



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Call for VMG

## 1<sup>st</sup> Call for GP3

### CA20123- IGCOORD

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Achieving coordination between executive actors of territorial units is one of the major challenges of today's politics. External effects and thus the interdependence of political actions beyond the borders of sovereign authority have increased dramatically, necessitating better coordination of decision-making and actions across territorial units as well as across levels of government in an increasingly complex environment. The effectiveness and legitimacy of democratic governance in modern States depends crucially on their coordination ability. There is still a serious lack of knowledge among scholars and practitioners on how to organize and process intergovernmental coordination in those various instances. Moreover, there is still no systematic connection between the various research communities dealing with the issues from their separate perspectives, such as federalism, European governance or local and regional governance scholars.

IGCOORD aims at connecting those different strands of research to provide systematic and comparable insights in the institutions, mechanisms and processes of intergovernmental coordination in the horizontal and in vertical direction, across levels of government, policy sectors and territorial units. More specifically, it aims at 1) collecting comparative evidence, 2) distilling basic mechanisms and causal explanations from analytic comparison, 3) developing new collaborative research questions and 4) disseminating those insights and results to inform real-world policy-making.

IGCOORD is particularly well suited to tackle those challenges because it links expertise that remained unrelated to date from different countries, (sub-)disciplines and problem situations. Fundamentally, only a broad and diverse network of scholars can generate innovative insights and produce knowledge relevant to political practice.



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## 1. IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for submission of applications: **There is no specific deadline, applications can be submitted at any time.**
- Outcome notification date: **Grant decisions will be communicated on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month after the submission of the application and the decision of its attribution is based on the merits of the application.**
- Period within which VMG must occur: **15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**
- Deadline for delivering the **VMG report** and **promised Output: up to 15 days after the conclusion of the VM.**

## 2. ABOUT VIRTUAL MOBILITY GRANTS

The Virtual Mobility Grants (VMGs) provide financial support for collaborative work carried out in a virtual setting. The purpose of VMGs is to directly contribute to Action deliverables. The VMG application is open only to IGCOORD members.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY RULES

- You are a member of the IGCOORD COST Action.
- Priority is given to Young Researchers and Innovators and members from ITC.
- Members who have already been granted a VMG are not eligible to apply to this first call, unless invited by the Action's CORE Group and to meet specific needs of the Action.
- The application is open, but only for grants with clear goals and outputs such as:
  - Development of policy briefs;
  - Development of Educational Videos;
  - Advertising campaign;
  - Other relevant results that will benefit the action;

## 4. FINANCIAL SUPPORT and EVALUATION

Applications are assessed by the GAC following the rules established within the CORE Group of IGCOORD. A maximum of 1.000 EUR can be allocated to each applicant. The request should reflect the scope of the collaborative work to be carried out. The final grant amount is determined during the evaluation process by the CORE Group. The awarded grant is paid only after the VMG has been completed and after the reporting documents and promised outputs have been submitted and approved. This process may take up to 30 days.

## 5. REPORTING PROCESS

After the term of the VMG, the grantee receives an e-notification to submit the report and other supporting documents on e-COST.

[COST Association and the Action's Grant Holder may request additional information to substantiate the information contained within the documents submitted by the VMG applicants.](#)

Please contact the **Grant Awarding Coordinator** Miro Hacek via email if any queries relating to VMGs occur: [Miro.Hacek@fdv.uni-lj](mailto:Miro.Hacek@fdv.uni-lj).

