

# CALL FOR VIRTUAL NETWORKING SUPPORT (VNS) GRANT

The virtual network support grant is a networking tool available to all Action participants. The applicant(s) duties are to prepare and develop a virtual networking strategy, launch and coordinate calls for the Virtual Mobility Grants, and draft a report to be approved by the MC (further details are provided in the Vademecum).

**One VNS Grant (maximum EUR 4.000)** per Action per Grant Year.

**Deadline:** 15.08.2021

For further details of the VNS role and criteria please refer to Section 10.1 in the Vademecum.

## The application process is as follows:

1. Applicants must carefully read the funding rules detailed in Section 10.1 in the COST Vademecum and consult the VNT userguide (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/04/VNT-userguide.pdf>)
2. The applicant will need to encode an application by logging into eCOST and click on the VNT application tab. To encode a new application you will need to click on 'Apply for grant' and select 'CA18240'.
3. Applicants must also send their application form and the relevant supporting documents for evaluation to: [costaction18240@gmail.com](mailto:costaction18240@gmail.com)

## VNS Application templates:

 [VNS-grant-application-template.docx](#)

 [VNS-grant-report-template.docx](#)

## Selection criteria:

- Applicants must be an Action participant 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.
- Applicants should have experience with virtual meeting tools: Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc. and ideally with managing and coordinating scientific activities including virtual meetings.
- Excellent written and spoken English is necessary.
- Applicants should have a University degree in IT, Communication Science, Medicine, Biology or related.
- IT skills are of advantage.
- Experience in COST-related administrative tasks will be valued.