

COST Action 23137
Print Culture and Public Spheres in Central Europe (1500–1800) | PCPS^{CE}
Virtual Mobility Grant
CALL 18: Integration of Country Report Resources into the PCPS^{CE} Zotero Database

Important Dates

Call closes: 27 September 2026

Notification of Results: 1 week after submission of complete application

Mission Period: 12 October – 28 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:

This Virtual Mobility Grant will integrate the bibliographical and digital resources identified in the standardised country reports into the PCPS^{CE} Zotero Group Library. Using AI-assisted workflows, the grantee will extract, verify, and harmonise references, resolve duplicate or incomplete records, and apply consistent metadata, tags, and classifications. Applicants should have experience with Zotero, bibliographical description, metadata standards, and research in book history, library history, print culture, or a related field. Advanced skills in the responsible use of AI for data processing, metadata enrichment, and quality control are essential, including the ability to critically assess AI-generated results for accuracy, bias, and inconsistencies. The resulting records will connect country-level research with the Action's shared digital infrastructure and make these resources searchable, comparable, and reusable across the PCPS^{CE} community.

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:

Report must be issued within 15 days from the end date, template available at www.cost.eu/virtual_networking_support_grant_report.

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