



European Venom Network Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants



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The **COST Action EUVEN CA19144** (<https://euven-network.eu/>) aims to foster venom research in the European Union by removing the organisational and technical obstacles that hamper it. This grant aims at promoting virtual collaborative initiatives contributing to the overall objectives of the Action.

For a detailed description of Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants regulations and procedures, applicants should consult the [ANNOTATED RULES FOR COST ACTIONS](#).

1. Who is eligible

The following eligibility criteria apply:

- Applicant(s) are Action participants with a primary affiliation to an institution located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country.
- The applicant(s) shall inform the MC about the aim of the VM Grant and how its outcomes will generate benefits to the Action, actively contribute to the activities and overall objectives of the Action and submit a report at the end, to be approved by the VNS manager on behalf of the MC

2. How to apply

Eligible applicants should follow the following steps:

- Fill in the online application form directly on the [eCOST Platform](#). If you are new to the eCOST platform, you have to create an account.
- From the left menu, click on “COST Actions”, then “Grant Applications”. Click the button “Apply for a grant” then create a new VM Grant request. Select the **COST Action CA19144** and the **Grant Period 2** from the drop-down menus and complete your application. [A template for Grant Application is available here](#).
- Fill-in the downloadable application template and upload it;
- Save and submit the request.

The applicant will get a feedback email confirming the reception of the application.

3. Financial support

Each Virtual Mobility Grant cannot exceed EUR 1.500,00.

The Virtual Networking Support Manager (upon mandate of the Management Committee) shall define the exact amount of each grant reflecting the scope and complexity of the task and activities. The grant does not necessarily cover all expenses related to undertaking the virtual mobility activity.

The Grant Holder shall pay the approved grant to the grantee after the MC has approved the grantee's report and no later than 15 days after the end of Grant Period.

4. Evaluation process

The Virtual Networking Support Manager will check the applications, rejecting those that are incomplete or do not meet the eligibility criteria. The evaluation, grading and ranking of the applications will be the task of a Virtual Networking Support Manager (upon mandate of the Management Committee).

The VNS Manager **will evaluate each proposal** according to the following scale:

- Up to 9 points for the quality of the proposal. The evaluation will take into account the following criteria:
 - Coherence to the overall objectives of the action
 - Potential to foster collaboration in a virtual setting, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, disseminate the Action results, etc
 - Implementation of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

One point will be added to applications submitted by Young Researchers and Innovators (less than 40 YO).

A minimum grade of six points (out of 10) is required for grant attribution. In the case of even scoring, gender and geographic balance will be prioritized.

After approval, the Grantee will receive an official approval letter by email.

5. Reporting and reimbursement

The grantees have 15 calendar days from the end of the Grant Period to submit [a report](#) including:

- Description of the outcomes and achieved outputs (including any specific MoU deliverables, or publications resulting from the Virtual Mobility).
- Description of the benefits to the COST Action Strategy (what and how).
- Description of the virtual collaboration (including constructive reflection on activities undertaken, identified successful practices and lessons learned). The report shall consider only virtual activities carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period.

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For further information, please do not hesitate to contact info.euven@gmail.com.