**Virtual Networking Support (VNS) Grant Application Template**

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| **Participant details** |
| **CIG number** |
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| **Name and surname** |
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| **Benefit to the COST Innovators Grant** |
| Describe how the COST Innovators Grant can benefit from developing virtual networking activities.  Focus should be on:   * Progress towards the COST Innovators Grant objectives and deliverables * COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy, especially towards the support of researchers in COST Inclusiveness Target Countries * Stakeholders’ engagement and promoting the participation of researchers from NNC¹ and IPC²   Max. 500 words |
| Please describe here the benefit of the VNS to the COST Innovators Grants. |

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| **Outline of the strategy on virtual networking** |
| The applicant needs to propose an outline of the strategy on virtual networking, including:   * An approach for coordinating Virtual Mobility Grants (where relevant) by:   + Opening calls and managing the evaluation process for awarding Virtual Mobility Grants   + Supporting and advising beneficiaries of the Virtual Mobility Grants. * A plan for coordinating and reporting any planned COST Innovators Grant events that will be held online (e.g., Annual Meeting or Conference) and how they fit the overall COST Innovators Grant strategy.   Max. 500 words |
| Please describe here an outline of the strategy on virtual networking. |

*Please, remember that you will have to upload on e-cost an updated Europass CV (dates of degrees obtained, current position, past experience and a list of academic publications, if applicable).*

¹NNC: Near Neighbour Country

²IPC: International Partner Country