



COST Innovators Grant - CIG

The **COST Innovators Grant (CIG)** aims at enhancing the pace and success of breakthrough *innovations*, to build bridges between the scientific research performed in COST Actions and the real applications in the market and society.

Innovation a new or improved product, process, service, organisational method or policy approach that constitutes a state-of-the-art change in the sector or policy area in which the actor operates.



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Duration: planned to start on 1st November 2023 until 31st October 2024

Budget: up to EUR 125.000 per CIG

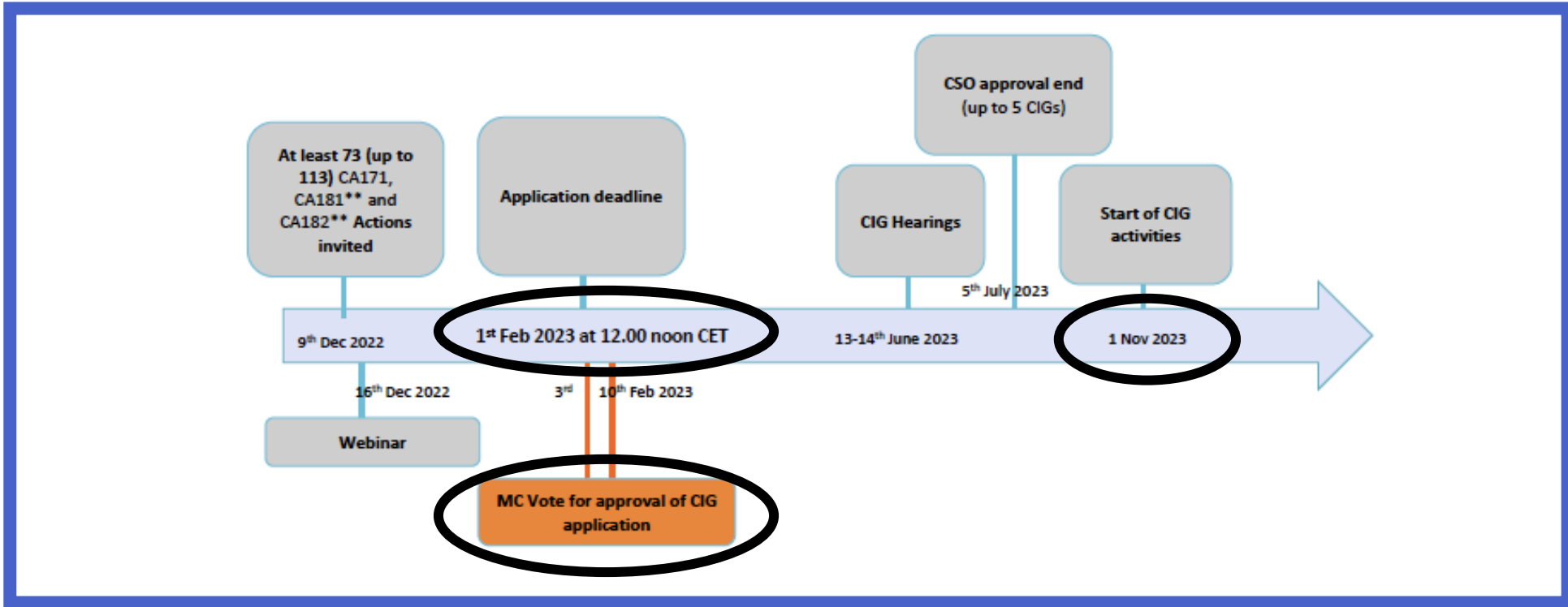
Number of CIG to be funded: up to 5

Reporting: final report due 45 days after the end of the CIG

The **Business plan** (compulsory deliverable) = a written document that describes in detail how an innovation is going to reach the users. A business plan defines the **overall strategy for bringing the innovation to the users** and lays out an appropriate **written plan** from a marketing, advocacy, **communication or promotion**; financial and operational viewpoint, including the **sustainability** of each.



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Developing a European strategy
against *Aedes aegypti*



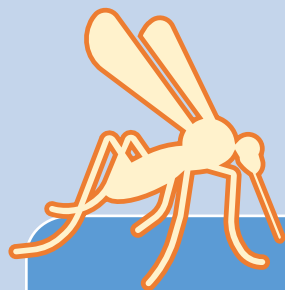
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(Chair: AdT; Vice-Chair: Antonios Michaelakis + 14 AIM-COST members)



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Workplan-Basic tasks



Ae. aegypti: current
situation and lesson
learned from *Ae.*
albopictus

Face-to-face workshop (W1) for expert scientists and stakeholders (3 days, 15 participants) to:

Identify and characterise lessons learned from AIM-COST as they apply to *Ae. aegypti*: assessing risk of introduction, spread and public health risk, SWOT analysis on early warning system and cost-benefits of elimination.

First trimester

Carla Sousa (PT)
Antonios Michaelakis (EL)
Francis Schaffner (CH)



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Training the trainers

Face-to-face workshop (W2): 1 day, 10 participants on:

How to communicate with policy-makers, journalists and citizens

First trimester

Filiz Gunay (TR)

Miguel Miranda (ES)

Mihaela Kavran (RS)

Training the trainers

Online workshop (W3): 2 days, 51-100 participants on:

How to communicate with policy-makers, journalists and citizens on CIG-related topics

First trimester

Gregory L'AMBERT (FR)

Jolyon Medlock (UK)

Kela Dikolli (AL)





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Training the scientists

Online workshop (W5): 2 days, 5 participants on:

Development of guidelines on mapping surveillance data

Second trimester

Willy Wint (UK)



Training the scientists

Online workshop (W4): 2 days, 51-100 participants on:

How to best exploit and promote citizen education and participation to data collection by Mosquito Alert app

First trimester

*Mosquito Alert SPAIN (FB, RE)
Mosquito Alert ITALY (BC, AdT)*



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Training the stakeholders

Online workshop (W6): 1 days, 51-100 participants on:

***Aedes aegypti* bionomics and public health risks associated with invasion**

Second trimester

Francis Schaffner (CH)

Filiz Gulay (TR)

Marlen Vasquez (CY)

Training the stakeholders

Online workshop (W7): 2 days, 51-100 participants on:

***Aedes aegypti* surveillance using conventional and citizen science tools**

Third trimester

Gregory L'AMBERT (FR)

Mosquito Alert SPAIN (FB, RE)

Mosquito Alert ITALY (BC, AdT)

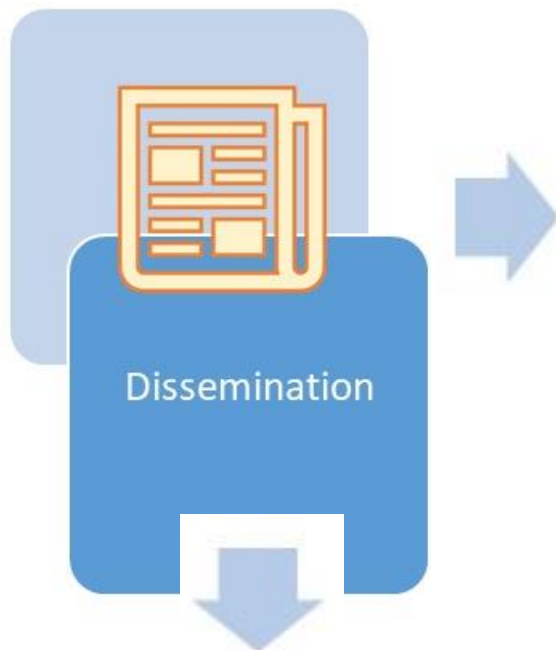




Development of feasible and affordable early-warning system business plan for *Ae. aegypti* surveillance and management in Europe

Face-to-face Expert workshop (W8) - (4 days, CIG TEAM)

Fourth trimester



Dissemination of early-warning system
and business plan for *Ae. aegypti*
surveillance and management
to relevant EU and National stakeholders

Face-to-face Expert workshop (W9) – 1,5 days, 40 participants

printed material for
public health
decision makers

Fourth trimester

*Alessandra della Torre (IT)
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PRESENT TASK:

KEEP FINGER CROSSED!

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