SENSECO COST Action ([CA17134 SENSECO](#))

Optical synergies for spatiotemporal SENsing of Scalable ECOphysiological traits

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CALL FOR VIRTUAL MOBILITY (VM) GRANT

Application deadline is the 8tth of August 2021

- SENSECO will provide up to 6 VM Grants under this call with financial support of up to 1500 EUR for each grant
- Missions should be completed before the 31st of October 2021
- Applicant should be familiar with SENSECO objectives and read section 10 of the [COST Vademecum](#)

What is a Virtual Mobility (VM) Grant?

A VM Grant is a specific task to be worked on and completed by the grantee. The grant topic should directly help SENSECO to reach its objectives and contribute to the planned deliverables. The aim is to virtually create collaborations and increase SENSECO activities.

Some example of tasks that can be proposed are:

- Generate surveys
- Protocol development
- Computational/modelling activities
- Data analysis for a specific task/deliverable
- Virtual mentoring
- Online courses or massive open online course (MOOCs)
- Create collaborations in projects/publications
- Initiatives to spread SENSECO virtual visibility through channels like YouTube or GitHub
- Creation of promotional videos
- Hackathon

Who can apply?

Action participants with a primary affiliation to an institution located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country or Management Committee (MC) Observers from a COST Near Neighbor Country.

Applications of Early Career Investigators (ECIs) and members affiliated to Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC) are particularly encouraged. ECIs applicants are those who are within 8 years after their PhD completion. PhD students are also eligible to pursue VM Grants.

Financial support

Funding rules are described in Section 10.2 of the COST Vademecum

A maximum of 6 VM Grants will be awarded by SENSECO COST Action. Each VM Grant cannot exceed 1500 EUR, defined by the MC depending on the scope and complexity of the task and activities. The grant does not necessarily cover all expenses related to undertaking the virtual mobility activity (see Section 10.3 of the COST Vademecum).

How to apply?

The applicant must carefully read section 10 of the COST Vademecum.

Instructions for online application:

The applicant must register with a e-COST profile. Grants are managed through the e-COST management tool.

Required information:

- Type: selection type of VNT Grant. In this case is "Virtual Mobility (VM) grant".
- COST Action: CA17134 SENSECO
- Select the current Grant Period (ending 31-10-2021)
- Title: title of the VNT grant application
- Amount: requested financial contribution (up to 1500 EUR)
- Bank account
- Planned starting and ending dates

Instructions for writing the VM Grant application (max 2200 words):

The application shall be submitted in e-COST, where you can download the template after starting the online application, and include the following information:

- Main objective of the Virtual Mobility Grant
- Working Plan: Description of the collaborative initiative to be implemented.
- Plan for Participation: List of participants in the collaborative initiative (short description of their expertise and contribution).
- Main expected outputs: results and contribution to the progress towards the MoU objectives (either research coordination and/or capacity building objectives can be tackled) and delivery of the MoU objectives.
- Contribution to the COST Action Strategy: How will the Virtual Mobility contribute to the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy and plans for stakeholder engagement and promoting participation of researchers from NNC and IPC (COST Global Networking) and to the approved virtual networking strategy, if available.

Applicants shall inform 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 SENSECO Cost Action and submit a report at the end, to be approved by the Virtual Networking Support (VNS) manager Verónica Sobejano Paz (veronicasaz@gmai.com) on behalf of the MC.

Evaluation and selection of applicants

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

The successful applicant(s) will be selected by the MC to perform activities that do not necessarily require in-person presence. These activities may include surveys, questionnaires or preparation of protocols, virtual mentoring of activities that can generate capacity, build new skills, etc.

After the completion of the VM activities

The official completion of the task should be ended before the 25th of September 2021. Then, the grantee has 30 calendar days from the completion of the Virtual Mobility Grant to submit a report to the Action Chair/ the VNS Manager and to the Science Officer of the Action 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 and should be **submitted before the 25th of October 2021 00.00 CEST.**

Timeline

- Application deadline: 8th of August 2021
- Official completion of the task: 25th of September 2021
- Report submission: 25th of October 2021
- End of grant period: 31st of October 2021

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Or include SENSECO logo in relevant documents.

**For further information do not hesitate to contact the VNS Manager
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