COST Action CA22160
Enhancing knowledge of BIOmolecular solutions for the well-being of European AQUAculture sector - BIOAQUA

Open call for Virtual Network Support Grant (VNS)

Important Details

Application deadline: 19th of January 2026

Notification of Results: 26th of January 2026

Mission Period: 26th of January 2026 – 31th of October 2026

1 Grant – 4.000 EUR

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Specific Description

Number of Grants: 1

Thematic topic: Virtual networking (internal/external); virtual tools.

Specific Goals: Virtual networking support.

Outputs: 1 Report.

This call intends to provide **1 grant** for **1 grant holder** to develop the following tasks:

General Activities:

- Prepare and distribute among the MC members of the Action and the COST Science Officer a detailed strategy on virtual networking for the Action.

- Support the Science Communication Coordinator in integrating the virtual and hybrid dimensions of the Action dissemination and communication strategy.

Specific Activities:

- Support the Science Communication Coordinator in integrating the virtual and hybrid dimensions of the Action dissemination and communication strategy, with particular focus on the generation of contents and dynamization of networking via social networks.

- Prepare and share the Action's monthly highlights after compiling relevant information from BIOAQUA's Core Group members, and use them for the continuous generation of enriched contents for BIOAQUA's website and networking activities.

Expected Results

- A report compiling the strategy on virtual networking for the Action and information about the networking, dissemination and communication activities performed with related KPIs.

How to apply?

To apply for the VNS Grant within the COST Action BIOAQUA, please fill in the [VNS application form](#) available on the e-cost system and upload the following documents:

- Application form (template available on e-COST) describing: Goals, description of the work to be carried out by the applicant, expected outcomes, and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives [VNS Application Form](#))

How will applications be evaluated?

The application is submitted to the COST Action MC via-e-COST. The Grant Awarding Coordinator coordinates the evaluation on behalf of the Action MC and informs the Grant Holder of the result of the evaluation for issuing the Grant Letter.

How to report on the implementation of Virtual Networking Support?

This report is submitted by the grantee to the Action MC for approval and for claiming payment of the awarded grant. The Grant Awarding Coordinator coordinates the evaluation of this report on behalf of the Action MC and instructs the GH for payment of the Grant.

Virtual Networking Support Grant
- APPLICATION FORM[1] -

Action number:

Applicant name:

<u>Virtual Networking Support Details:</u>

Title:

Start date:

<u>Description of expected Action benefits from virtual and hybrid networking activities</u>

Focus should be on:

- Progress towards the Action objectives and deliverables.
- Contribution to COST Strategy: how the VNS will contribute to promoting and spreading excellence, fostering interdisciplinary research for breakthrough science, and empowering and retaining young researchers and innovators.

(max.500 words)

Applicant enters max. 500 word summary here.

<u>Outline of the strategy on virtual and hybrid networking</u>

Description of the strategy on virtual and hybrid networking used as a complement to traditional ways of collaboration within relevant research and innovation communities.

(max.500 words)

Applicant enters max. 500 word summary here.

<u>Plan of activities to be performed by the VNS grantee in support to the COST Action</u>

Description of the plan of activities to be carried out by the VNS grantee in support to the COST Action to develop capacity in virtual and hybrid collaboration and networking and to increase Action impact and reach.

(max.500 words)

Applicant enters max. 500 word summary here.

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[1] This form is part of the application for a grant for Virtual Networking Support. It is submitted to the COST Action MC via-e-COST. The Grant Awarding Coordinator coordinates the evaluation on behalf of the Action MC and informs the Grant Holder of the result of the evaluation for issuing the Grant Letter.

Report on the implementation of Virtual Networking Support[2]

Action number:

Grantee name:

Virtual Networking Support Details:

Title:

Start date:

Reference to the Action strategy on virtual and hybrid networking (MC approved)

Specify URL below if Action strategy on virtual networking is published online (e.g. Action web-site). If not public, upload the document on e-COST as a supporting document to this report.

Description of Action benefits realised through virtual and hybrid networking activities

Focus should be on:

- Progress towards the Action objectives and deliverables.
- Contribution to COST Strategy: how the VNS will contribute to promoting and spreading excellence, fostering interdisciplinary research for breakthrough science, and empowering and retaining young researchers and innovators.

(max.500 words)

Applicant enters max. 500 word summary here.

Description of virtual and hybrid networking activities supported by the VNS

Description of virtual and hybrid networking activities carried out by the VNS grantee in support to the COST Action to develop capacity in virtual and hybrid collaboration and networking and to increase Action impact and reach.

(max. 500 words)

Grantee enters max. 500 word summary here.

Other Activities performed in support to the Action

Description of any other activities performed by the VNS grantee, if relevant.

(max. 500 words)

Grantee enters max. 500 word summary here.

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