

VIRTUAL MOBILITY (VM) GRANT REPORT TEMPLATE

This report is submitted by the VM grantee to VNS Manager, who will coordinate the approval on behalf of the Action MC.

Action number: CA18201

VM grant title: Construction of a Plant-Pollinator Network for protected European Plants

VM grant start and end date: 01/09/2021 to 31/10/2021

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Description of the outcomes and achieved outputs (including any specific Action objective and deliverables, or publications resulting from the Virtual Mobility).

(max. 500 words)

production of the call to the participants; preliminary agenda of activities; contact list for the work group; information letter of the project; forwarding call for participation to selected contacts; project presentation at the meeting of WG1 COST Action on November 5th; presentation of the benefits of the VM Grant at the COST Action congress held in Bologna on 14 and 15 October; database creation with the project network criteria; database based on the list of plant species of the IUCN red list (Bilz, M., Kell, S.P., Maxted, N. and Lansdown, R.V. 2011. European Red List of Vascular Plants. Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union.) and data crossing with conservation actions at European level for all species and habitats of the Habitat Directive (92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992).

Description of the benefits to the COST Action Strategy (what and how).

(max. 500 words)

promotion of collaboration with European experts in plant-pollinator networks - a list of people was created to whom an invitation to participate in the project was sent to create an international working group; creation of the database for the observations – the IUCN database with information on protected plant species in Europe was used and these data were crossed with conservation actions, interactions with pollinators and the habitats in which they can be observed, the database will be designed to be consulted online by the entire European scientific community, making it a strong sharing tool; information was gathered from various experts in this field to make this project a participatory work; distribution of the material - digital material has been produced to be distributed on various information channels, at the moment only the project information and the call for participation have been distributed.

Description of the virtual collaboration (including constructive reflection on activities undertaken, identified successful practices and lessons learned).

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Virtual collaboration was the basis of the whole project. This was born a few months ago and although the ideas on what to do were clear, it was still not clear how to do it in practice. The various meetings with the COST Action WG1 and the meetings over the last few months have been invaluable. Many experts were enthusiastic about the project and actively participated in describing the basis of it. By presenting the project at the COST Action congress held in Bologna on 14 and 15 October, I received requests for information and participation, expanding the circle of people who will be part of the working group when the preparation phases are completed. At the moment I am also in contact with conservation experts who found the project attractive thanks to the distribution of the call for participant on Facebook. The key point and reflection of all this experience is the sharing and distribution of one's ideas in order to have a finished product that is shared by as many people as possible.