

CA 21143 TraFaDy
Core Group Document
Networking grants TraFaDy
Virtual Mobility -
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2023 - 2024
(Call February 2024)

Terms and abbreviations used in this document: Check the full list [here](#) (including definitions)

The COST Action CA21143 “Transnational Family Dynamics in Europe” (TraFaDy) objective is to deepen and broaden the scientific understanding of transnational families through international and multidisciplinary knowledge exchange, enable further multidisciplinary approaches and stimulate innovation in research, policy, and practice.

As part of this aim, the Action encourages and supports Virtual Mobilities (VM). VMs consists of a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, aiming at strengthening networks and contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action CA21143 (read more on <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21143/>).

The TraFaDy Action launches a 5th call for proposals. There is approximately 1 VM grant to be awarded and conducted. The activity needs to take place before 30th of September 2024 and needs to be in line with the general COST Action CA21143 goals and objectives (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21143/>).

Applicants are invited to apply up to 29th of January 2024 CET.

WHAT IS A VM?

VMs consists of a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, aiming at strengthening (the existing) networks, etc. A VM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action CA21143. To learn about aims of COST Action CA21143, please look at Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21143/>.

More information about the COST rules on the VM is available at the COST Annotated Rules for COST Actions ([https://www.cost.eu/Annotated Rules for COST Actions C](https://www.cost.eu/Annotated_Rules_for_COST_Actions_C)).

PRIORITIES FOR APPLICATIONS

In the selection procedure, **proposals with a close relation with one or more TraFaDy Working Groups will be prioritized**. All proposals must contribute to the scientific objectives of and finally be of interest for COST Action CA21143.

Read about the scope of the 6 working groups and the objectives of the Action in the [‘memory of understanding’](#) of the action.

Applications from Young Researchers (under 40 years) are privileged.

RULES

The VM applicant must be a PhD candidate or be engaged in a research programme as a postdoctoral fellow or be employed by an institution of a COST Country that has signed the MoU of the Action. Applications from Young Researchers (under 40 years) are

privileged. The host institution should be actively participating in the COST Action CA21143. For the period of the VM neither the Management Committee, nor the COST Office nor the Grant Holder may be considered as an employer. The applicant should get in touch with a proposed institution individually.

Grantees must make their own arrangements for all health, social, personal security, and social security matters.

The selection of VM applicants is based on the scientific scope of the VM application that must be in line with the COST Action CA21143 objectives. The selection of successful candidates is made by the Action Core Group, based on a proposal of the Grant Awarding Coordinator following the recommendations of the WG Leaders and the MC Chair. The Grant Awarding Coordinator informs the Grant Holder about successful candidate and then the Grant Holder sends a grant letter generated from e-COST system to the approved applicant. The grant letter must be signed by the applicant and returned to the Grant Holder.

A VM grant is a fixed contribution based on the requested budget that should reflect the duration and content of the VM. The budget is evaluated by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and can be reduced by decision of the Core Group. It does not necessarily cover all such expenses.

Successful applicants will receive an allowance up to €400. The budget will be awarded to the successful applicant in accordance with COST rules.

Be aware of the brand guidelines for dissemination activities funded by COST. Please check [here](#) if they apply on your grant (or check [COST-Action-Visual-Branding-Guidelines-071122.pdf](#)). In that case, the COST logo, EU Emblem, acknowledgment, and boilerplate are required in the final slide of presentation made by you. The grant might be rejected if your material does not reach the COST standards.

After the VM, the grantee must submit a scientific report to the Host and to the Grant Awarding Coordinator within 30 days after the end of his/her stays and in any case on 15th of October 2024 at the latest.

The VM grant will be paid after the activity (acceptance of the scientific report and a letter from the Host are required). The VM grantee must therefore pre-finance costs related to the activity (travel, stay, meals).

APPLICATION

If you are interested in applying, complete the on-line application <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/add?type=VM>. More about the COST grants applications on <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants>. A COST account is needed. Create your account [here](#).

The application form will describe: Main Objective, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, plan for participation, expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives;

Applicants are invited to apply up to 29th of February 2024 CET. They will be informed about the result of their application by the end of March via the e-COST system.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by the Cost Action CA21143 WG leaders, the Core Group and the Grant Awarding Coordinator according to the following criteria:

- Scientific quality and relevance of the work plan. Namely, how well it addresses the proposed topics and the COST Action CA21143 objectives;
- Anticipated outcomes in respect of COST Action CA21143 objective



- Contribution to personal development of the candidate;
- Other criteria include early career, gender balance and geographical inclusiveness;
- The application of the [‘Rules and Principles for COST activities’](#) by the applicant.

AFTER THE VM

The grantee is obliged to submit a short scientific report to the host institution (for information) and to the Grant Awarding Coordinator (by uploading it in e-COST) within 30 days after the end date of the VM *and in any case on 15th of October 2024 at the latest.*

The report must contain the following information:

- the work developed
- main outcomes and achieved outputs of the Virtual Mobility
- description of the future follow up collaboration.
- future collaboration with the host institution (if applicable);
- foreseen publications / articles resulting from the VM (if applicable);
- confirmation by the host institution of the successful execution of the VM;
- other comments (if any).

In addition to the report the applicant will also:

- provide a 200 words (publishable) text for the TraFaDy newsletters and social media (to be uploaded in e-COST)
- make presentations and other material available for the use in TraFaDy working groups (to be uploaded in e-COST)
- share results of the activities with the relevant working groups (also via presentations on working groups if requested by the working group leader).

Please note that failure to submit the scientific report on time will effectively cancel the grant.

The Grant Awarding Coordinator will manage the evaluation process and inform the Grant Holder about the acceptance of the report. Afterwards, the Grant Holder will execute the payment of the fixed grant directly to the grantee or to home institution as stated in the application form.

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