COST ACTION 18114 ENTAN – European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network

Call for 'Virtual Mobility' (VM) Grants

Application deadline is 30 June 2021.

ENTAN will provide for up to 6 VM grants under this call.

All VMs have to be finished by 30 September 2021.

ENTAN – is a COST Action aimed at examining the concept of non-territorial autonomy (NTA). ENTAN particularly focuses on NTA arrangements for reducing inter-ethnic tensions within a state and on the accommodation of the needs of different communities while preventing calls to separate statehood. The main objective is to investigate the existing NTA mechanisms and policies and to develop new modalities for the accommodation of differences in the context of growing challenges stemming from globalization, regionalization and European supranational integration. The network fosters interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary group work, and provides for training and empowerment of young researchers, academic conferences and publications, as well as for the dissemination of results to policy makers, civil society organisations and communities.

🎯 PURPOSE OF STSM:

Virtual Mobility Grants (VM) aim at strengthening the existing networks by allowing scientists to foster collaboration in a virtual setting, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, disseminate Action results, etc.

Applications from early career investigators (ECIs) (up to 8 years after their PhD completion) and researchers from inclusiveness target countries (ITC) participating in the COST Action 18114 are strongly encouraged.

The successful applicant(s) will be selected by the Virtual Networking Committee (VNC) of ENTAN to perform activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence. These activities may include research (surveys, online interviews, etc.), preparation of joint research and publication activities, virtual mentoring of activities that can generate capacity, build new skills, content preparation and coordination, etc.

€ FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Funding rules are described in detail in Section 10.2 of the COST Vademecum.

1. Up to a maximum of EUR 1500 in total can be afforded to each successful applicant as a fixed grant that contributes to the overall expenses incurred during the VM.

⏱ DEADLINE: 30 June 2021
Apply by following the instructions below.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to apply for a VM grant you must be an Action participant with a primary affiliation to an institution located in a COST Full or Cooperating member country or MC Observer from a COST Near Neighbor Country.

All VM grantees shall make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, taxation, pension matters, health and social security. The VM grantee must also ensure that they have the required technical material/equipment and infrastructure to carry out the activities proposed in their application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

To apply:

1. VM applicants must have an e-COST profile at https://e-services.cost.eu and submit their VM application online at the following web address: https://e-services.cost.eu by selecting "VNT Applications".

2. Applicants should download the VM grant application template, fill out all parts, and up-load it in the e-COST along with a CV which includes a list of relevant publications (max. 5 pages).

3. In addition to online submission in the e-COST, the applicants are required to send their VM grant application form submitted to e-COST (pdf) and their CV to Dr. Reina Shehi Zenelaj, Chair of the Virtual Networking Committee (VNC) of ENTAN, at rzenelaj@epoka.edu.al

EVALUATION:

The applications will be assessed by the Virtual Networking Committee of ENTAN and successful applicants will be notified within three weeks from submitting the application. The committee will evaluate each application according to budget, possible contribution that the proposed VM will make toward the scientific objectives of ENTAN (as outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding) and individual candidate's career.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. A Report including a description of the outcomes and achieved outputs (including any specific MoU deliverables, or publications resulting from the VM), a description of the benefits to the Action, and a description of the virtual collaboration (including a constructive reflection on the activities undertaken, identified successful practices and lessons learned) will have to be submitted to and approved by the Action Chair (or the VNC Chair).

2. Written approval of the VM scientific report by the aforementioned persons must be up-loaded in e-COST for archiving purposes.

3. The VM grantee has to deliver all necessary documents within 15 calendar days from the end of their VM.

In addition to the scientific report, successful applicants should submit to the Grant Manager (by mail) the following supporting documents:

1. **One original certificate of taxpayer status, i.e. residence form** from your country of residence. Each country has a slightly different form to confirm your residence/taxpayer status but it is usually issued both in English and in the official language of the country. Please ask for an English or bilingual version. The original of the form should be signed and stamped by the respective authority in your country (e.g. local Public Revenue Office, Tax Inspectorate or Ministry).

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2. **A full-colour scan of the main page of your passport** which exhibits your name and surname and passport number.

3. **Signed Grant Agreement** (template to be provided by the Grant Manager).

Failure to submit the report and the supporting documents within 15 days from the end date of the VM will effectively cancel the grant.

Grant is payable up to 30 days after the grantee report and supporting documents have been approved by the Action Chair (or VNC Chair).

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

Useful link: www.entan.org

Please contact the Action Chair Prof. Dr. Ivan Dodovski via email if any queries relating to VM occur: dodovski@uacs.edu.mk

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