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2nd CALL FOR VMG FOR BEACON COST ACTION



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 BEACON. 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.

All Virtual Mobility activities must be completed, and their final reports submitted, no later than 20 October 2026.

Eligibility criteria

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

Evaluation criteria

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

- 60% Appropriateness of the VMG for the selected Working Group and objectives.
- 20% Quality and feasibility of the work plan.
- 20% Quality and feasibility of the planned outcomes.

How to apply?

To apply for a VMG Grant 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

Financial support

- A maximum of EUR 1,500 may be awarded to each successful applicant.

Evaluation and Grant Awarding Procedure

Applications will be assessed according to the published evaluation criteria.

In the absence of an appointed Grant Awarding Coordinator, the Action Chair will act as the default Grant Awarding Coordinator in accordance with COST rules.

Grant applications will be evaluated by independent evaluators, who will submit their recommendations to the Core Group for approval, provided that the Management Committee has formally delegated the relevant grant-awarding powers to the Core Group.

Conflict of Interest

Any individual with an actual or potential conflict of interest concerning an application must declare it and abstain from its evaluation, selection and approval.

Where a member involved in grant awarding submits an application, that individual will not participate in any decision concerning their application. The assessment and approval will be conducted exclusively by non-conflicted individuals acting within their formally delegated authority.

All evaluations and decisions will be documented in accordance with COST procedures.