

COST ACTION 18114 ENTAN – European Non-Territorial Autonomy Network

Call for ‘Virtual Networking Support’ (VNS) Grants

Deadline for application: 20 June 2021.

ENTAN will provide for one VNS grant under this call.

The VNS grant activities must 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:

The Virtual Networking Support Grant (VNS) aims at promoting virtual collaboration to complement traditional ways of collaboration within the research and innovation communities. This grant intends to stimulate virtual collaboration among the members of ENTAN by designating a Virtual Networking Support Manager.

The successful applicant will be selected by the ENTAN Virtual Networking (VN) Committee to promote virtual collaboration, such as developing a virtual networking strategy for the Action, taking overall responsibility for virtual mobility grants and supporting the Action in the discussions and planning of virtual events and collaboration activities.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Funding rules are described in detail in [Section 10.1 of the COST Vademecum](#).

1. Up to a maximum of EUR 4000 in total can be afforded to the successful applicant as a fixed grant that contributes to the overall expenses incurred during the VNS.



DEADLINE: 20 June 2021.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to apply for a VNS 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.

The VNS grantee shall make his/her own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, taxation, pension matters, health and social security. The VNS grantee must also ensure that he/she has the required technical material/equipment and infrastructure to carry out the activities proposed in their application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

To apply:

1. VNS applicants must have an e-COST profile at <https://e-services.cost.eu> and submit their VNS application online at the following web address: <https://e-services.cost.eu> by selecting “VNT Applications”.
2. Applicants should download the VNS grant application template, fill out all parts, and upload it in the e-COST along with: a/ proposed Action’s Strategy on Virtual Networking, and b/ CV with 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 VNS grant application form submitted to e-COST (pdf), the proposed Action's Strategy on Virtual Networking 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 (VNC) of ENTAN and the successful applicant will be notified within two weeks from submitting the application. The committee will evaluate each application according to the quality and relevance of the application, in particular the proposed Action's strategy on virtual networking, as well as budget, possible contribution that the proposed VNS will make toward the scientific objectives of ENTAN (as outlined in the Action's Memorandum of Understanding) and individual candidate's career.



REQUIREMENTS:

1. The grantee is required to submit a Report which shall include: a description of the implementation of the Action's strategy on virtual networking, as well as a list and brief description of virtual events and collaboration activities organised during the grant period. The Report shall also reflect on the contribution to the COST Action MoU objectives for each of the virtual events and collaboration activities; the contribution to the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy; and on identified successful practices and lessons learned.
2. The VNS grantee has to deliver all necessary documents within 15 calendar days from the end date of the VNS activities.

In addition to the scientific report, the successful applicant 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).
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 VNS 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 VNS applicants.

Useful link: www.entan.org