMECUM.**

SELECTION

The evaluation of applications will be performed by the Core Group, on behalf of the MC. The selection of successful grantee will be based on contributions to the overall objectives of the Action and the implementation of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy.

The selection criteria will consider:

- Quality of the application (40%)
- Curriculum vitae of the applicant with demonstrated experience (30%)
- Active involvement of the applicant in the Action (30%)

If you have any questions, do not hesitate contact to us:

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