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CALL “VIRTUAL MOBILITY GRANT”

PERIOD AUGUST 2021 – OCTOBER 2021

Deadline for applications (**September 5th, 2021**)

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

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

WHAT IS A VIRTUAL MOBILITY (VM) GRANT?

VM grant aims at strengthening the existing network by allowing scientists to foster collaboration in a virtual setting, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, disseminate the Action results, etc. Some examples of the activities that could be proposed and supported by this grant are reported in the following sections. 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 1.500 € will be awarded for VM 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 inform the MC about the aim of the VM Grant and how its outcomes will generate benefits to the Action, 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.

DEADLINE AND APPLICATION

The VNS call application is open from **August 1st, 2021** to **September 5th, 2021**. The evaluation results will be communicated shortly after the submission.

The period of the grant: September 14th, 2021 to October 10th, 2021.

The application is to be submitted in e-COST system (<https://e-services.cost.eu/>) and needs to include the following information:

- **CV** (max 2 pages in pdf format) of the applicant shall be uploaded together with the application
- **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 the Virtual Mobility contribute to the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy and plans for stakeholder engagement and promoting participation of researchers from NNC and IPC (COST Global Networking) and to the approved virtual networking strategy, if available.



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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%)

IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

The successful applicant(s) shall implement the workplan approved in their application within the proposed time frame and no later than the 10st October 2021. For all the duration of the grant the VM grant winner will be supported and advised in its activity by the VNS manager.

Some examples of the activities expected to be performed by the successful applicant:

- Discussions on standardization of methods/protocols/terminology related to plasma and agriculture
- Online survey on plasma and agriculture topics/members' opinions
- Production of content (ex. videos, infographics) for communication activities to be used on the action website, social media accounts or conferences
- Round table on specific topics



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- Organization of an online library with the most relevant works on plasma and agriculture
- Virtual mentoring of ECIs
- Webinars on specific techniques or topics
- Organization of a weekly/monthly newsletter
- Implementation of research related activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence, e.g.
- Content preparation and coordination of science communication activities, e.g.
 - Massive Online Open Courses (MOOC).
 - Online workshops like 'webinar series' or 'tv series'-like format.
 - Online COST Action workshops in external international conferences or events, when the applicant can demonstrate a role in the organising committee, that could help in the promotion of the Action activities.

The creativity of the Action members is strongly encouraged. The example list is not complete and any activity that can help achieving the Action objectives through virtual networking tools will be taken into consideration.

FINAL REPORT AND GRANT PAYMENT

Within 30 day form completion of the proposed activity, and in any case no later than October 31st, the VM grantee is expected to submit the VM grant report to the VNS Manager, who will coordinate the approval on behalf of the Action MC. It is important that the VM grantee submit the report as soon as possible so that the payment of the grant can be completed within 15 days from the end of the Action first Grant Period.



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