Virtual Mobility Grant

* APPLICATION FORM[[1]](#footnote-1) -

Action number: *CA19117 Researcher Mental Health*

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| **Virtual Mobility Details**  Title: Policy briefs templates across ReMO member countries  Start and end date: 15/05/2022 to 15/10/2022 |
| **Main objective of the VM**  Purpose and summary of the VM.  *(max.200 word)*  The work plan of the ReMO Working Group 1 includes a commitment to delivering policy briefs to the European and national policymakers that map the situation in European countries with regard to the working conditions in research, legal rights of researchers, mental health support in academia, institutional good practices, and recommendations for improving national research environment.  The primary purposes of this VM grant are to develop the initial template of the policy brief and to coordinate its completion with the respective country representatives in the ReMO management committee.  The template will be designed as a test and training tool during the first school for future ReMO ambassadors in June 2022 in Grenoble to enable participants to contribute to the guiding framework for building knowledge and conversation planning. Feedback will be used to inform the update of the template, which will then be distributed among ReMO management committee members and managed towards completion. The First ReMO conference in August 2022 in Budapest will be a pivotal event to target and partner with potential ReMO ambassadors and nominate them to develop the policy briefs related to their relevant national organizations and policy actors. |
| **Working Plan**  Description of the collaborative initiative to be implemented, with focus on the work to be carried out by the applicant.  *(max.500 word)*  The template will be developed using good practices and examples of policy resources from openAIRE, Eurodoc, and other organizations. WG1 has already generated some ideas on the framework for the draft. Applicant’s participation in the research (WP2) group of WG2 Survey Special Interest Group also helped identify key topics. When the first template is ready, the applicant will foster commitments of the respective country representatives in the ReMO management committee to fill in country-specific details.  Applicant will manage the project to ensure meeting milestones and deliverables in time, including: D1) initial template, D2) completed briefs for 2 countries by June, D3) updated template using the feedback from the exercises during ReMO Ambassador School D4) final briefs.  This VM grant execution meets capacity building objectives of ReMO by training-by-doing of the ECR applicant in persuasive communication with various stakeholders and actors, policy writing skills, coordination, collaboration, and project management in a virtual communication environment. |
| **Plan for Participation**  Indicative list of participants in the collaborative initiative (short description of their expertise and envisaged contribution).  *(max.500 words)*  This project would rely on the guidance and input of WG1 members because of their experience and expertise on the system level - the ERA working environment and policy work. In particular, Dr Janet Metcalfe, Head of Vitae and WG1 Chair; Dr Stéphanie Gauttier, ReMo Vice-Chair and organizer of the Ambassador School, MCAA Policy Group Chair), Dr Brian Cahill (ReMO, MCAA, Euroscience), Dr Martin Grund (ReMO, science policy in Germany) and others. Inputs from and collaboration of the ReMO management committee from each country is crucial for this project, to provide directly or via delegating the relevant information about mental health, research environment, policy, and practices in respective countries. |
| **Expected outputs and contribution to MoU objectives and deliverables**  Main expected results and their contribution to the progress towards the Action objectives (either research coordination and/or capacity building objectives) and deliverables.  *(max.500 words)*  This project would contribute to ReMO action objectives: research coordination and capacity building. Completing the project and the deliverables implies collecting and synthesizing existing knowledge, information, data, and evidence gaps on factors that affect mental health in academia across ReMO member countries, their systems, and support services. Providing unified templates for policy briefs to gather common issues and practices and search for differences and coordination between management committee members would contribute to strengthening the links and knowledge transfer between countries. Within the management committee representatives and member countries, the urgency of developing these policy briefs would facilitate communication and collaboration between currently not connected stakeholders and fill the knowledge gap regarding the determinants of researcher mental health and well-being. Furthermore, the execution of this project trains the ECR applicant in how to tackle well-being-related issues in a context-aware manner on a systemic level. |

1. This form is part of the application for a grant to execute a Virtual Mobility. It is submitted to the COST Action MC via-e-COST. The Grant Awarding Coordinator coordinates the evaluation on behalf of the Action MC and informs the Grant Holder of the result of the evaluation for issuing the Grant Letter. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)