



**COST Action CA21114 “CLIL Network for Languages in Education: Towards bi- and multilingual disciplinary literacies”
VIRTUAL MOBILITIES**

Terms and abbreviations used in this document: Check the full list [here](#) (including definitions)

The **COST Action CA21114 “CLIL Network for Languages in Education: Towards bi- and multilingual disciplinary literacies”** (CLILNetLE) objective is to develop an impactful, shared research agenda and dissemination strategy, targeting CLIL’s educational potential to support the development of bi/multilingual disciplinary literacies.

As part of this aim, the Action continues to encourage and support **Virtual Mobility (VM)**. VMs consist of a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, aiming at strengthening (the existing) networks and contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action CA21114.

Until **30th September 2026**, there is a maximum of five **VM** grants to be awarded and conducted. Applicants are invited to apply for one of the proposed topics related to specific objectives (see below) up to **15th June 2026**. Note that all VMs must be in line with the general COST Action CA21114 goals and objectives (<https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21114/>).

Note that all Mobility Activities have to be completed by 30th September 2026, and it is the responsibility of the grant holders to submit a report within 30 days from the end of the activity OR within 15 days from the end date of the Grant Period, which is 5/10/2026, whichever is earlier.

PROPOSED TOPICS / IDEAS

We specifically invite applicants to conduct research in line with the topics proposed below. A successful candidate is expected to have experience in conducting academic research, familiarity with relevant research methods, and good communication and IT skills.

We are offering Virtual Mobility grants to support the collaborative, in-depth analyses of data relevant to the Action, with a view towards presenting the findings in the form of dissemination items for teachers or researchers.

1) Impact Assessment of Teacher Training Schools in Perugia and Leiden

We are offering VMs to support the collection and analysis of data related to teacher participants involved in the training schools organised in Perugia and Leiden, with the aim of identifying the pedagogical approaches, methodologies, and practices that have been adopted, adapted, and implemented in participants’ institutional and classroom contexts following the training activities. The task will encompass the development of data collection instruments, communication with participants, analysis of qualitative and quantitative findings, and preparation of a report outlining the impact and sustainability of the training outcomes.

2) Analysis of CLIL and Language & Disciplinary Literacy Policies

We are offering VMs to support the analysis of school-relevant CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) policies and language and disciplinary literacy policies across various

national contexts. The task will include identifying and reviewing relevant policy frameworks, strategic documents, and educational guidelines, with particular attention to their applicability to school education and multilingual learning environments. All activities will be carried out in coordination with the Action Chair to ensure alignment with the objectives and dissemination strategy of the Action.

3) Experts and stakeholders' insights and perspectives

We are offering VM grants to support the analysis and reporting of data collected during the CA21114 Final Conference. As the activities are directly linked to the interviews and stakeholder interactions taking place during the conference, only participants attending the conference are eligible to apply. The task will include contributing to the development of an interview framework and preparing interview guidelines to gather expert insights and stakeholder perspectives during the conference. The task further encompasses the organisation of data collection during the conference. Based on the findings, a comprehensive analytical report will be prepared, summarising key outcomes, recommendations, and conclusions relevant to the objectives and long-term impact of the Action.

Grant applications need to clearly outline the planned collaboration. Note that the data set needs to go beyond the participant's national and/or own data.

Outputs consist of the analysed data as well as a brief report on it, and a dissemination item (to be published on the website).

WHAT IS A VM?

VMs consist of a collaboration in a virtual setting among researchers or innovators within the COST Action to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, aiming at strengthening (the existing) networks, etc. A VM should specifically contribute to the scientific objectives of the COST Action CA21114. To learn about the aims of COST Action CA21114, please look at the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) available on the COST website: <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21114/>

More information about the COST rules on the VM is available at the COST Annotated Rules for COST Actions ([https://www.cost.eu/Annotated Rules for COST Actions C](https://www.cost.eu/Annotated_Rules_for_COST_Actions_C)).

RULES

- The VM applicant must be a PhD candidate or be engaged in a research programme as a postdoctoral fellow or be employed by an institution of a COST Country. Applications from **Young Researchers and Innovators** (under 40 years) **are privileged**. The host institution should be actively participating in the COST Action CA21114. For the period of the VM, neither the Management Committee (MC), nor the COST Office, nor the Grant Holder (GH) may be considered as an employer. The grantees must make their own arrangements for all health, social, personal security, and pension matters.
- The selection of VM applicants is based on the scientific scope of the VM application that must be in line with the COST Action CA21114 objectives. The selection of successful candidates is made by the Action Core Group (CG), based on a proposal of the Grant Awarding Coordinator & Co-Coordinator (Grant Coordinator) following the recommendations of the WG Leaders and the MC Chair. The Grant Coordinator informs the GH about successful candidate and then the

GH sends a grant letter generated from e-COST system to the approved applicant. The grant letter must be signed by the applicant and returned to the GH.

- A VM grant is a fixed contribution - up to a **maximum total budget of €1500** - based on the requested budget. The requested budget is evaluated by the CG on proposal of the Grant coordinator and should reflect the duration, scope, and complexity of the task and activities to be covered via the VM grant. It does not necessarily cover all such expenses.
- After the VM, the VM participant must submit a **scientific report** to the Host and to the Grant Coordinator within **30 days after** the end of his/her stay OR within 15 days from the end date of the Grant Period, which is 5/10/2026, whichever is earlier.
- The VM grant will be paid after the VM exchange (acceptance of the scientific report). The VM candidates must therefore pre-finance costs related to the VM.

APPLICATION

If you are interested in applying, complete the **on-line application** available at your e-COST account (<https://e-services.cost.eu/grants>), after selecting COST Action CA21114 (Grant Applications, left menu) up to **15th June 2026**. Or go directly to <https://e-services.cost.eu/activity/grants/add?type=VM>.

More information on the procedures is available in the Grant Awarding user guide at <https://www.cost.eu/uploads/2025/01/COST-Grant-Awarding-user-guide.pdf>.

The VM application form will describe:

- Main Objective
- description of the work to be carried out by the applicant (plus time needed)
- requested grant amount (plus **clear justification for requested amount**),
- plan for participation (ensuring mobility element in terms of international participation)
- expected outcomes and description of the contribution to the Action MoU objectives
- name of the WG leader or Chair/Vice Chair who will supervise the grant.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by the Cost Action CA21114 WG leaders, the Core Group and the Grant Coordinator according to the following criteria:

- Scientific quality and relevance of the work plan. Namely, how well it addresses the proposed topics and the COST Action CA21114 objectives;
- Anticipated outcomes in respect of COST Action CA21114 objectives;
- Contribution to personal development of the candidate;
- Other criteria include early career, gender balance and geographical inclusiveness;
- The application of the [‘Rules and Principles for COST activities’](#) by the applicant.

After the VM

The VM grantee is obliged to submit a short scientific report to the Grant Coordinator or MC Core Group (for approval) within 30 days after the end date of the VM. The report must contain the following information:

- the work developed
- main outcomes and achieved outputs of the Virtual Mobility
- description of the future follow-up collaboration.

Please note that failure to submit the scientific report on time will effectively cancel the grant.

The Grant Coordinator will inform the GH about the acceptance of the report. Afterward, the GH will execute the payment of the fixed grant directly to the grantee or to the home institution as stated in the application form.

Clarifications:

Grantees must make their own arrangements for all provisions related to personal security, health, taxation, social security and pension matters.

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