

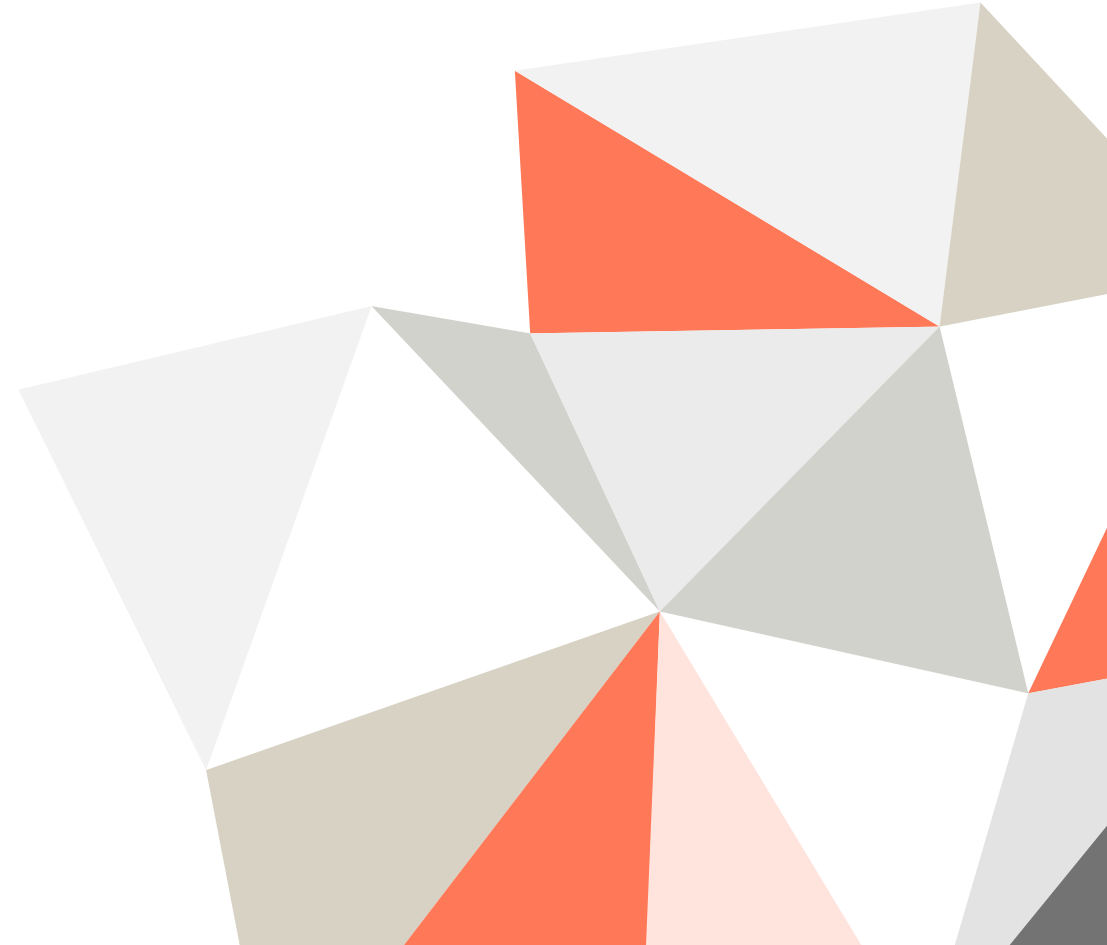
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Ms Salomé Moezzi-Gacon, Governance Officer



17.09.2025



European Cooperation in Science & Technology



Chapter 1

About COST & Strategic Priorities



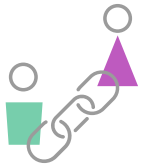
European Cooperation in Science & Technology

COST provides networking opportunities for researchers and innovators in order to strengthen Europe's capacity to address scientific, technological and societal challenges



ALL FIELDS OF S&T

(mono- or interdisciplinary,
new and emerging fields)

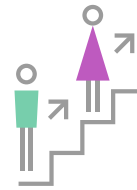


ALL PARTNERS

(academia, public organisation, industry,
NGO, International Organisations)



BOTTOM-UP APPROACH



ALL CAREER STAGES

(young and experienced researchers)



ALL COUNTRIES

- 41 COST Members
+ 1 Cooperating Member
- 14 Near Neighbour Countries
- Global cooperation

COST Membership

41 Full COST Members

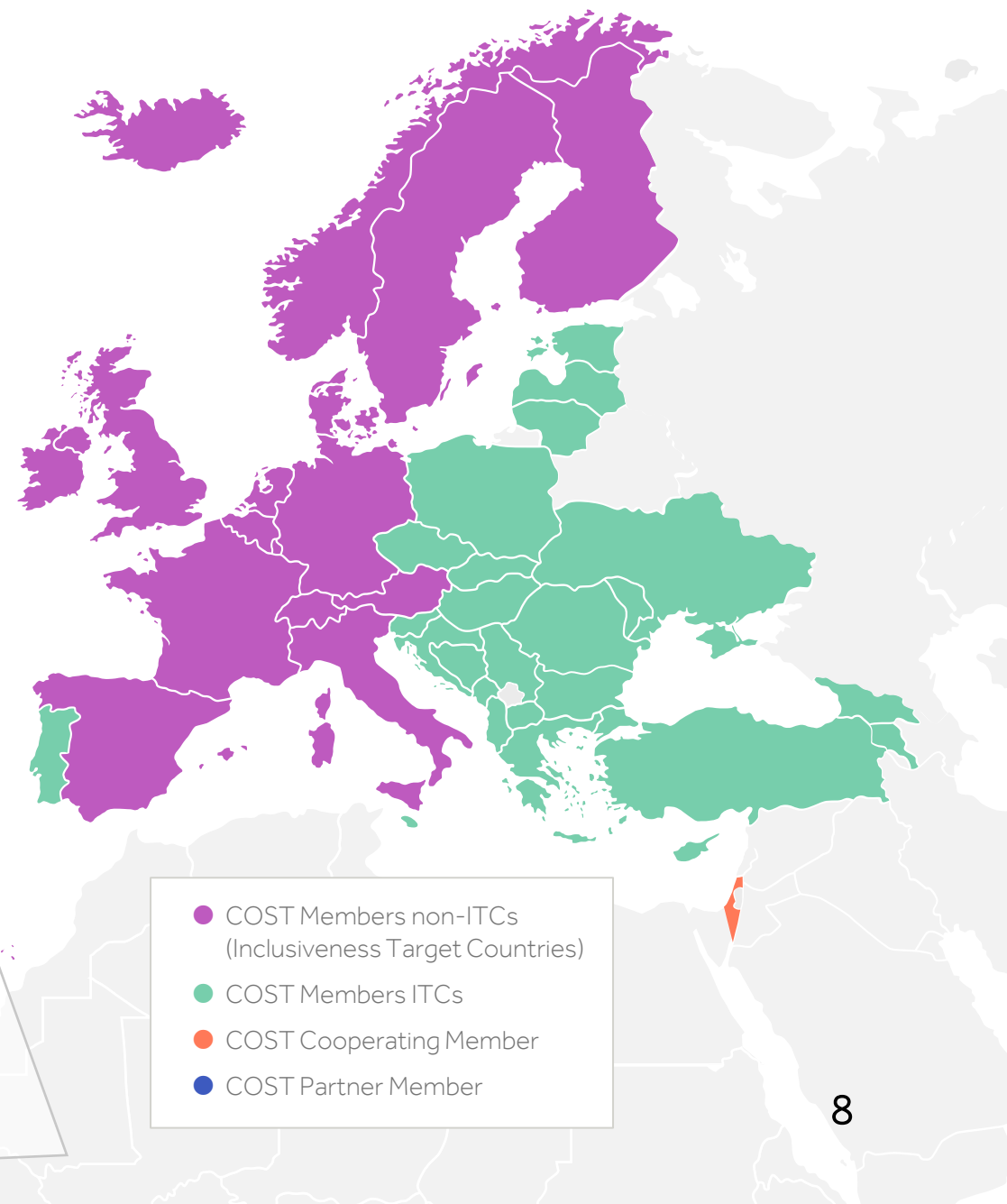
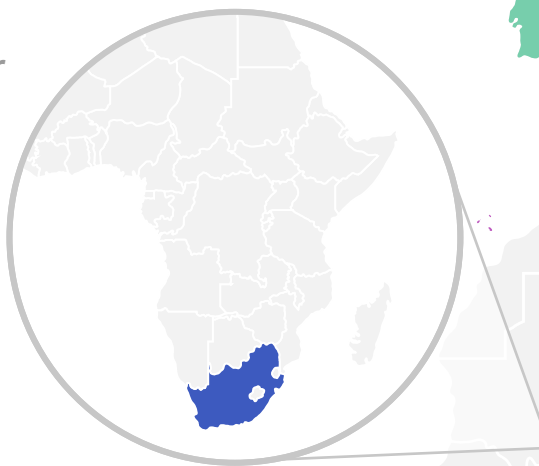
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| ● Czech Republic | ● Luxembourg | ● Sweden |
| ● Denmark | ● Malta | ● Switzerland |
| ● Estonia | ● The Republic of Moldova | ● Türkiye |
| ● Finland | ● Montenegro | ● Ukraine |
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1 Cooperating Member

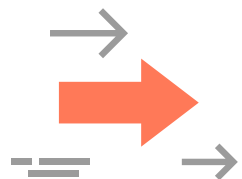
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1 Partner Member

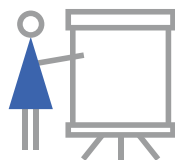
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Key figures



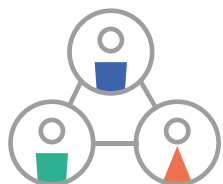
292
Running Actions



262
Training schools



€170,000
estimate annual budget
of a COST Action



2,150
Short-term
scientific missions



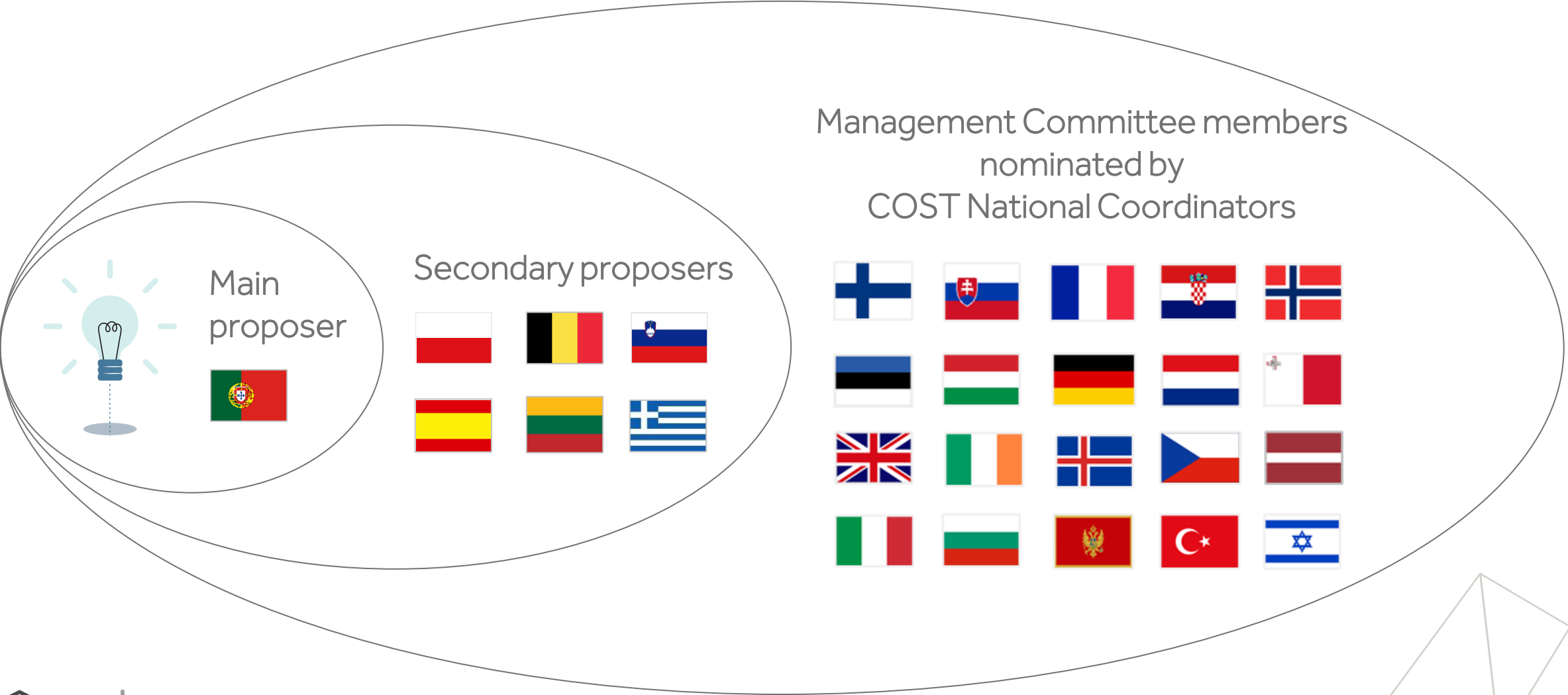
60,000
Researchers involved
in COST Actions



€273 million
COST budget
(in Horizon Europe for a 5-year period)



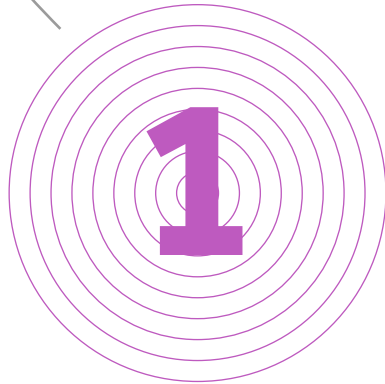
How it works?



Role of COST in the ERA



3 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



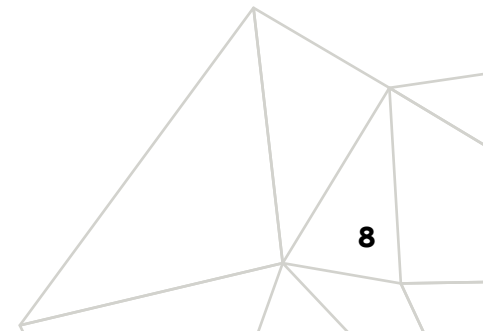
Promoting and spreading **excellence**



Fostering **interdisciplinary** research for breakthrough science



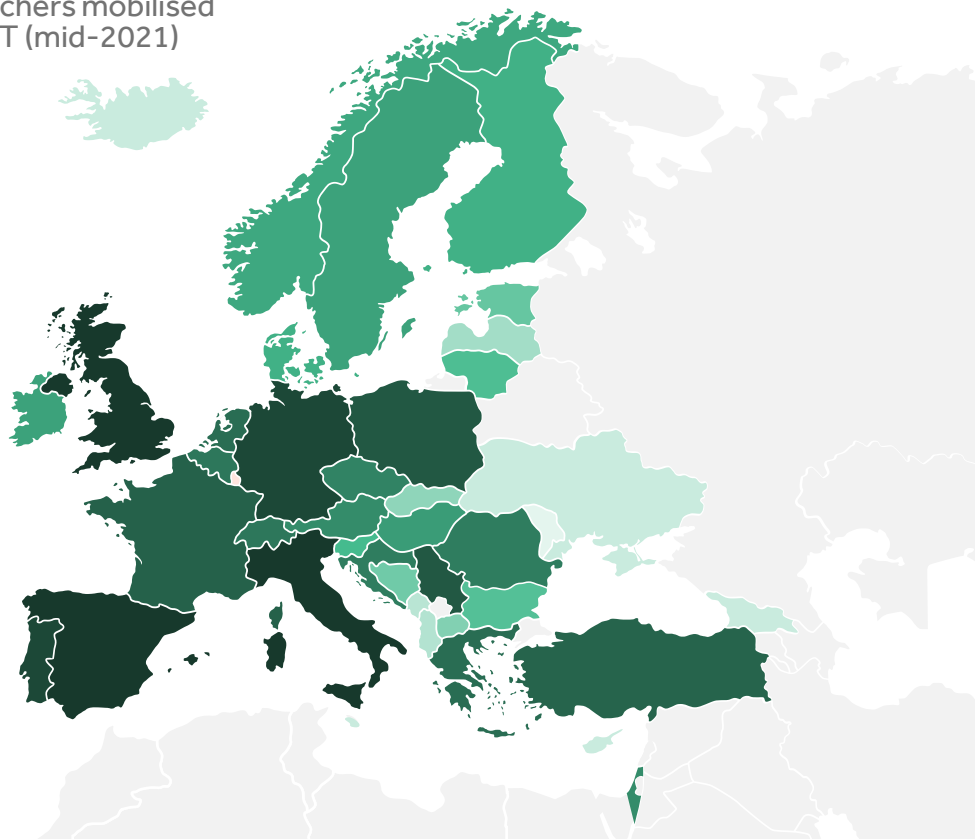
Empowering and retaining **young researchers**



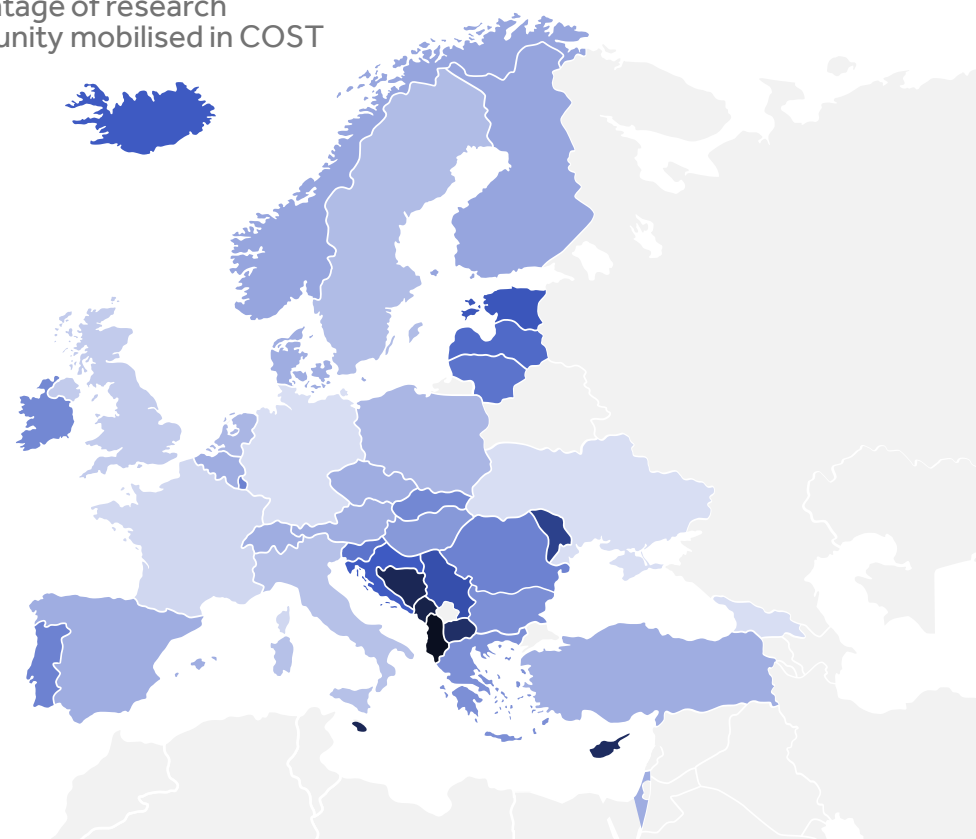
Priority 1

PROMOTING AND SPREADING EXCELLENCE

Researchers mobilised
in COST (mid-2021)

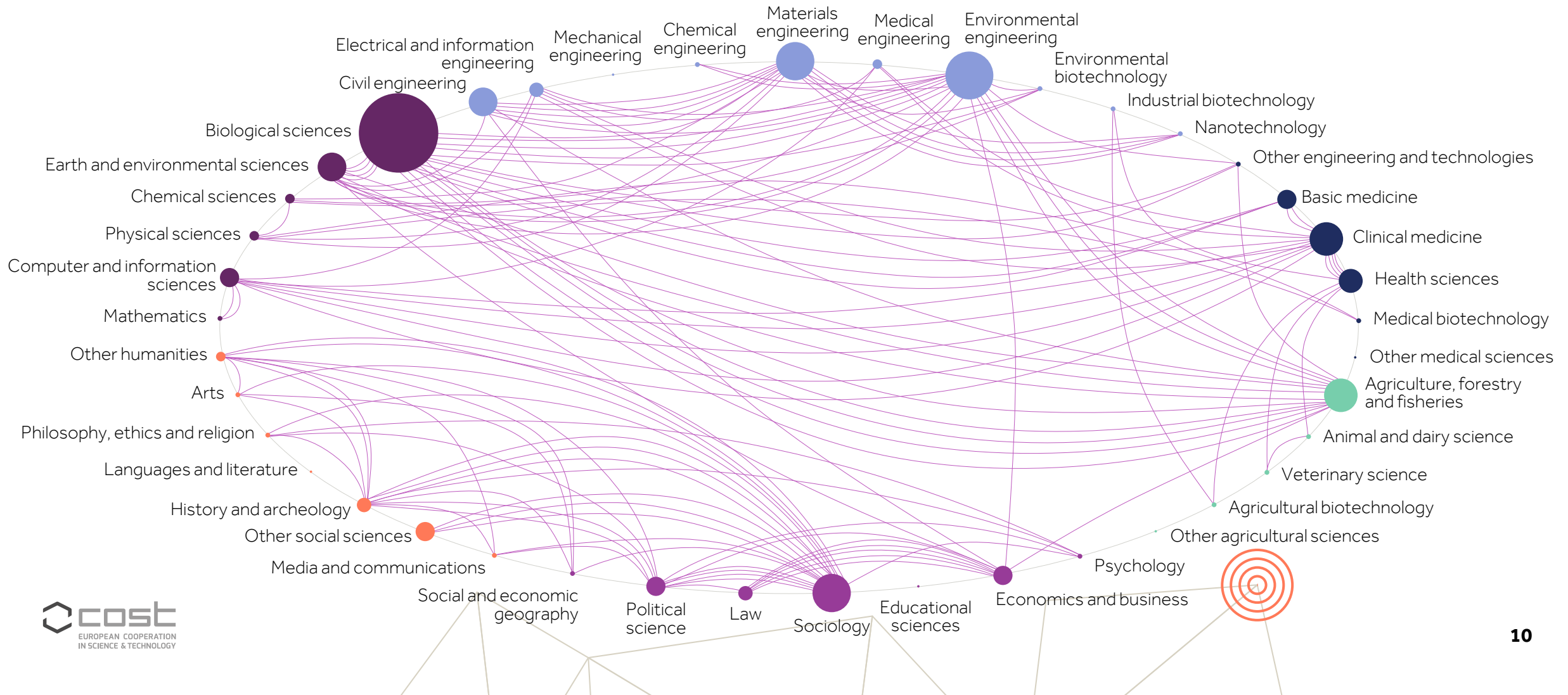


Percentage of research
community mobilised in COST



Priority 2

FOSTERING INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH FOR BREAKTHROUGH SCIENCE



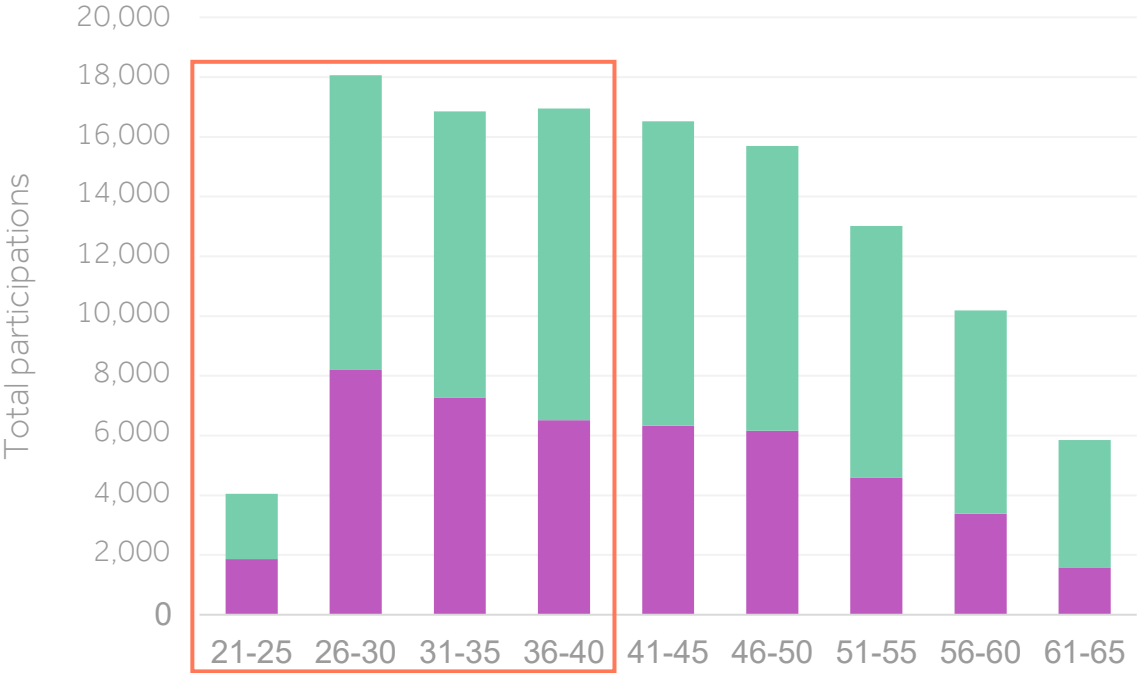


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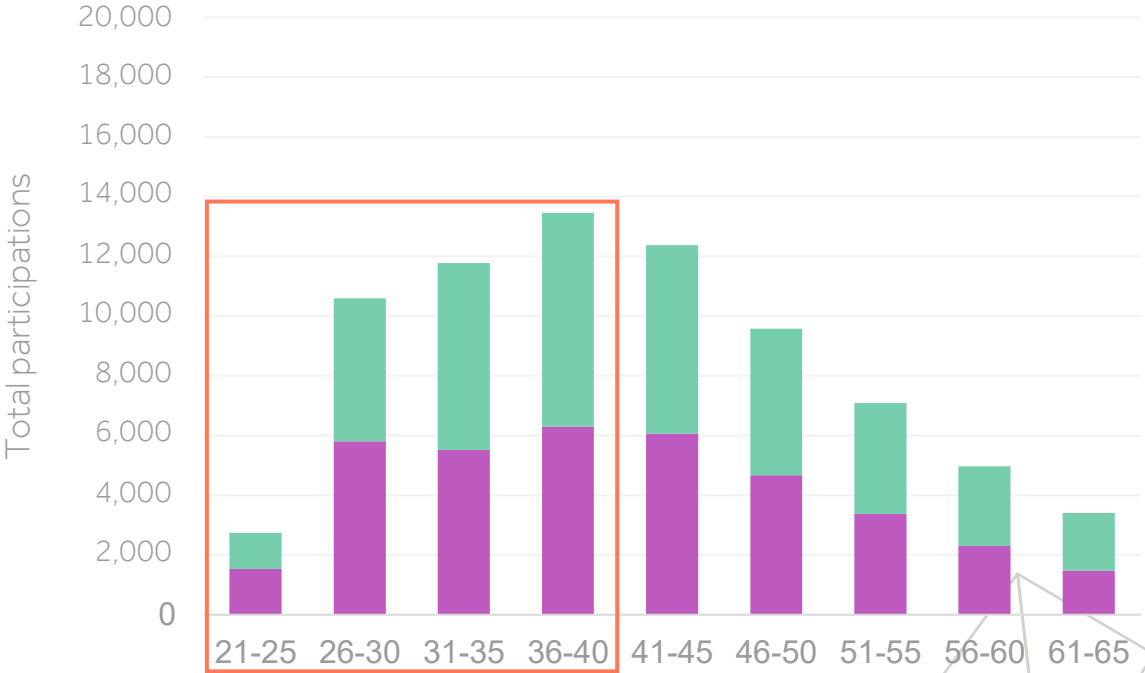
EMPOWERING AND RETAINING YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Data from Horizon 2020 (2014-2021)

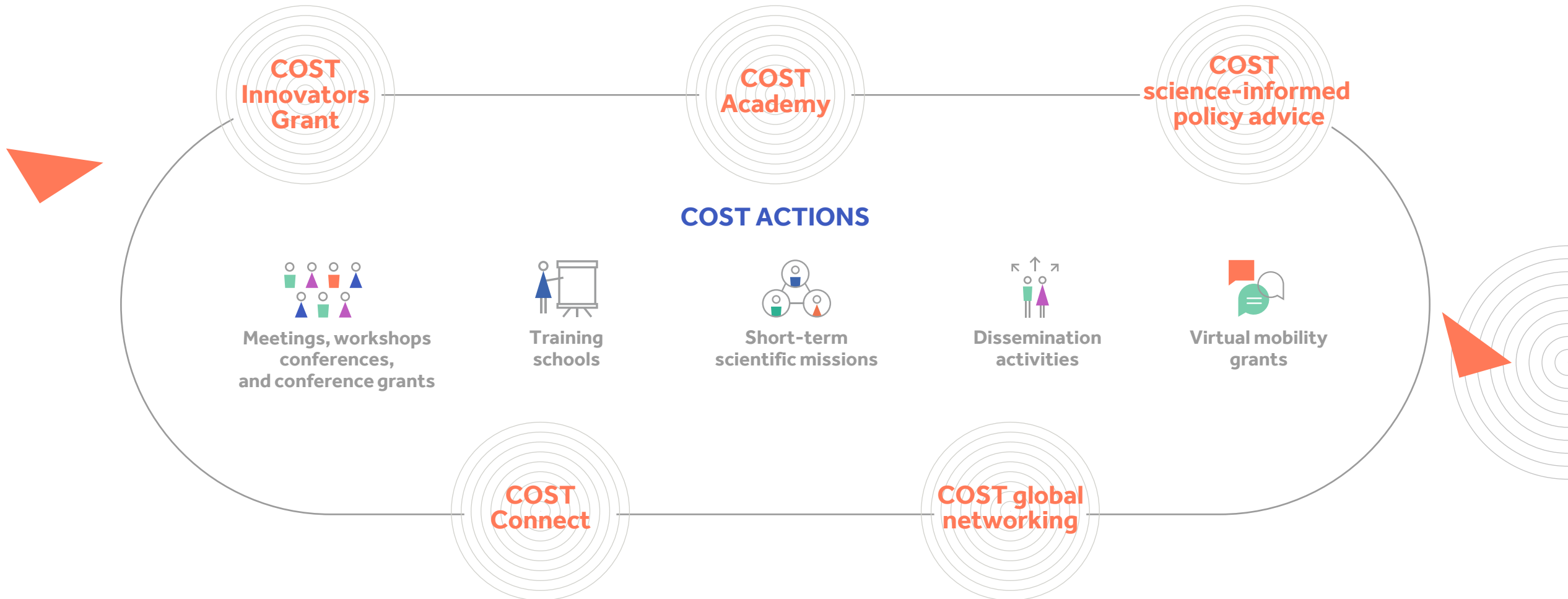
Other Countries



Inclusiveness Target Countries



Implementing COST's strategic priorities



COST in Horizon Europe



Horizon Europe

Widening participation
and strengthening the
European Research
Area pillar



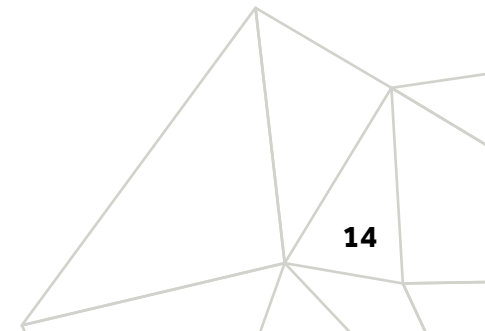
COST activities

are implemented by the
COST Association, under a
Framework Partnership
Agreement and Specific
Grant Agreements with
the European Commission



COST Actions

receive budget under
Third Party Funding

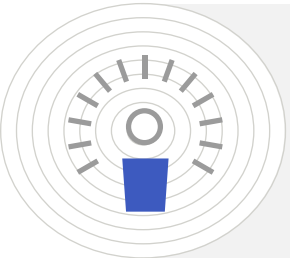


Impact



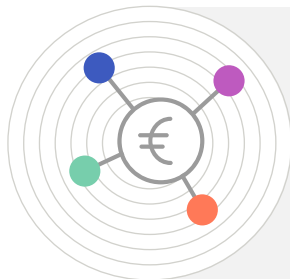
Scientific and societal impact

- Scientific discoveries and breakthroughs, development of new research infrastructures, adoption of common standards, technological applications in the form of products and services, etc.



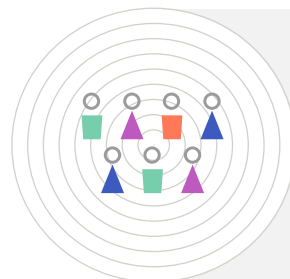
Research careers

- 85% of researchers participating in COST Actions indicate that participation has led to career advancement



Follow-up funding

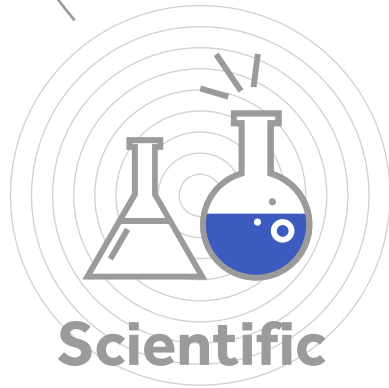
- Horizon 2020 reported success rate: 39% (on a yearly basis, around €450 million of approved common research projects spin off from ending Actions)



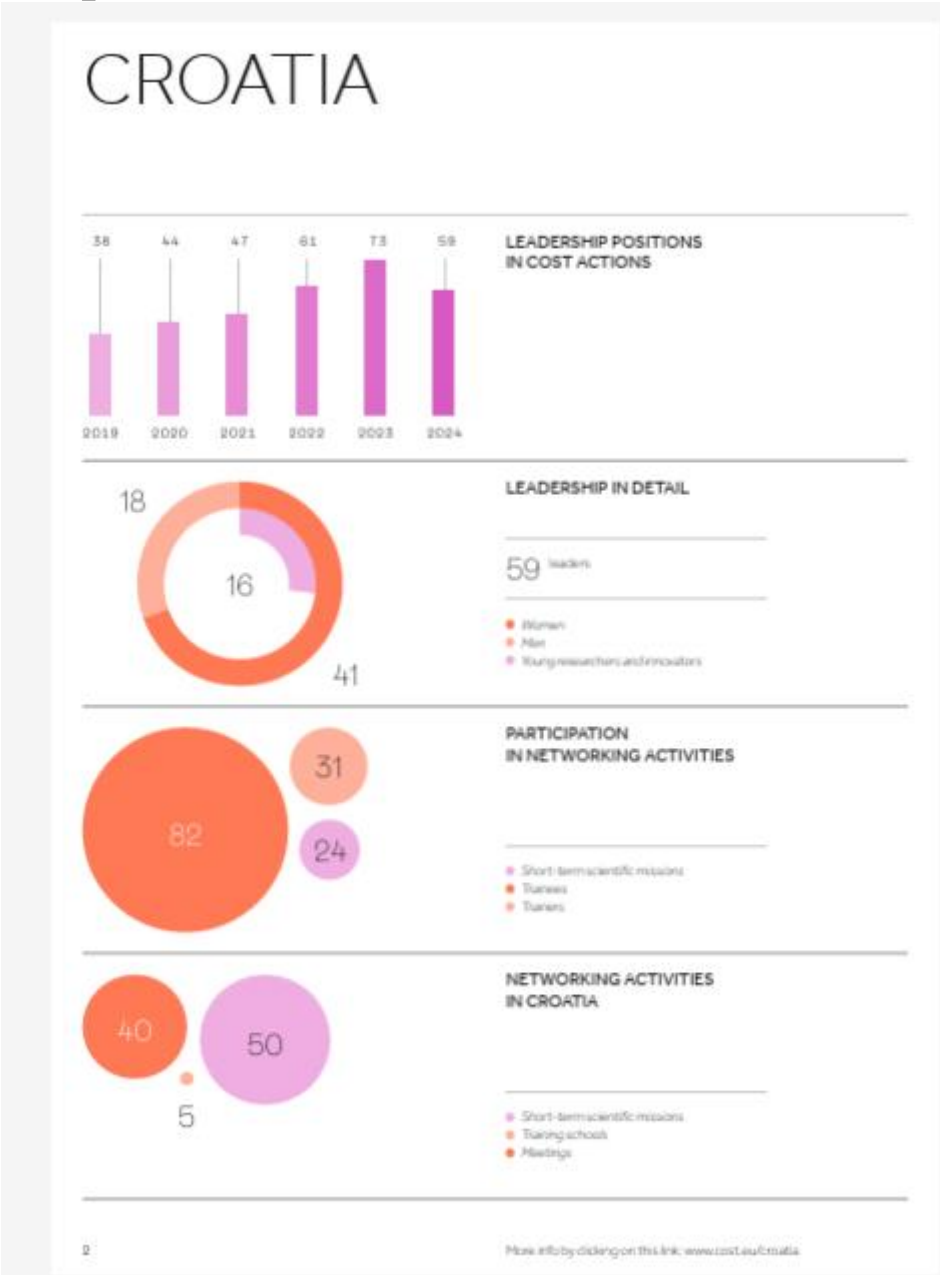
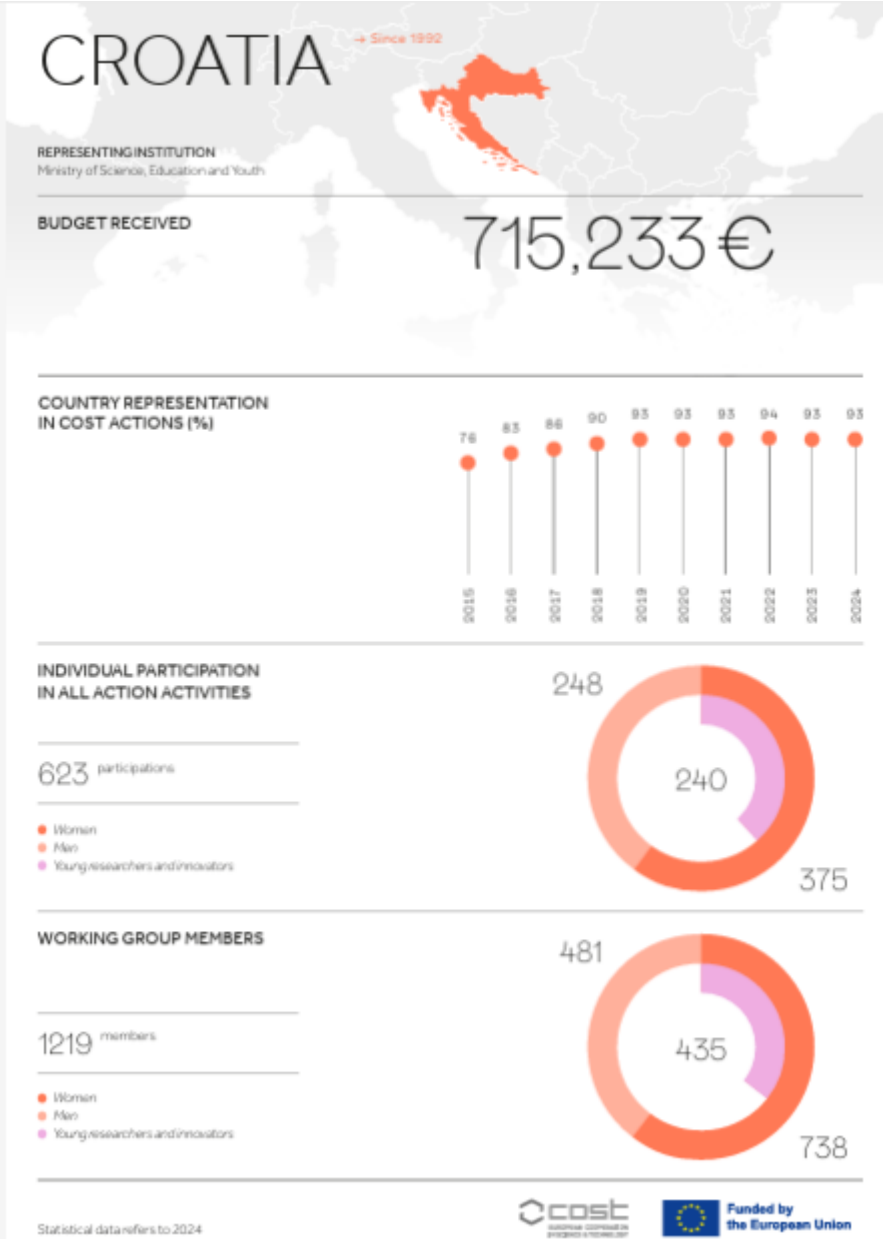
Co-Publications

- Co-publications between active COST Action participants see an increase of about 55% compared to general co-publications

Benefits of participating in a COST Action



Croatia in COST Actions (2024)



COST Actions

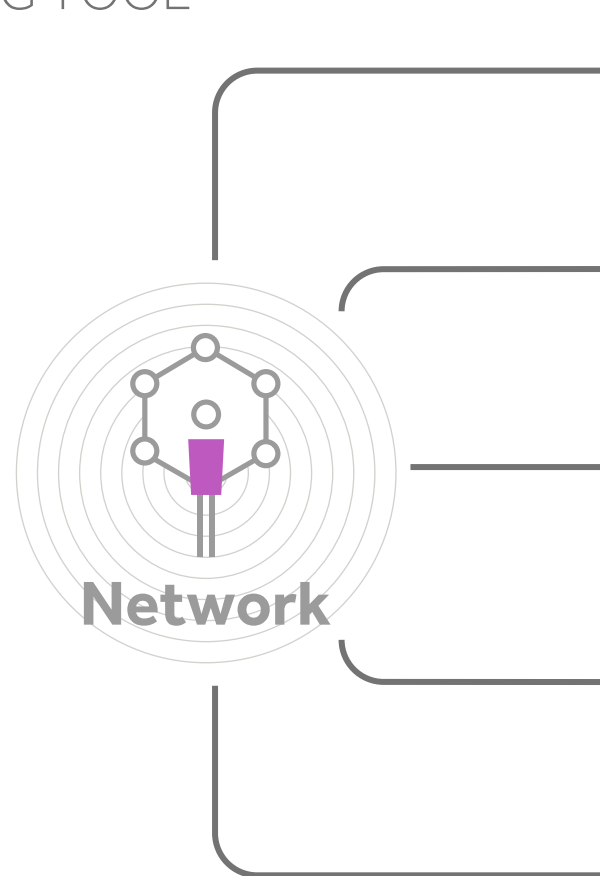
An efficient networking tool

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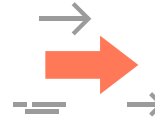
AN EFFICIENT NETWORKING TOOL

COST provides funding
for research coordination
and capacity building
activities

COST is not funding
research itself,
but pooling resources
and research results
by networking



Memorandum
of Understanding



4 years



Min 7 countries, average
participation 34 countries



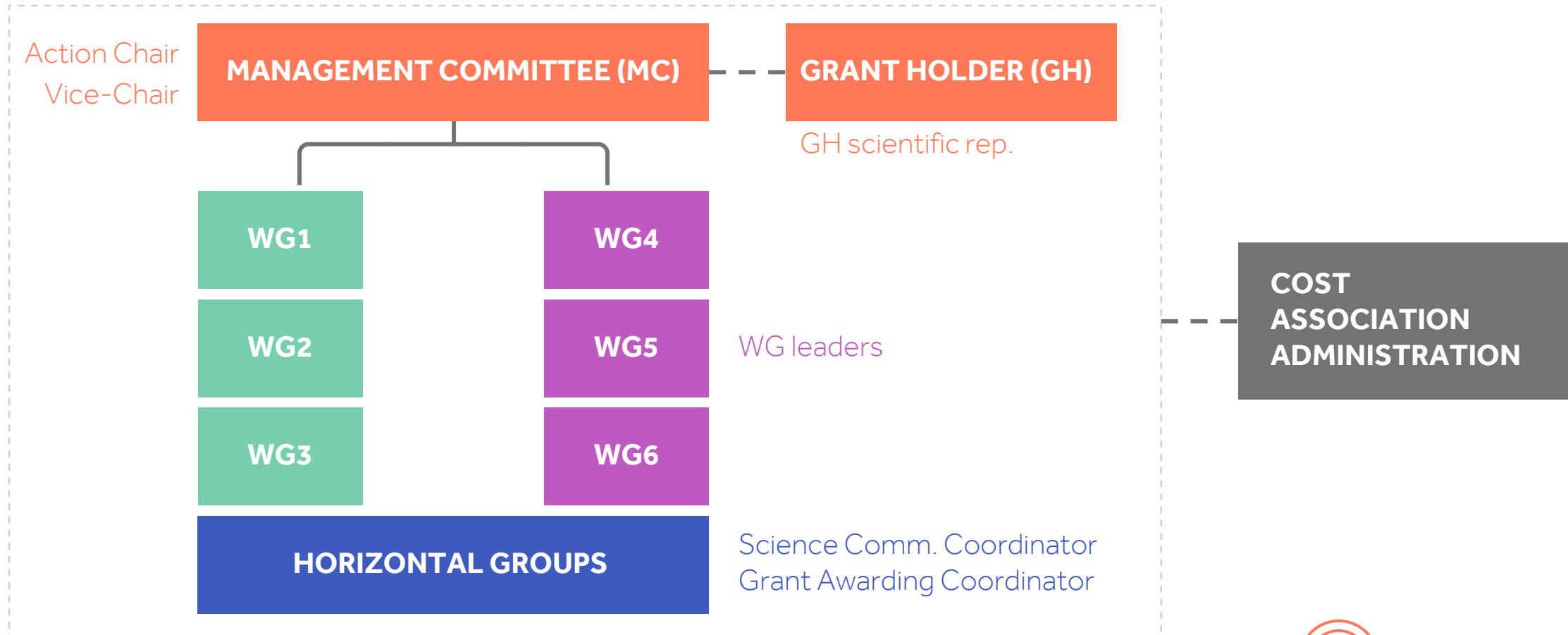
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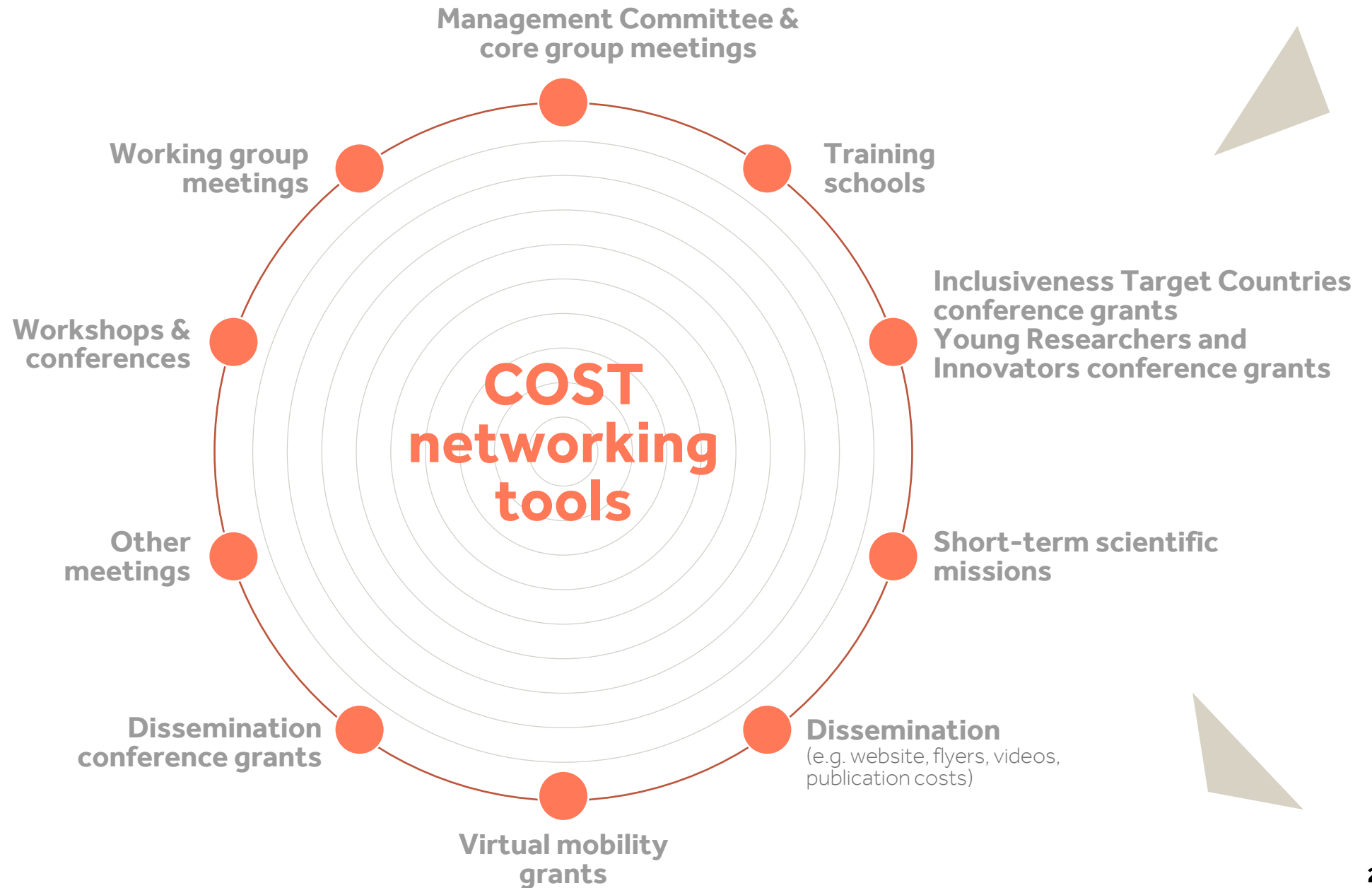


~ €600,000 over lifetime

COST Action structure

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS







Funding offered by COST

- **Meetings**

Travel reimbursement of the meeting participants

- ✓ Daily allowance (accommodation, meals, local transport)
- ✓ Long distance travel expenses (on face value up to 1 500€)

- **Local Organiser Support**

- ✓ Face to face or virtual events



Funding offered by COST

- **Mobility of researchers**
 - ✓ Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSM)
 - ✓ Up to 4000 EUR
- **Virtual Mobility Grants**
 - ✓ Up to 1500 EUR




Funding offered by COST

- ✓ **Dissemination of research activities**
 - ✓ ITC Conference Grants / YRI Conference Grants
 - ✓ Up to 2 500 EUR (500 EUR for virtual events)

- **Dissemination Conference Grants**
 - ✓ Up to 2 500 EUR (500 EUR for virtual events)

- **Dissemination activities**
 - ✓ Open Access publications, books, websites, etc.

Open Research Europe

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- ORE is the European Commission's Open Access publishing platform for research results stemming from EU funding;
 - COST Actions can submit directly to ORE, free of charge. Many article types are possible from all fields of science;
 - Must be original content (not be submitted anywhere else) and stem from a COST Action;
 - ORE offers rapid publication, open peer review, and indexing in databases such as Scopus and PubMed;
 - COST Actions can create Collections (a compilation of content relating to a specific community) and there is no deadline;
 - Complementary to the existing Open Access expenses covered by the COST rules.



Engaging with COST

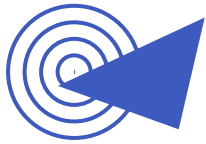




How to engage with COST?

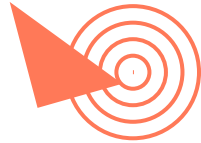


1. As a participant in a running Action (1/2)



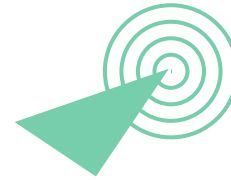
FIND THE ACTION IN YOUR FIELD

of interest on the
COST website

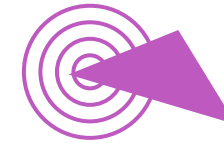


READ THE PROJECT PLAN

(MoU) – identify
your potential
contribution




**BROWSE THE
ACTION'S
WEBSITE** –
check their
activities



IDENTIFY THE OPPORTUNITIES

to join the Action
and your contact
person



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Open call
Fund your network

VIEW ALL RUNNING ACTIONS


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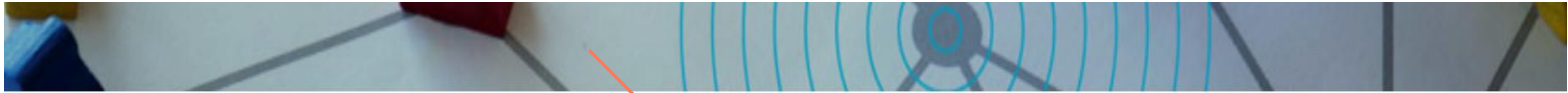
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HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

networks

- > What are COST Actions?
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 - Additional Activities for Actions
 - COST Connect
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- > Become an external expert





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IG18130

01/09/2023 - 31/10/2024

AIR particulate reference material for elemental quantification and CALibration procedures. (IG18130)



IG18128

01/09/2023 - 31/10/2024

Sharing Heritage and Archaeological Data Effectively (IG18128)

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CA22124 | 07/11/2023 - 06/11/2027

EU Circular Economy Network for All: Consumer Protection through reducing, reusing, repairing (ECO4ALL)



CA22165 | 06/11/2023 - 05/11/2027

Redressing Radical Polarisation: Strengthening European Civil Spheres facing Illiberal Digital Media (DepolarisingEU)



CA22136 | 06/11/2023 - 05/11/2027

Pan-European Network of Green Deal Agriculture and Forestry Earth Observation Science (PANGEOS)



CA22103 | 30/10/2023 - 29/10/2027

A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK AGAINST BRAIN CANCER (Net4Brain)



CA22152 | 26/10/2023 - 25/10/2027

Supporting emerging care economy, empowering caregivers to provide safe care at home (BetterCare)



CA22118 | 26/10/2023 - 25/10/2027

Radionuclide theragnostics for personalised medicine (RATIONALE)

1. As a participant in a running Action (2/2)



AS A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC) MEMBER

(contact the COST National Coordinator)



AS A WORKING GROUP (WG) PARTICIPANT

(contact the working group leader)



AS A PARTICIPANT IN ACTION ACTIVITIES

Short-term scientific mission, conference grant, training school, workshop/conference,...

(check the Action's website, contact the chair or the national Management Committee member)



Management committee member

The role of the Action MC shall be to:

- Take necessary actions to meet the aims and objectives of the COST Action by assuring all relevant aspects of the management of the network, stakeholder engagement and dissemination of results;
- Contribute to the COST mission and strategic priorities.
- Represent the COST Member State's national community of researchers and innovators on the Action's topic.

Action MC Members or Observers shall:

- Actively participate to the work of at least one WG;
- Serve and represent their COST Member or Specific Organisation's community in order to:
 - coordinate the input to the Action at national level or inside a Specific Organisation;
 - disseminate opportunities arising within the Action at national level or inside a Specific Organisation; and
 - report to the Responsible for nomination as required.


Description

The increasing occurrence of toxic cyanobacterial blooms as a consequence of anthropogenic nutrient pollution in fresh water ecosystems threatens water security and quality worldwide for humans, animals and severely disrupts ecosystem balance. Therefore, the implementation of thorough monitoring strategies for cyanobacteria along with evaluation of the risks of bloom incidents and a plan for prevention and control measures are now required in water safety plans by water suppliers. The significant economic losses to water companies, fisheries, recreational activities and businesses caused by cyanobacterial blooms require greater attention from policymakers. A suite of in-lake control methods exists, but there is little guidance on their efficiency. Decreasing nutrient input from the catchment is crucial for long-term prevention/ reduction of blooms and would be possible by the transition towards a more sustainable low nutrient leakage agriculture, but needs implementation strategies. The proposed COST action aims to increase and broaden capabilities throughout Europe for effective and sustainable management of water resources with a catchment wide approach by creating a unique network of experts, end users and stakeholders. Gathering and distributing information on early warning detection methods and experience in the effectiveness on both long and short-term control methods will underpin Decision Support Tools for water managers and authorities ensuring selection of appropriate methods for a specific waterbody. The overarching goal is a close exchange between scientific knowledge and management practices in order to decrease cyanobacteria blooms taking into account the different characteristics of the water body and its catchment and the regulation throughout Europe.

Action keywords

Cyanobacterial blooms - Catchment - water security - preventive control actions - curative control actions

Action Details


 MoU - 073/24

 CSO Approval date - 17/05/2024

How can I participate?

- Read the Action Description [MoU](#)
- Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of your interest ([email](#))
- [Apply](#) to join your Working Groups of interest
- Please note, Management Committee nominations are carried out through the [COST National Coordinators](#)

Action documents

 Memorandum of Understanding

Working group member

Working Group members are individuals with an affiliation to a legal entity anywhere in the world.

- The objectives of Working Groups (WG) are to perform the tasks required for a COST Action to fulfil its scientific objectives in line with those objectives defined in the MoU.
- WG members shall actively participate to the WG activities and coordination of research efforts.

Becoming a member of a Working Group (WG)

Apply via the COST website - MC members as well

WG preference, Scientific Background, Motivation, WG contribution

Approved WG members will appear on the Action page of the COST website

CA22128 - Establishing Networks to Implement the Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations (IMPLEMENDEZ)

Downloads

[Home](#) > [Browse Actions](#) > Establishing Networks to Implement the Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations (IMPLEMENDEZ)

Description

Management Committee

Main Contacts and Leadership

Working Groups and Membership

Working Groups

Number	Title	Leader
1	Investigation, Interviewing, Interrogation Themes	TBA
2	Law, Human Rights, Criminal Justice Themes	TBA
3	Vulnerability Themes	TBA
4	Institutional and Governmental Leadership Themes	TBA

Express your interest to join any of the working groups by applying below.

It is required to have an e-COST profile to submit your application. If needed, [create it first](#) and then click 'Apply'.

Apply

Action Details

- MoU - 038/23
- CSO Approval date - 12/05/2023
- Start date - 05/10/2023
- End date - 04/10/2027

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Participant in Action Activities

- Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM)
- ITC Conference Grant
- Young Researcher and Innovator Conference Grant
- Dissemination Conference Grant
- Virtual mobility

COST Actions

My Grant Applications

Grant Applications Monitoring

Apply for new Grant

Mobility of researchers and innovators

Short-Term Scientific Mission

Visit of a host organization located in a different country than the country of affiliation by a Researcher or Innovator for the specific work to be carried out and for a determined period of time. The grantee receives funding for implementing a project with an international team and gains new knowledge or access to equipment or techniques not available in the home institution.

[Continue](#)

Virtual Mobility

Financial support for Researchers or Innovators (with a primary affiliation to an institution located in a COST Full or Cooperating Member country or from a COST [Near Neighbour Country](#)) to foster collaboration in a virtual setting, to exchange knowledge, learn new techniques, etc.

[Continue](#)

Presentations at conferences organised by third parties

Young Researcher and Innovator Conference

Financial support for [Young Researchers and Innovators](#) for their participation in high-level conferences fully organised by a third party. The grantee receives support for attending and presenting their work (poster/oral presentation) and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

[Continue](#)

Inclusiveness Target Countries Conference

Financial support to applicants affiliated in an [Inclusiveness Target Country](#) / [Near Neighbour Country](#) for their participation in high-level conferences fully organised by a third party. The grantee receives support for attending and presenting their work (oral presentation) and can establish new contacts for future collaborations.

[Continue](#)

Dissemination Conference

Financial support to Action participants for their participation in high-level conferences fully organised by a third party, to present the Action, their activities, and results (oral presentation) and for developing new contacts and potential future collaborations.

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Virtual Networking Support

Virtual Networking Support

Assessing and supporting the new forms of collaboration in a virtual and hybrid settings. This aims to be a complement to traditional ways of collaboration within the research and innovation communities and among the members of a given Action.

[Continue](#)

2. As a proposer of a new COST Action

COST OPEN CALL

One-stage **online submission** of proposals (e-COST)

Proposal should focus on S&T Excellence, Networking Excellence, Impact and Implementation

Up to 70 COST Actions approved per collection

Main Proposer + **secondary** proposer

Collection date:
21 October 2025
12:00 CET

www.COST.eu
opencall@cost.eu

Tips for submitting a winning COST Action proposal



[watch the video](#)

Open Call: How to apply?

E-COST



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Create a COST account:
<https://www.cost.eu/ecost>

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> Open Call

Open Call



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Calendar

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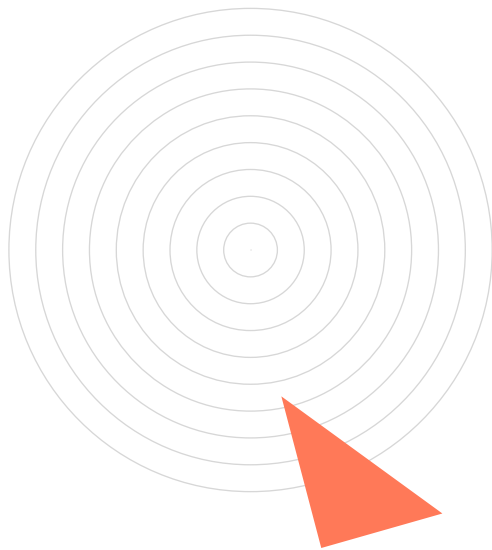
Evaluations

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Create New Proposal

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**Online registration
and submission:**
General information
+ Technical Annex

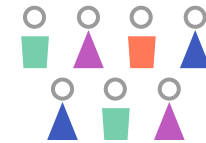




Proposals



GENERAL FEATURES



NETWORK OF PROPOSERS



TECHNICAL ANNEX

(<https://www.cost.eu/Technical-Annex-Facsimile>)

1. Excellence in S&T and Networking
2. Impact
3. Implementation



COST EXCELLENCE AND INCLUSIVENESS POLICY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES





Proposals



**GENERAL
FEATURES**



Online submission tool (e-COST)*

Overview

- General Features
- Technical Annex
- References
- COST Mission and Policies
- Network
- Documents
- « My Proposals

Main Proposer Institution *

Title (Maximum 12 words) *

Acronym *
(max 60 characters)

Keyword 1 *
(max 60 characters)

Keyword 2 *
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Keyword 3 *
(max 60 characters)

Keyword 4
(max 60 characters)

Summary: Maximum 250 words

Words: 68

AREAS OF EXPERTISE NEEDED FOR EVALUATION

Science Field: Health Sciences

Research Area: Health Services, Health Care Research

Proposal Reference: OC-

Proposal Status: Draft

Checklist:

- ✓ General Features
- ✗ Technical Annex (1 issue)
- ✓ COST Policies
- ✗ Network (1 issue)

Generate PDF

Ready to submit?

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Funding ▾ COST Actions ▾ Activities

> How to get funding

- How to apply
- Open Call
- Evaluation, selection and approval
- [Documents and guidelines](#)

Open Call for proposals

TECHNICAL ANNEX

SECTIONS

1. EXCELLENCE in S&T and NETWORKING

SUB-SECTIONS

- A. Main challenge
- B. Objectives
- C. State-of-the-art
- D. Rationale for choosing networking to address the main challenge
- E. Critical mass of the network

2. IMPACT

- A. Impact related to objectives
- B. Involvement of stakeholders
- C. Communication, dissemination and valorisation

3. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. Action Structure
- B. Work plan (tasks, activities and timeframe)
- C. Deliverables
- D. Gantt chart

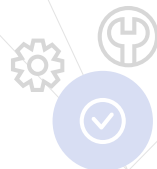
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- Max. 15 pages
- Diagrams and figures accepted



Proposals



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TECHNICAL ANNEX

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3. Implementation



COST EXCELLENCE AND INCLUSIVENESS POLICY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES



COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

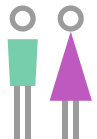
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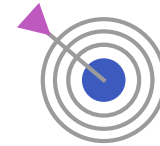
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BALANCE** (Inclusiveness
Target Countries)



AGE BALANCE
(young researchers)



GENDER BALANCE
throughout its activities



OBJECTIVES

1.

Identifying excellence
in science and technology
across Europe

2.

**Increasing research
communities'** access
to funding and infrastructures

3.

Triggering structural changes
in COST Members' national
research systems



Proposals



**GENERAL
FEATURES**



**TECHNICAL
ANNEX**

1. Excellence in S&T and Networking
2. Impact
3. Implementation

**COST EXCELLENCE AND
INCLUSIVENESS POLICY
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**



**NETWORK OF
PROPOSERS**

Evaluation

SESA



ELIGIBILITY!

- Anonymous
- Minimum 50% Inclusiveness Target Countries
- Peaceful purpose
- Format
- English

STEP 1

EXTERNAL REMOTE EVALUATION

- 3 Independent External Experts
- Technical Annex

STEP 2

REVISION AND QUALITY CHECK BY REVIEW PANELS

STEP 3

SELECTION BY THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

COST policy and objectives

STEP 4

APPROVAL BY COST COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS

Results 7-8 months after submission

Evaluation criteria



EXCELLENCE IN S&T AND NETWORKING

- Soundness of the challenge
- Research coordination and capacity-building objectives.
- Progress beyond the state-of-the-art
- Added value of networking in S&T excellence
- Critical mass of the network



IMPACT

- Impact on science, society, policy, or any other relevant area, and short-, medium- or long-term.
- Involvement of stakeholders, their role and added-value.
- Plans for communication, dissemination and valorisation of results and target audience



IMPLEMENTATION

- Coherence of the Action structure and effectiveness of the work plan



5 QUESTIONS

Range of marks: 0 – 5
Threshold: 3



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1 QUESTION

Range of marks: 0 – 3

How to apply in a nutshell



Read the official
announcement

Online registration
and submission (e-COST)

Helpdesk:
opencall@cost.eu

Read the SESA
Guidelines

Technical Annex template
(Documents and Guidelines on
the COST website)

Some tips



No
budget draft/information
is needed in the proposal

Be careful about anonymity
(check what is and what is not an
anonymity breach)

Use and don't change the
template
(Documents and Guidelines
on the COST website)
Every Open Call has a new template –
proposers who submit for a second year shall
adapt the proposal to the new template





3. As external expert

As a COST Expert,
you will have the opportunity to

Contribute to the
evaluation of COST
Open Call proposals



Participate in the
assessment of Action
results and outcomes



COST Documents related to Rules

Level A - CSO

Rules and principles for COST Activities

COST 088/21

Annex I country and organisation table

Annex II definitions and abbreviations

Level B - CSO

COST Action Proposal
SESA

COST 101/21

Rules for
COST Actions

COST 089/21

Rules for COST
Innovators
Grants

COST 098/21

Level C - EB

COST Open Call
Proposers' Guidelines
(SESA)

COST 104/21

COST Annotated Rules
for
COST Actions

COST 094/21

CIG Guidelines

COST 105/21



Relevant COST information materials



COST Actions booklet **COST corporate brochure**

COST annual report 2023

COST corporate videos



[Link](#)

Pocket guide including all running actions & info on COST.



[Link](#)

General presentation of the COST Programme



[Link](#)

2022 highlights & COST Actions success stories.



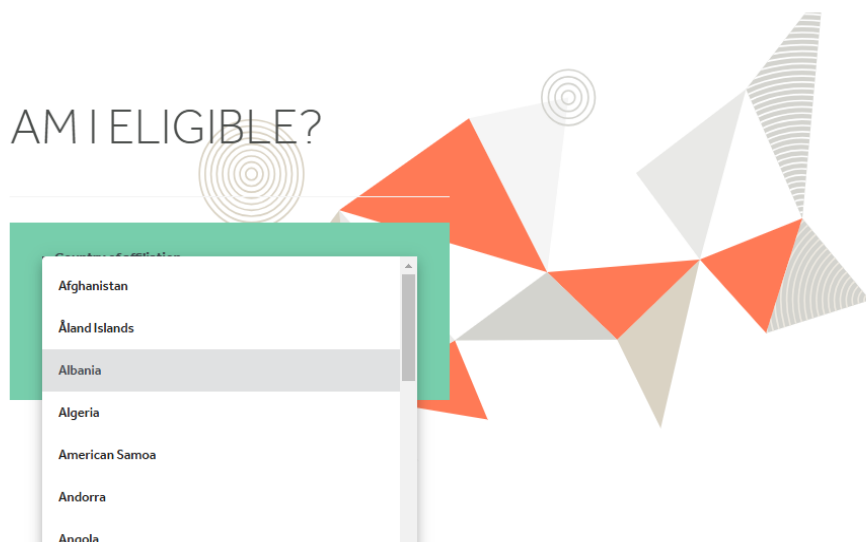
[Tips to submit a winning COST proposal](#)

[Why join a COST Action](#)

All available via: <https://www.cost.eu/publications/>

Am I eligible?

COST Actions are open to all participants, not only to COST Full Members but also to peers from around the world. Find out what opportunities are available depending on your location:



<https://www.cost.eu/am-i-eligible/>

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Home > Am I eligible? > Albania >

What can I participate in?

COST Actions are open and inclusive. Our research networks are different to many other EU funded projects because it is possible to join and participate in a COST Action once it has started, even if you were not involved at proposal stage.

The country you selected is a COST Full Member but it is also classified as one of our [Inclusiveness Target Countries](#). You can fully participate in all COST Action activities.

Participation to a COST Action may take the form of a long-term participation, in which case you can join a network as a **Working Group member**. If you wanted to support the coordination, implementation and management of a COST Action you could also apply to join its **Management Committee** (2 MC places available per COST Member Country).

Participation to a COST Action may also take the form of an ad-hoc participation in one of its [networking tools](#), subject to invitation by the Action's Management Committee, that include:

- Meetings, workshops and conferences organised by the Action
- Training Schools
- Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)
- Virtual Mobility Grants
- ITC Conference Grant
- Dissemination Conference Grant

I'm under 40!

As you are under 40 you can also benefit from one of the Young Researcher and Innovator Conference Grants offered by a COST Action. This is a grant to help you attend beneficial international conferences that are not organised by the COST Action.

Can I be reimbursed?

Yes, if you are invited to participate in a COST Action's activities you are eligible to receive financial support to cover part or all of your expenses.

Please note that reimbursement depends on budget availability and additional criteria that may be imposed by a COST Action.

Can I be a main proposer or part of a network of proposers for a new COST Action?

Yes, you can be a main proposer or part of a network of proposers for a new COST Action submitted to our annual Open Call. For more information on the Open Call [please check here](#) or contact your [COST National Coordinator](#).

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