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COST ACTION CA 18232

## OPEN CALL FOR VIRTUAL MOBILITY (VM) GRANTS

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The COST Action CA18232 “Mathematical models for interacting dynamics on networks” is currently advertising up to six (6) Virtual Mobility Grants. The aim of this grant is to promote virtual collaboration as a complement to traditional ways of collaboration within the research and innovation communities.

**Deadline.** This is an ongoing call which will be open until further notice, consult the Action website for updates.

**Eligibility criteria.** The call is open for all 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 candidate needs to present the project which explains the aim of the proposed VM Grant in the application process presented below.

**Information concerning VM Grants.** According to VM strategy, five grants will be awarded to the members of five different working groups. It is suggested to determine within the working groups the proper candidates for this grant and prepare the project appropriately. The last financial support will be granted for the project that is not assigned to any group of members but can affect the whole Action.

Successful applicant is granted up to 1 500€ for realizing the objectives that were proposed in the application.

**Evaluation criteria.** The successful application should take into account the following criteria:

1. promoting the maintenance of (preferably hybrid, but possibly entirely virtual) contact between Action members which due to the circumstances is highly hampered,
2. supporting at least three achievements of Action specified in MoU objectives,
3. maintaining the geographical and gender balance within participants involved in the project,
4. being proposed by active participants in the Action.

Applications which also follow other criteria specified in Section 3 of VN Strategy will be prioritised. The evaluation of applications will be conducted by a special committee that consists of the VNS Manager, Equal Opportunity Agent, and Vice Chair. Every effort will be

made to notify applicants of the outcome within one to two weeks of receipt of their application.

**How to apply.** All applications are managed via the e-COST system. Log in to your e-COST account, select the „VNT Application“ tab, and follow the instructions.

The application shall include the following information:

1. Main objective of the Virtual Mobility Grant.
2. Working Plan: Description of the collaborative initiative to be implemented.
3. Plan for Participation: List of participants in the collaborative initiative (short description of their expertise and contribution).
4. 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.
5. 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.

**Report on grant results.** Projects realised on the basis of the VM Grant should be implemented within a single Grant Period and the final report needs to be submitted via e-COST within 30 days from its end, but no later than on the last day of the current Grant Period.

Each report should include the description of the following issues:

1. Outcomes and achieved outputs (including any specific Action objective and deliverables, or publications resulting from the Virtual Mobility).
2. Benefits to the COST Action Strategy (what and how).
3. Description of the virtual collaboration (including constructive reflection on activities undertaken, identified successful practices and lessons learned).

#### **Further information.**

1. For more information on the Action, its scope and aims consult the Action website: <https://www.mat-dyn-net.eu/>
2. The COST user's guide Virtual Networking Tools (VNT), including step-by-step instructions on how to apply: <https://www.cost.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/VNT-userguide.pdf>
3. VM templates: [www.cost.eu/virtual\\_mobility\\_grant\\_application](http://www.cost.eu/virtual_mobility_grant_application)  
[www.cost.eu/virtual\\_mobility\\_grant\\_report](http://www.cost.eu/virtual_mobility_grant_report)
4. The funding rules and obligations of the grantee can be found in COST Vademecum, section 10: <http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum>

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