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OPEN CALL

Virtual Mobility Grant

COST Action CA20112

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ABOUT PROFEEDBACK

Policy evaluation is a key tool in understanding, developing and modernising EU policies, thus there is a growing demand for EU-wide and high-quality evaluation services. The aim of the PROFEEDBACK COST Action-funded project, running between November 2021 and October 2025, is to foster the networking of the policy evaluation community at EU-level, raise awareness on the importance of evaluation policy research and improve its impact on policy-making. The Platform, following a bottom-up and open approach, will gather researchers and professionals from various scientific fields and sectors to present and evaluate theories, topics, tools and methods of policy evaluation. This objective will be achieved by the assessment of good practices that will provide direct and high-quality inputs for national and EU bodies responsible for policy evaluation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for submission of applications: There is no specific deadline, applications can be submitted at any time on a rolling basis.

Outcome notification date: Grant decisions are normally announced within 7 days after submission. Grant decision are made by the Core Group of the Action.

Period within which VM must occur: before 31 October 2022

OVERVIEW

Virtual Mobility (VM) consists of a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc.

VM should contribute to the scientific objectives of this COST Action "PROFEEDBACK Platform OF policy Evaluation community for improvED EU policies and Better ACKnowledgement" (CA20112; henceforth 'Action'), which are outlined in detail in the Memorandum of Understanding. You may find the eligibility provisions, along with further specifics, conditions and information, in the COST Annotated Rules.

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

- Virtual mentoring scheme, with 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 harmonisation and standardisation of methods and procedures within the Action networking activities, e.g.
 - o setting up a survey amongst all Action members to collect different results and outcomes from experiments done in their respective labs and research groups;



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- o coordinating the discussions to create common protocols to be used by the network afterwards;
- o 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.
 - o computational or modelling activities;
 - o data analysis of the Action for a specific report or activity.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

For this first VM call, the Management Committee of the Action has allocated a total budget of EUR 9.000,00. The Core Group has decided that maximum of EUR 1.500,00 can be allocated to each successful applicant.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In order to apply for an VM grant you must either:

1. Be enrolled as a PhD Student or postdoctoral fellow, or
2. Be employed by, or affiliated to an institution or legal entity that conducts research.

To submit an application, please follow the steps below:

1. Register for an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu/>, adding your bank account details to your profile (if a returning applicant or already in possession of a COST profile, move to step 2).
2. Complete the application form at the „Virtual Mobility“ section of your e-COST profile on <https://eservices.cost.eu/>.
3. Download the Grant Application template from e-COST, fill out the form.
3. Submit your application.
4. Please be aware that after the completed VM each awardee is expected to provide the following outputs:
 - > VM report on the aims and objectives, achieved results, and dissemination of the work/activities that was performed.

You will be notified of the outcome by the Action's Grant Coordinator on the outcome notification date of the call.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Failure to submit the required follow-up outputs will effectively cancel the grant. Grant is payable up to 30 days after the grantee's report and supporting documents have been approved by the Action Chair (or Vice-Chair).

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Please note that COST Association and Action's Grant holder may request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by VM applicants.

Please contact the Grant Awarding Coordinator Noémia Bessa Vilela at nbessavilela@ophiz.org (CC-ing profeedback@hetfa.hu) if any queries relating to VMs occur.



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