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2026 – 1st Call for

Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants applications

2nd Grant period: 01 November 2025 – 31 October 2026

Call opens: 18/03/2026

Call deadline: 30/09/2026 or until funds are available

VM implementation period: 30/03/2026 – 15/10/2026

Report delivery deadline: within 30 days from the end of the conference or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first

We are pleased to announce the opening of the 2026 Call for Virtual Mobility (VM) grants applications. These grants fund online collaborations between researchers and innovators within the COST Action, facilitating knowledge exchange, the mastery of new techniques, and much more!

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, with one evaluation session every month.

Who can apply?

Researchers or innovators affiliated with an organization (for Affiliation see § 4.1.1.1.1 of [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#)) who wish to engage in a collaboration in a virtual setting with an organization located in another country (see § 6.4 for Eligibility to receive financial support and § 6.5 for Virtual Mobility Benefit) to perform specific tasks that contribute to the Action's objectives for a defined period.

What support is provided?

- VM grants support capacity building and transfer of knowledge through bilateral/multilateral collaborations as well as support topics that can help achieving the Action MoU objectives and deliverables.
- VM grantee receives funding for developing capacity in online collaboration and networking in a pan-European framework.

- VM grants support the implementation of research coordination related activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence, such as computational or modelling activities and data analysis of the Action for a specific report or activity.
- The application should include a requested amount, **up to a maximum of 1500€**.
- The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the CYANOACTION cannot be considered as being an VM grantee's employer, i.e., the VM Grant cannot be considered as a salary.

How to apply?

Applications are submitted via [e-COST](#) (applicants must have or create an e-COST profile).

Applicants must carefully read the [CYANOACTION Grand Awarding Process](#) document before applying. This document provides detailed information on the application process, evaluation criteria, and the required documents from the grantee to receive the grant payment.

Applicants should refer to the currently available documents published on the COST & CYANOACTION webpages:

- [CYANOACTION Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- [Annotated Rules for COST Actions](#)
- [Grant Awarding User Guide](#)
- [CYANOACTION Grand Awarding Process](#)

CYANOACTION Acknowledgment

Grantees will be required to write a short report of their experience to be published in the newsletter and contribute content (posts, pictures, brief videos, etc.) for the Action's social media.

Grantees with approved applications will receive a Grant Letter from the Grant Holder.