

First Call for a Virtual Mobility Grant (VM) COST Action EU-RESOLVE (CA24138)

The call for Applicants will be open from the 29th of July until 7th of August 2026 for a Virtual Mobility (VM) grant. VM Grants must be carried out and completed by **September 20th, 2026**. Applicants will be informed of the selection results during August 2026.

1. VM

This is the first call for VM funded by **Cost Action 24138**. VM enables collaboration in an online setting among researchers within the COST Action, facilitating knowledge exchange, supporting the harmonisation and standardisation of methods and procedures, enhancing data analysis and data management of the Action, and fostering skills development in areas of interest for the EU-RESOLVE COST Action.

2. APPLICATION

EU-RESOLVE offers at least one VM grant, the final number of grants awarded will depend on the final available budget. The grant contributes to the overall effort of the grantee but does not necessarily cover all expenses related to undertaking the VM activity. **The maximum amount per Grant is 1,500 EUR.**

The VM Grant Applicant(s) are **Action participants**, i.e., Management Committee members, Management Committee Observers, Working Group members, ad-hoc contributors to a COST Action, with a primary affiliation to a legal entity located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country, a COST Near Neighbour country or a European RTD Organisation.

VM Grant Applicants shall be enrolled in an official research programme as a PhD student or postdoctoral fellow or employed by or affiliated with an institution, organisation or legal entity that has a clear association with performing research.

IMPORTANT! VM Grants must be carried out and completed by **September 20th, 2026.**

3. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications for VM are managed through the [e-COST management tool](#). The applicants will complete the information on the website and upload the following documents:

- To be filled in e-COST:
 - Title of the VM Grant
 - Start and end date
 - Budget requested by the applicant
- To be uploaded to e-COST:
- **APPLICATION FORM**, including a work plan detailing the proposed activities.
The work plan should describe goals, the work to be carried out by the applicant,

plan for participation, expected outcomes and how it contributes to the Action objectives. Template available on e-COST and [Annex II](#).

- **CV**, including a list of academic publications if applicable.
- **Contribution to the COST Action Strategy:** How will the VM contribute to the COST Excellence with a focus on data analysis and data management.

For further details, the applicant may visit the [Annotated Rules](#). For additional information on the submission via the e-COST system, applicants may visit the [Grant Awarding User Guide](#).

4. GRANT AWARDING CRITERIA

Each proposal will be ranked by the Grant Awarding Committee of the Action, and an evaluation score will be assigned based on its relevance to EU-RESOLVE. The quality of the work plan, and the applicant's CV will also be evaluated.

The selection will follow the COST policies on inclusiveness:

- Geographical spread, applicants from ITC countries will be prioritised. ITC countries: <https://www.cost.eu/about/strategy/excellence-and-inclusiveness/>.
- Career stage: young researchers will be prioritised.
- Gender balance (if there is a tie in the selection process, we will prioritise gender balance).

The final ranking will be approved by the Action Chair and the Grant Awarding Coordinator.

5. REPORTING AND CLAIM FOR PAYMENT OF THE GRANT

After the VM activity concludes, the Grantee must submit the required reports and relevant documentation in e-COST within **10 days of the activity's end date**. Payment is claimed by submitting the report through e-COST. It is noted that if the applicant does not submit the required report on time, the grant is cancelled.

The required report / documentation for claiming a VM Grant is:

- Report to the Action on the work developed, main outcomes and achieved outputs of the VM (including any specific MoU deliverables, or publications resulting from the VM), and description of future follow-up collaborations.