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Open Call for LIAISE COST Action Virtual Mobility Grants

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4th Grant Period

Introduction

Virtual Mobility Grant (VMG) is a grant that allows financial support to foster collaboration in virtual settings. The aim is to strengthen existing networks by enabling individual researchers from one COST country to participate in research activities carried out in institutions in other COST countries, in order to foster collaboration and contribute to the scientific objectives of COST LIAISE. Virtual mobility refers to activities that do not require physical travel but involve online collaboration, communication and knowledge sharing between researchers or participants of different countries. The focus is on facilitating collaboration, sharing expertise and networking through virtual means such as videoconferencing and other digital platforms. We have an Open Call for Virtual Mobility Grants using a rolling system for the deadlines for VMG Applications, which for this grant period are as follows.

Cut-off Dates and Budget

There is no cut–off date for VMs, the applications can be made throughout the year. All the applications will be evaluated within 15 days, and the applicants will be informed about the decision.

Applicants whose proposals are accepted receive funding for implementing a project with an international team and gain new knowledge.

Only applications for future missions will be approved. Grants cannot be rewarded retroactively for virtual mobilities that have already taken place.

All VMs need to be finished, and its report submitted maximum on the last day of the grant period (23/10/2027).

Where funding is insufficient to support all applications recommended for funding, a maximum of one grant per applicant will be awarded within the same cut-off round, across all grant categories. Applicants may submit applications under more than one grant type (ITC Conference Grant, YRI Conference Grant, STSM or Virtual Mobility Grant) in the same cut-off round; however, meeting the eligibility requirements does not guarantee funding. Where more than one application from the same applicant is recommended for funding, the selection committee will determine which application to support based on the published evaluation criteria and the Action's priorities.

Eligibility criteria

Researcher and Innovators with appropriate affiliation as described in the Annotated Rules section 4.1.1.1.1. AFFILIATION.

Additionally, priority will be given to active Working Group members whose application is endorsed by the Working Group and whose VMG output is closely related to the goals and deliverables of the Action. For more information, please see the LIAISE Memorandum of understanding.

Evaluation criteria

All the applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 40% Appropriateness of the VMG objectives for the selected Working Group and objectives.
- 30% Members from different countries involved in plan for participation.
- 15% Suitability of the applicant's scientific background for the work plan objectives.
- 15% Benefits of the VMG for the applicant and COST LIAISE objectives.

How to apply?

To apply for a VMG Grant within the LIAISE Cost Action (CA22110), please fill in the VMG application form available on the e-cost system and upload the following documents:

Application form (template available on e-COST) describing:

- Goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant
- Main objective of the VM
- Working plan
- Plan for participation and expected outcomes
- Description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives and deliverable

Your application will be first evaluated by the Grant Awarding team (composed by the Grant Awarding leader, the Grant Awarding co-leader and the Action Chair of the COST Action LIAISE CA22110). For more information, please consult the LIAISE Memorandum of Understanding and the LIAISE web site. Before you apply, make sure you review and understand the VM Grant rules, available in the COST Annotated Rules. More information about the grant awarding process can be found here.

Photographic material from the virtual mobility meetings will also be requested.