

COST Action 23137
Print Culture and Public Spheres in Central Europe (1500–1800) | PCPS^{CE}
Virtual Mobility Grant
CALL 8: Bibliographical Research on the topic of “Public Spheres” for Zotero
Bibliographic Database

Important Dates

Call closes: 13 July 2026

Notification of Results: 7 days after submission of complete application

Mission Period: 01 August – 15 October 2026

About this Action

PCPS^{CE} investigates the interactions between the pre-modern media revolution through printing and the emergence of public spheres in Central Europe in early modern history. The Action aims to build a European and global network of stakeholders from education, research and cultural institutions with a special focus on Young Researchers and Innovators. It works towards an integrative methodology that brings together experts from different national and disciplinary backgrounds. The Action includes work on joint publications such as a compendium on the book history of Central Europe and the development of an annotated catalogue of digital data and tools. The initiative aims to promote a new scholarly and public historical awareness of the diverse, non-national pasts of Central Europe. More information can be found in the Action’s Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) available in the following web page: www.cost.eu/actions/CA23137.

Definition of Virtual Mobility Grant:

VM grants are given to a COST Action participant implementing virtual collaborative initiatives. The VM applicant(s) are Action participants with a primary affiliation to an institution located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country or a COST Near Neighbouring Country participating in the Action. The applicant(s) shall inform the Grant Awarding Coordinator and Core Group about the aim of the VM Grant and how its outcomes will generate benefits to the Action, actively contribute to the overall objectives and relevant deliverables of the Action. The applicant must submit an activity report at the end, to be approved by the Grant Awarding Coordinator and voted by the Core Group.

The maximum amount for a VM grant is 1,500€.

Main objective of the Virtual Mobility Grant:

The purpose of this Virtual Mobility (VM) grant is to conduct a comprehensive bibliographic survey on the concept of “Public Spheres” and its scholarly reception within Central European research contexts. The project seeks to map the current state of academic debate across all participating COST countries through the systematic collection and organization of bibliographic data for the Compendium. The position involves not only extensive work with major academic databases, but also active engagement with the COST Action network in order to identify and integrate the expertise and publications of Action members. Candidates should possess advanced bibliographic and editorial skills, strong proficiency in Zotero-based reference management and citation workflows, and a demonstrated research profile in the field of public spheres, evidenced through relevant scholarly publications. Careful attention to detail, familiarity with metadata standards, and a commitment to maintaining the accuracy, consistency, and academic quality of the collected references are essential for this role.

Application process:

The applicant encodes a VM application by logging into e-COST and clicking on the “My Grant Applications”, where a new application can be encoded.

Application on e-COST will be communicated to Joëlle Weis, Grant Awarding Coordinator.

Requirements after approval:

More information on the user guide: <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2021/06/VNT-userguide.pdf>