

Virtual Mobility Grant Opportunities within Riseup-PPD (Cost Action CA18138)

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A. GENERAL INFO

The main goal of Riseup-PPD COST Action is to establish a Pan-European multidisciplinary network of researchers dedicated to the understanding of Peripartum Depression Disorder (PPD), from its prevention and assessment to its treatment and global impact (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18138>).

Virtual Mobility (VM) Grants consist of a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc.

According to Riseup-PPD's Work and Budget Plan, **2 VMs** will be funded in the current Grant Period. Across the Grant Period, this number may be increased considering the available budget (pending MC and COST approval) and this call updated accordingly. There is no minimum or maximum duration for VM Grants; however, the VM grants for this period must end prior to **15th October 2022**.

B. ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE

PARTICIPANTS

Financial support is provided as a contribution to the overall effort, not necessarily covered by an employer or by a Grant Holder Institution. To receive financial support, VM Grants applicants must be affiliated to a legal entity in a COST Full or Cooperating Member, Near Neighbour Country or European RTD Organisations. For an overview, please consult the Country and Organisations Table (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/10/Annex-I-level-A-Country-and-Organisations-Table-REVISION.pdf>).

Applicants are also requested to consult the COST Annotated Rules Annex 2 (<https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/10/COST-094-21-Annotated-Rules-for-COST-Actions-Level-C-2021-11-01-1.pdf>) for the updated information about VM Grants.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

The successful applicant(s) shall implement the workplan approved in their application within the timeframe also there defined and always within one single Grant Period.

Priority will be given to already undergoing activities, such as:

- Preparation of content or other tasks related to Riseup-PPD events that require collaboration from two or more members (e.g., Training Schools, Workshops/Seminars, Scientific Meetings);
- Tasks related to the development and implementation of the Riseup-PPD Guidelines Group;
- Systematic reviews or other publications;
- Development of questionnaires or surveys directly related to the work by Working Groups or Action deliverables.

It is important to note that the VM grants are not meant to cover activities already covered by other networking tools (e.g., production of a dissemination video). For content creation, the VM application must clarify how this would contribute to Riseup-PPD's MoU objectives and deliverables.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

VM Grants calls are open throughout the course of each Riseup-PPD grant period. To apply, open an VM Grant application on e-COST using the dedicated forms available, and upload your CV in your e-COST profile. The Grant Awarding Coordinator Katarina Savić Vujović will be notified and forward the application to the Virtual Networking Support Manager (if available), which in turn will initiate the evaluation procedure by the Core Group (as mandated by the Management Committee).

VM Grants applications must be submitted at least 30 days before the starting date of the VM. However, please submit it as possible regardless of VM dates. If the VM does not end prior to 15 October 2022, your application will not be accepted. Applications will be evaluated in 7 days. Upon approval of the application, you will receive a Grant Letter from the Grant Holder stating the approved amount and the conditions for receiving the grant.

The application submitted in e-COST (<https://e-services.cost.eu/>) shall include the following information:

- To be filled in e-COST: Title, start and end date (within the active Grant Period) and budget requested;
- To be uploaded to e-COST: Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: 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.

C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The evaluation of the submitted VM Grant applications will be performed by the Action's Core Group and Virtual Networking Support Manager (if available; as per MC vote).

The selection of successful grantees will be based on contributions to the overall objectives of the Action, the approved strategy on the virtual networking for the Action and the implementation of the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy.

Priority will be given for Working Group leaders/co-leaders / Task leaders in their applications. Applicants will be further ranked based on the quality and feasibility (i.e., being able to complete all proposed activities before 15 October 2022) of the VM Plan; and how the latter is related to Riseup-PPD objectives and deliverables according to the Memorandum of Understanding. However, all interested members are welcome to apply with their virtual work within Riseup-PPD, even if not in the priority group.

In order to support COST Policy and Rules (particularly Inclusiveness and Excellence), the attribution of the grant will also take into account:

- Representation of Young Researchers and Innovators from ITC countries and NNC;
- The promotion of activities relevant to several Riseup-PPD Working Groups.

To avoid conflict of interest when evaluating the applications, applicants who are from the same institution of a Core Group member will not be evaluated by that member.

D. FUNDING

According to Riseup-PPD's Work and Budget Plan, 2 grants of 1500 EUR each will be funded for the current Grant Period.

The Core Group shall define the exact amount of each grant reflecting the duration, scope and complexity of the task and activities to be covered via the VM Grant. The grant does not necessarily cover all expenses related to undertaking the virtual mobility activity.

Grants are paid by the Grant Holder after the completion of the activity and approval of all required report/documentation.

The COST Association and the Grant Holder of the Action cannot be considered as being the grantee's employer who shall make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security, and pension matters. The grantee must also ensure they have the required technical material/equipment and infrastructure to carry out the activities proposed in their application to the grant.

E. FINAL REPORT

The grantee has 30 days from the end date of the VM Grant (or 15 days after the end of the Grant Period, whichever date comes first) to submit the required report and relevant documentation in e-COST: report to the Action MC on the work developed, main outcomes and achieved outputs of the VM, and description of the future follow up collaboration. The report shall consider only virtual activities carried out in their entirety within a single Grant Period.

F. APPLICATION DEADLINES

VM Grant Period: 11.12.2021-15.10.2022

VM Grant Application Period: 16.12.2021-15.09.2022

Applications will be assessed up to 7 days from the submission.

G. RELEVANT CONTACTS

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