

COST Action 23137
Print Culture and Public Spheres in Central Europe (1500–1800) | PCPS^{CE}
Virtual Mobility Grant
CALL 9: Administrative Support for GP3 Panel Sponsoring Initiatives

Important Dates

Call closes: 15 August 2026

Notification of Results: 7 days after submission of complete application

Mission Period: 1 September – 22 September 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 400€.

Main objective of the Virtual Mobility Grant:

The purpose of this Virtual Mobility (VM) grant is to provide short-term administrative support for the preparation of the Grant Period 3 (GP3) Panel Sponsoring Initiatives. Following the submission deadline of 31 August, panel proposals are expected for two major international conferences: the 12th Biennial Conference of the Society for Renaissance Studies (London, 2027) and the 18th Century World Congress (Zaragoza, 2027). The successful candidate will assist the Action Vice Chair in organising and documenting the submitted proposals, preparing the materials required for discussion by the Core Group, and compiling a comparative overview to support the evaluation process. The assignment also includes assisting in the preparation of a shortlist of proposals, from which up to two panels for each conference will be selected for COST funding.

Candidates should possess excellent organisational and communication skills, a high level of proficiency in English, and experience in academic administration or the coordination of collaborative research projects. Familiarity with collaborative digital working environments and the preparation of meeting documentation will be considered an advantage. Careful attention to detail, reliability, and the ability to manage multiple parallel tasks within a fixed timeframe are essential for this short-term assignment.

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>