VIRTUAL MOBILITY (VM) GRANT CALL - 2027

Social Media and Online Communication Support

The VM grant applicant submits this application on e-COST, following the steps highlighted on the website. The Grant Awarding Coordinator will receive the application and will coordinate the evaluation with the Core Group on behalf of the Action MC.

Action number: CA23101 BOPALiM – Lifelong Community Mobility

VM grant title: Social Media and Online Communication Support

Application deadline: December 14th, 2026.

VM grant start and end date: (please choose one of the 2 periods to apply for)

Period 1: 1-01-2027 to 31-07-2027

Period 2: 01-08-2027 to 31-10-2027

For both periods, the report is due before the end of October 2027.

Definition of Virtual Mobility Grant: VM grants are given to a COST Action participant implementing virtual collaborative initiatives. The VM applicant(s) are Action participants with a primary affiliation to an institution located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country or a COST Near Neighbouring Country participating in the Action. The applicant(s) shall inform the Grant Awarding Coordinator and Core Group about the aim of the VM Grant and how its outcomes will generate benefits to the Action, actively contribute to the overall objectives and relevant deliverables of the Action. The applicant must submit an activity report at the end, to be approved by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and voted on by the Core Group.

The maximum amount for a VM grant is 1,500€.

Main objective of the Virtual Mobility Grant: The objective of this VM grant is to manage an online presence of the Action and support the work of the Science Communication Coordinator in the areas of online communications. This task can only be taken by a young researcher who has good communication and social media skills, is proficient in English, and is affiliated with and/or will visit through the virtual mobility grant the institution(s) of the Science Communication Coordinator.

Application process: The applicant encodes a VM application by logging into e-COST and clicking on the VM Application tab. Any already existing applications are available for consultation in the applications overview. To encode a new application, the applicant clicks on 'Apply for grant' at https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/add?type=VM

Follow Calls and Grants – BOPALiM – COST Action CA23101 submission requirements of the VM.

The required documents:

- Complete the VM Grant Application Form and save it as a PDF file.
- Complete the objectives checklist and save it as a PDF file.
- A Letter of invitation from the Host Institution (signed and dated by a permanent senior staff member of the activities stating that the applicant may perform the virtual activities detailed in the VM on the agreed dates).
- A motivation letter including a work plan detailing the proposed activities,
- A Letter of Support from the applicant's home institution (signed and dated by a permanent senior staff member stating that the applicant is authorised to perform the activities detailed in the VM working plan on the agreed dates).
- Up-to-date CV and bank details in e-COST profile.

Please choose one of the 2 periods.

The host of this VM will be the Science Communication Coordinator, Giovanni Circella (giovanni.circella@ugent.be). Contact him for a letter from the host that you will need to upload with the application.

The Application on e-COST will be communicated to the Grant Awarding Coordinator, Prof. Cilla Harries. Applicants can use the attached VM grant application form, available at www.cost.eu/virtual_networking_support_grant_application

Result date: Results will be communicated before January 11th 2027.

Report must be issued within 15 days from the end date or at the latest by the end of October, using the template available at www.cost.eu/virtual_networking_support_grant_report