

COST CA20136 Second Call for Virtual Mobility Grant Applications

Purpose: Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants provide further opportunities for researchers to form virtual collaborations within the [OPENSENSE Action](#)¹ on **topics related to specific activities and deliverables of the [OPENSENSE Action](#) and for a determined Action period (GP3)**. Applicants are expected to share the outcomes of the VM (poster/short oral talk) with related working groups.

Examples of activities that can be performed by the VM grantee are:

- Virtual mentoring scheme with a special focus on activities and exchanges that can generate capacity building and new skills, particularly for Young Researchers and Innovators (e.g. managerial skills, methodological skills, communication skills, etc.)
- To support the harmonization and standardization of methods and procedures within the Action networking activities, e.g.,
 - Setting up a survey amongst all Action members to collect different results and outcomes from experiments done in their respective labs and research groups
 - Coordinating the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network afterward.
 - Preparing questionnaires and response scales to be used by the Action members as part of virtual networking activities
- To support the implementation of research coordination-related activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence, e.g.
 - Computational or modelling activities
 - Data analysis

Eligibility criteria: VM Grants are available to all members of the OPENSENSE Action. It is permissible for a member to submit more than one application.

Funding: Virtual Mobility Grant cannot exceed EUR 1500.

Application: Applicants must have an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/>. Applications must be submitted electronically through the e-COST platform using the VM Grant Application Template. The link can be found in the VNT user guide (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/04/VNT-userguide.pdf>).

For additional information on the submission via the e-COST system please advise the Grant Awarding User guide: <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/12/Grant-Awarding-userguide.pdf>)

Evaluation: The grant applications will be evaluated by the Grant Awarding Committee. The applicants will be notified of the results of their application within four weeks of submission. Applications will be evaluated on the principle of first-come-first-serve; the committee will rank the applications by relevancy to the

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objectives of OPENSENSE. The members of the Grant Committee are: Prof. Nadav Peleg (CH), Dr. Hristomir Yordanov (BG), and Dr Agnieszka Wypych (PL).

Funded applications and reimbursement: To be eligible for reimbursement, a final report to MC Action on the work developed, main outcomes and achieved outputs of the Virtual Mobility, and a description of the future follow-up collaboration must be submitted to the e-COST system.

Period of VM Grants and application deadlines: The 2nd call for the VM Grants is open from the 10 June, 2024 to 15 September, 2024, which is the last date to submit applications. The grant must be closed until the end of the GP3 (31st October 2024) and the report has to be submitted no later than 8 days after (following updated rules for Action networking activities during October 2024).

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About OPENSENSE (COST Action CA20136). *OPENSENSE brings together scientists investigating different opportunistic sensors (e.g. microwave links, citizen science), experts from weather services, and end-users of rainfall products to build a worldwide reference opportunistic sensing community. The overarching goals of the COST are to overcome key barriers preventing data exchange and acceptance as hydrometeorological observations, define standards to allow for large-scale benchmarking of opportunistic sensing precipitation products and develop new methods for precipitation retrieval, coordinate integration of the opportunistic observations into traditional monitoring networks, and identify potential new sources of precipitation observations. Further details can be found here: <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA20136/>*

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