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SESSION 1

COST: Promoting and Spreading Research Excellence in Europe and beyond

Dr Ronald de Bruin, Director of the COST Association

European Cooperation in Science & Technology

MISSION

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

VISION

Europe's most empowering research programme

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Promoting and spreading excellence

Fostering interdisciplinary research for breakthrough science

Empowering and retaining young researchers

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Key figures

292
Running Actions

275
Training schools

€155,500
Average annual budget of a COST Action

2,113
Short-term scientific missions

50,000
Researchers involved in COST Actions

€153 million
COST budget
(in Horizon Europe for a 3-year period)

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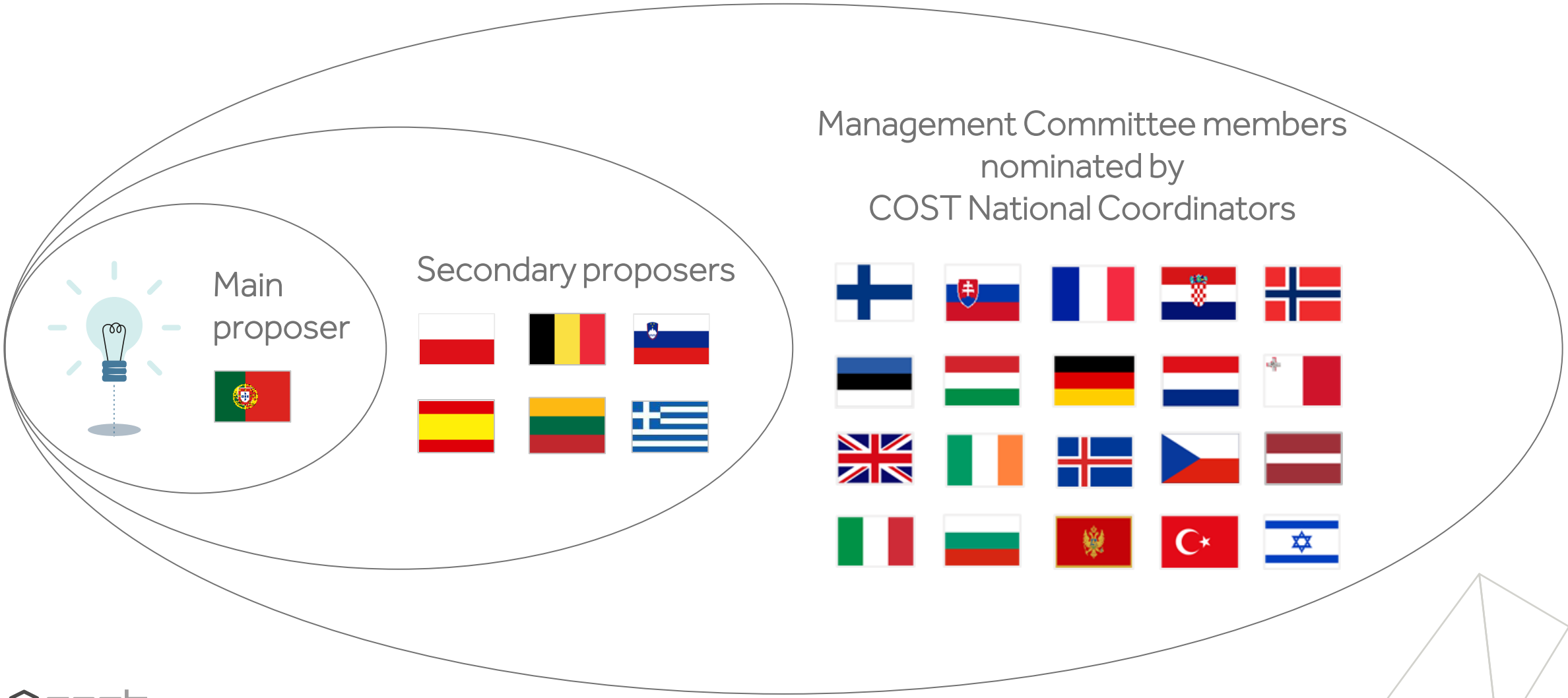
How it works?



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COST Membership

41 Full COST Members

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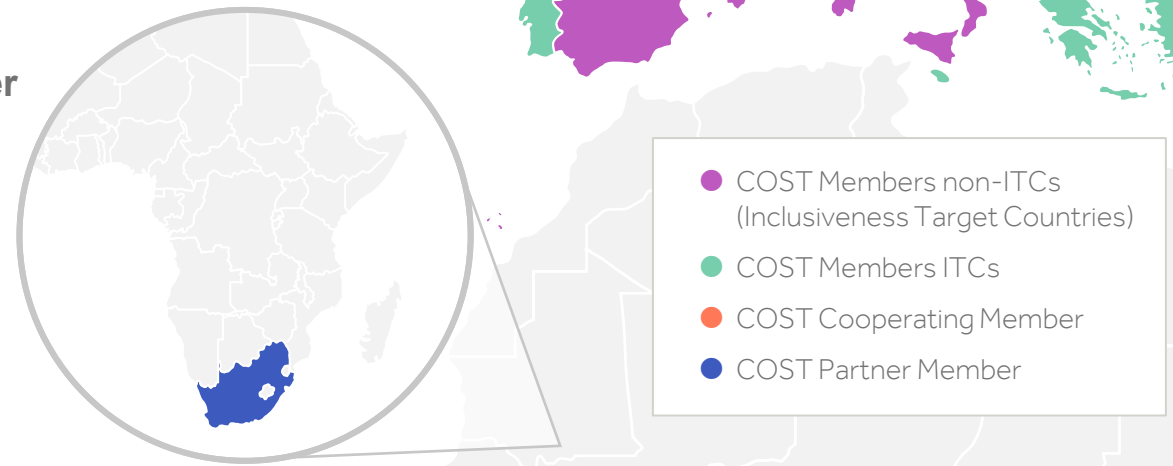
- Armenia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary*
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- The Republic of Moldova
- Montenegro
- The Netherlands
- The Republic of North Macedonia
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Türkiye
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

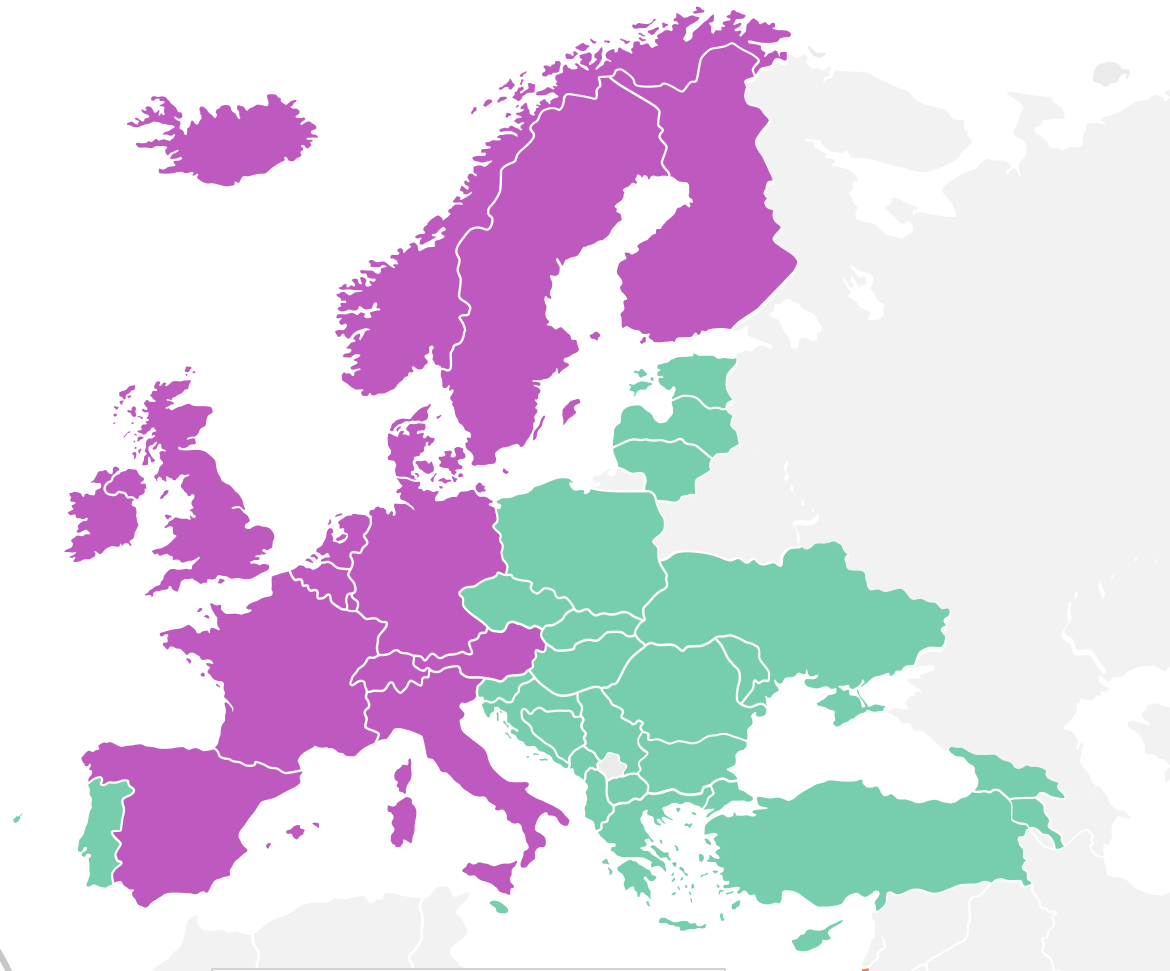
1 Cooperating Member

- Israel

1 Partner Member

- South Africa





- COST Members non-ITCs (Inclusiveness Target Countries)
- COST Members ITCs
- COST Cooperating Member
- COST Partner Member

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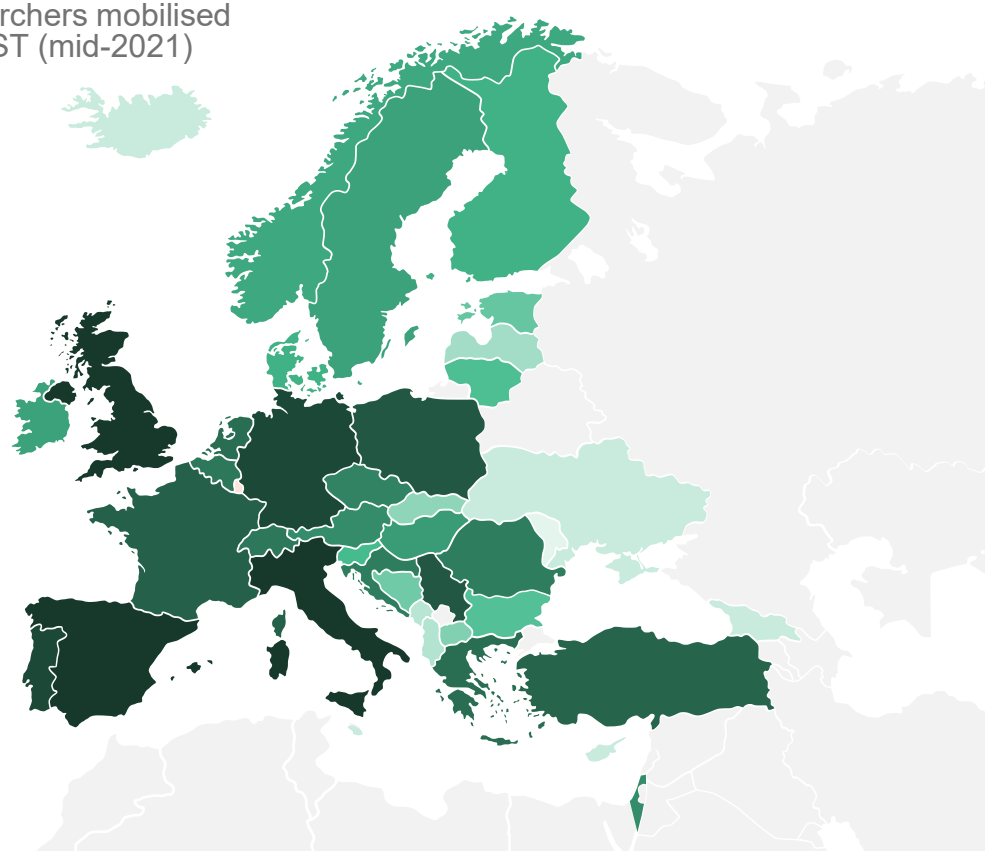
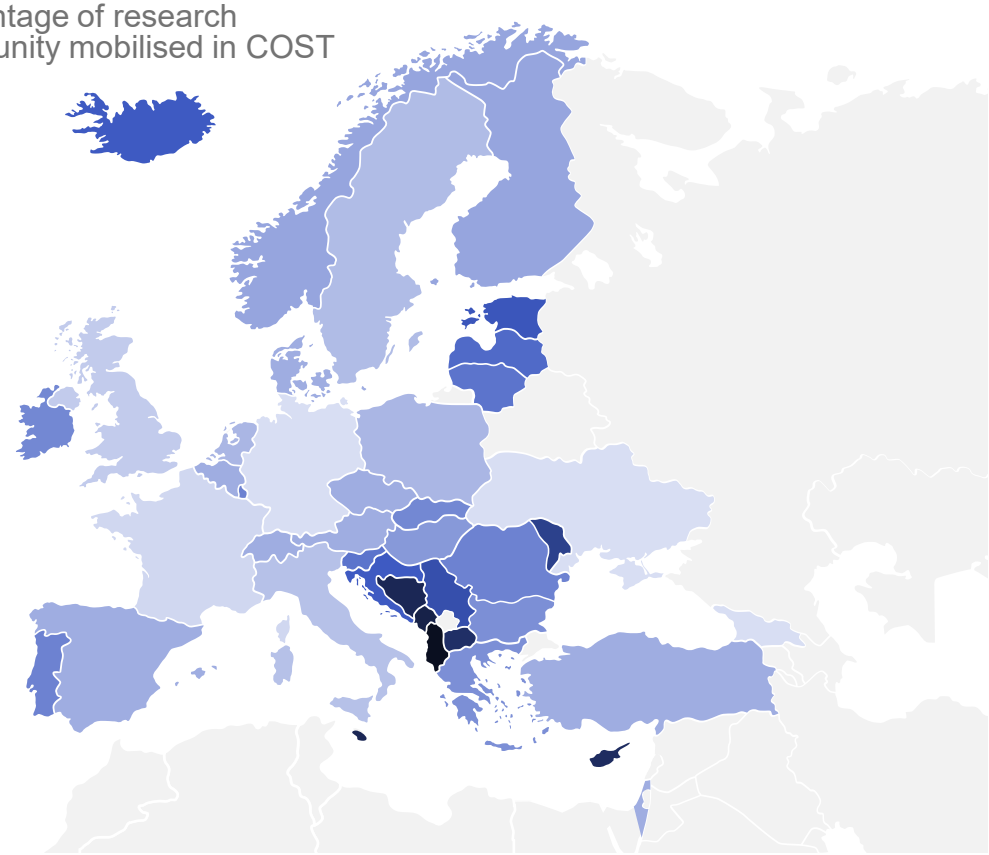
Priority 1

PROMOTING AND SPREADING EXCELLENCE

Researchers mobilised in COST (mid-2021)



Percentage of research community mobilised in COST



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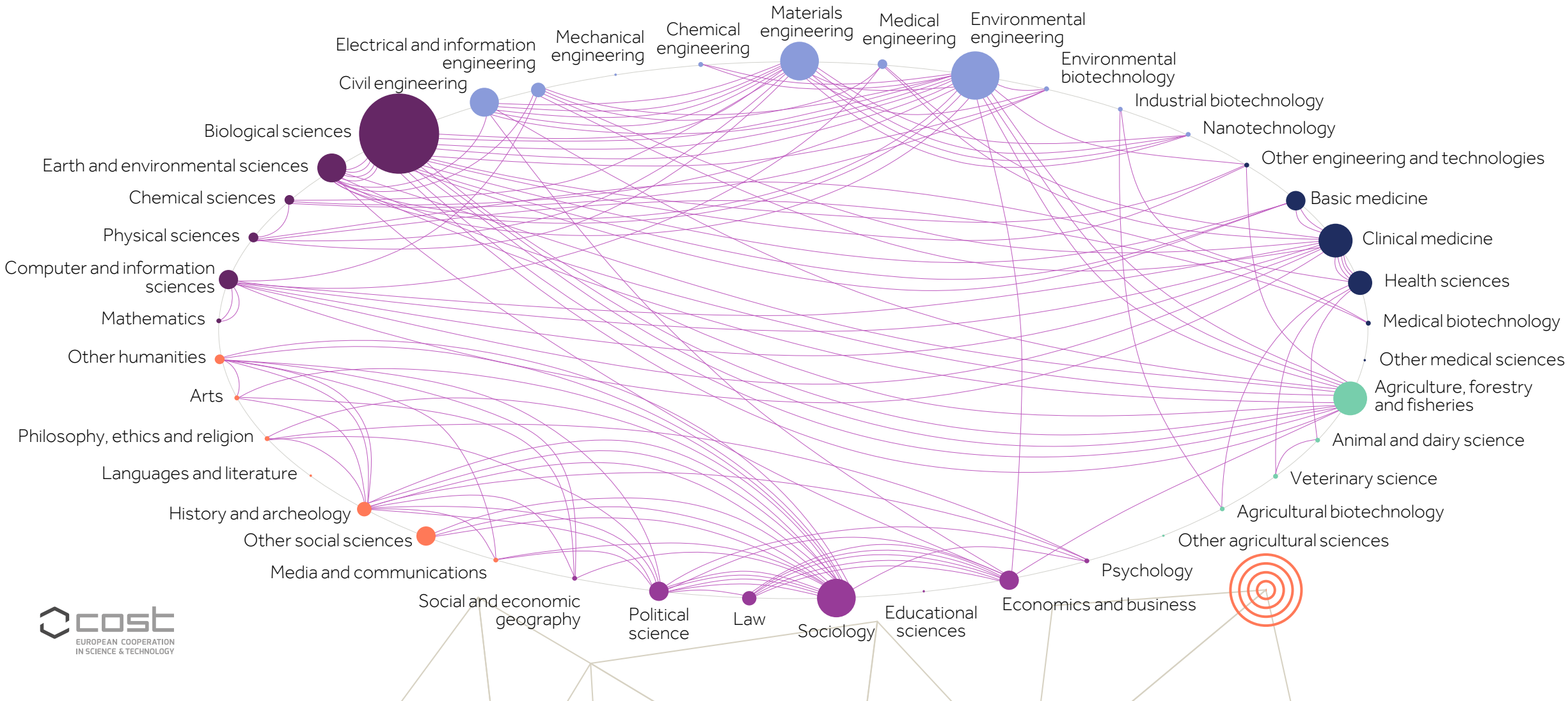
Priority 2

FOSTERING INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH FOR BREAKTHROUGH SCIENCE



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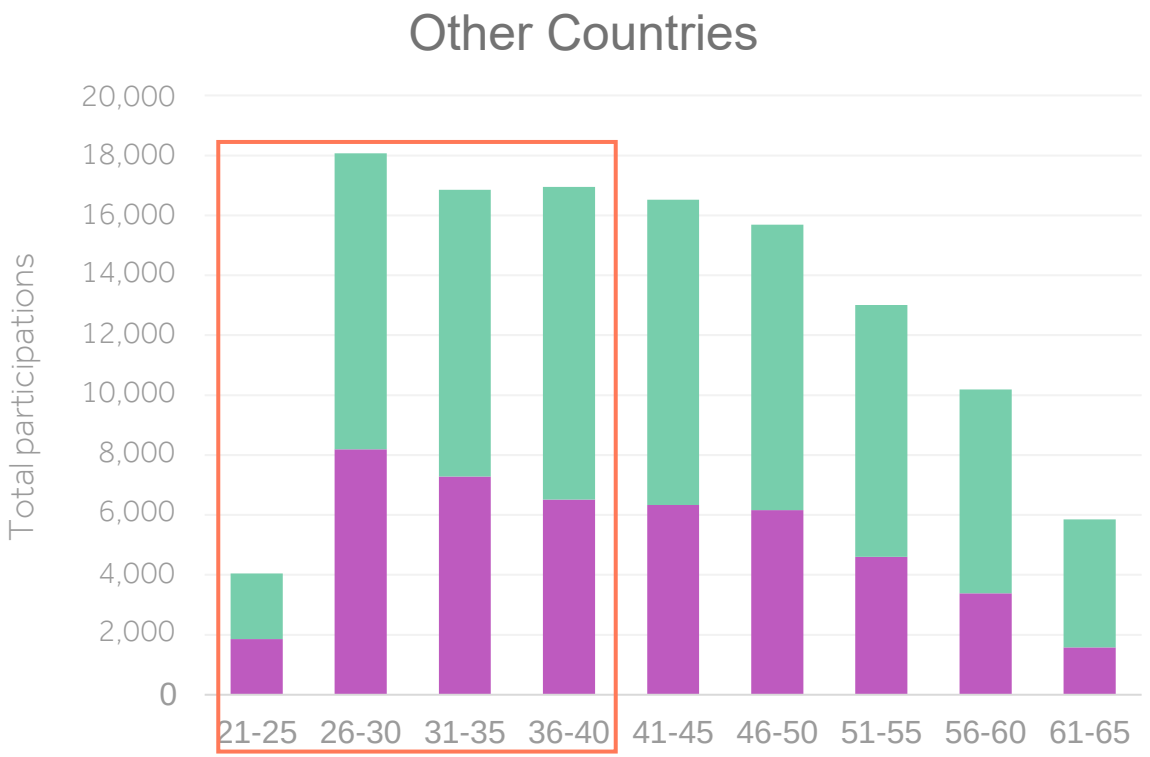
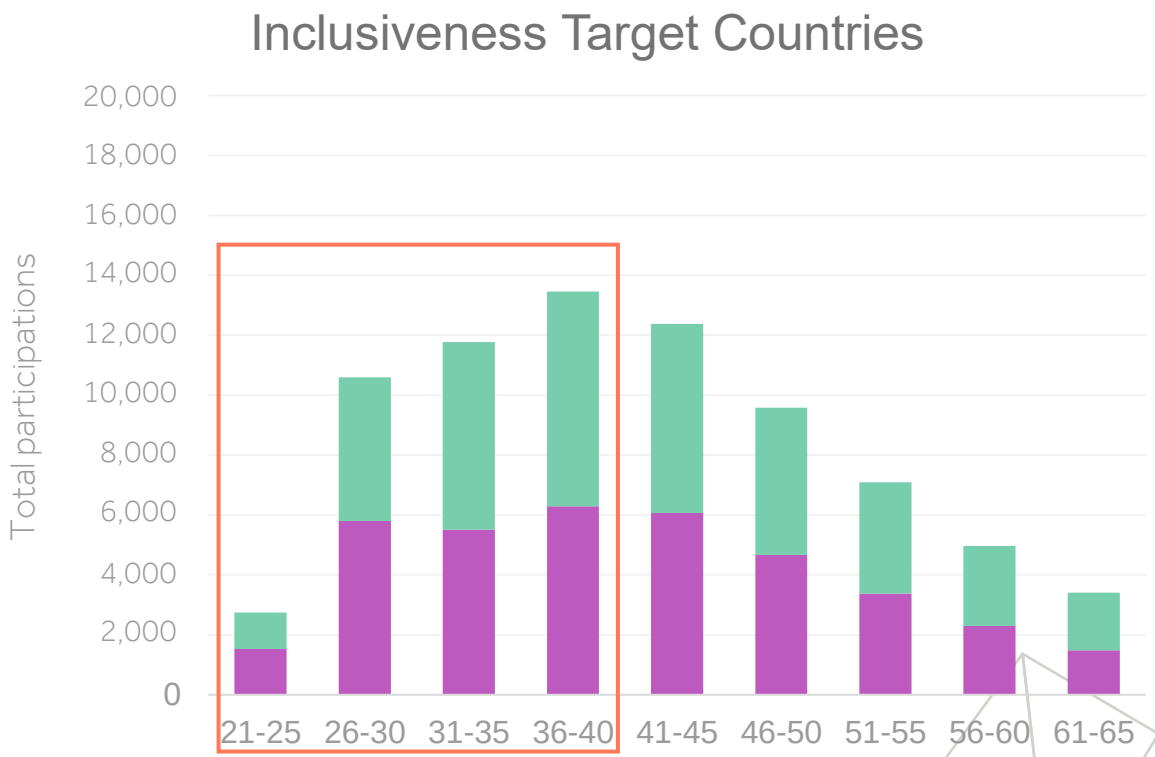
Priority 3

EMPOWERING AND RETAINING YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Data from Horizon 2020 (2014-2021)





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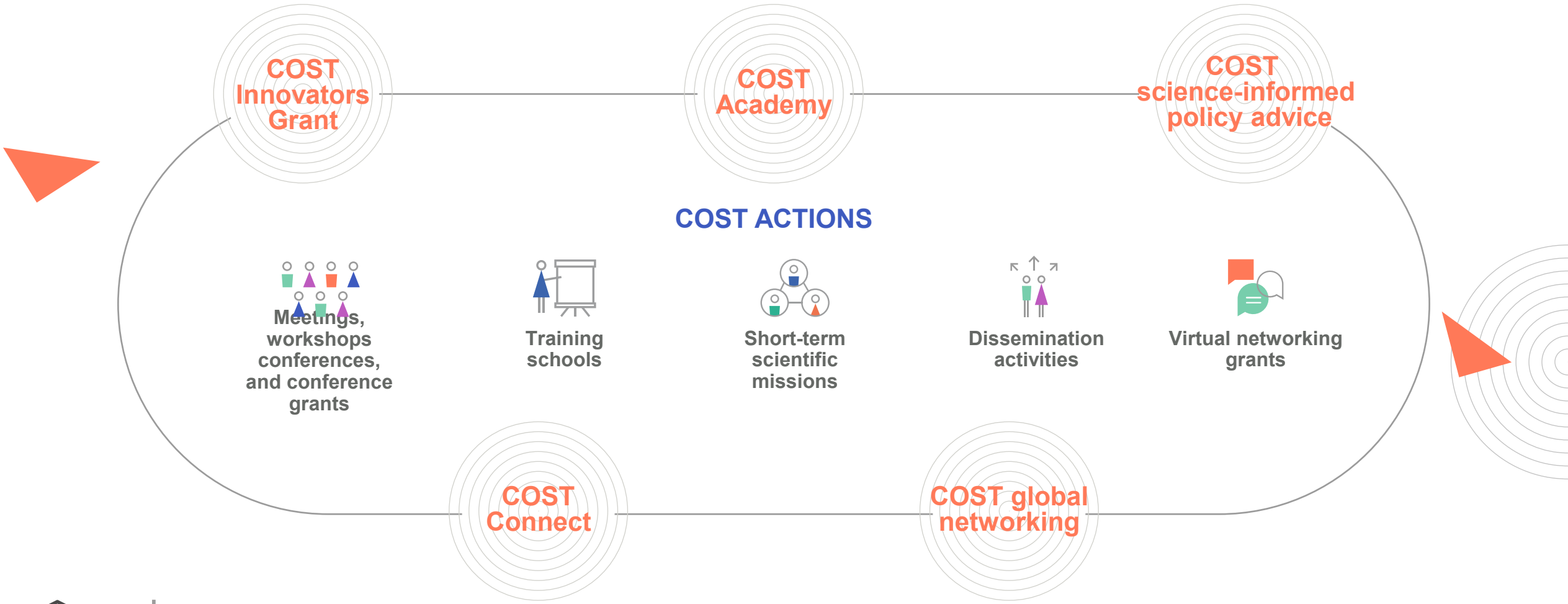
Implementing COST's strategic priorities



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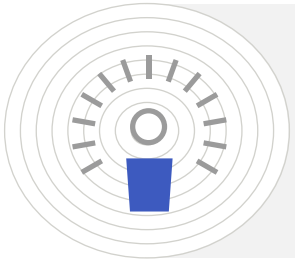
Impact

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.

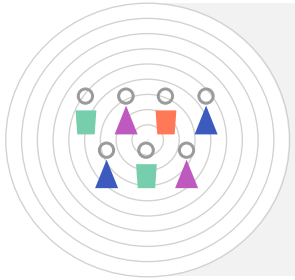


Research careers

- 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

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Belgium in COST Actions

- Belgian researchers participate currently in almost 90% of the running COST Actions.
- 72 Belgian researchers are currently active in leadership positions.
- In 2023, almost 702 researchers were reimbursed for their participation in networking activities. Around 52% of them were young researchers.

What is COST and how engage with COST?

Ms Salomé Moezzi-Gacon, Governance Officer

COST Actions

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

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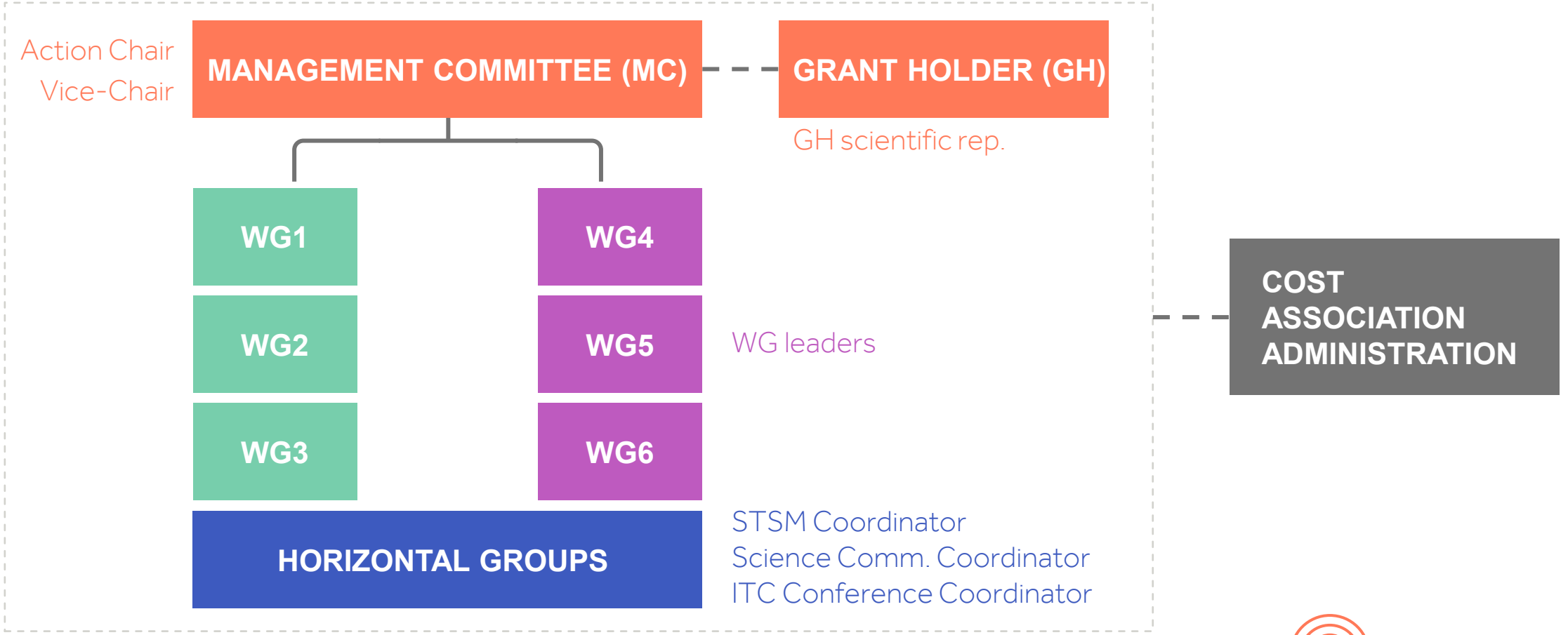
COST Action structure

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



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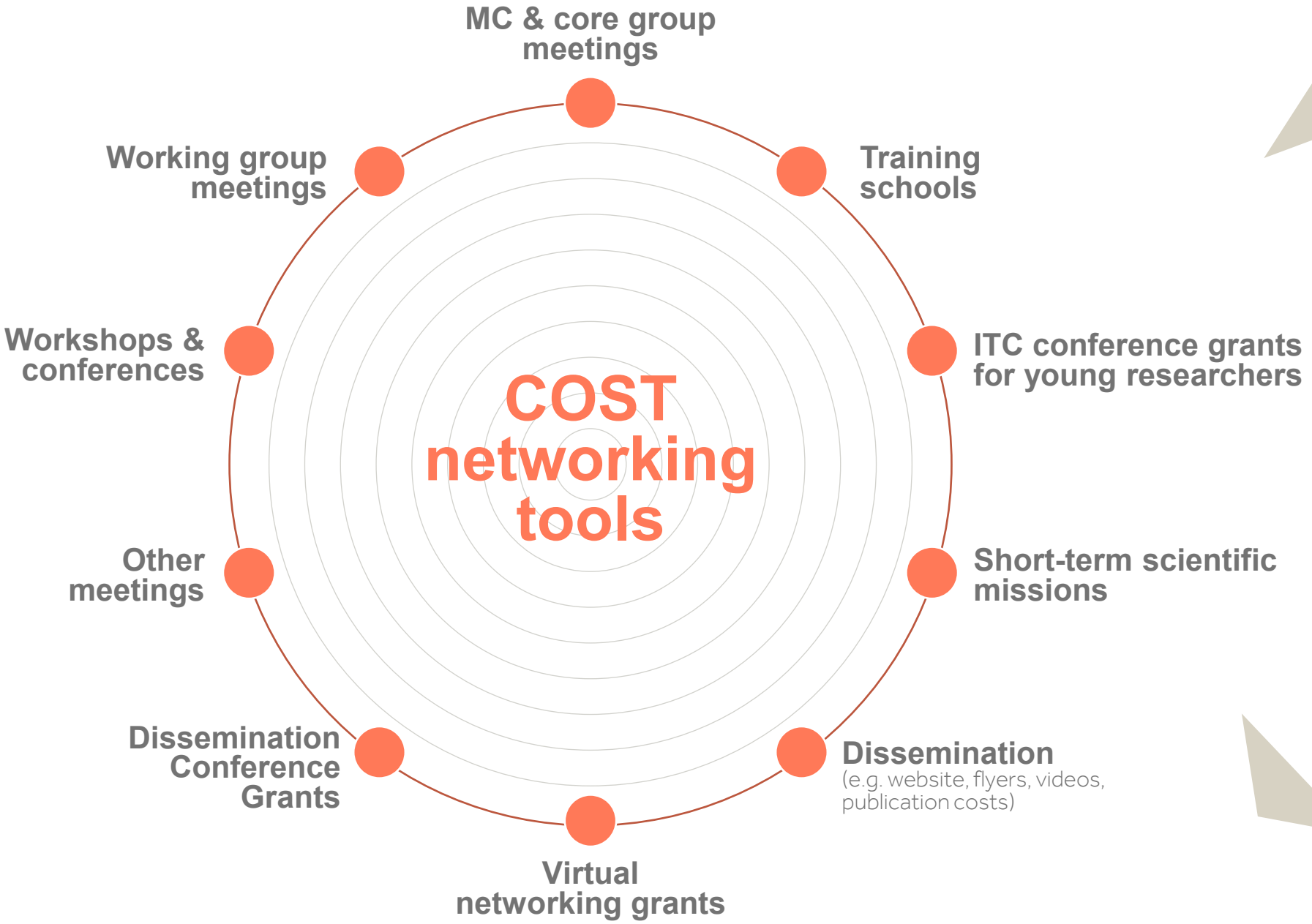

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Funding offered by COST

- Meetings

Travel reimbursement of the meeting participants

- ✓ Daily allowance (accommodation, meals, local transport)
- ✓ Long distance travel expenses (on face value)

- 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
  - ✓ Up to 2000 EUR (500 EUR for virtual events)

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

Benefits of participating in a COST Action

Scientific

Networking

Career opportunities

Financial support

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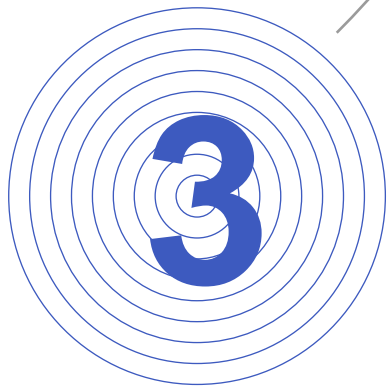
of a running Action

As a **proposer**
of a new COST Action



As **expert** to evaluate
submitted proposals

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More information: www.COST.eu

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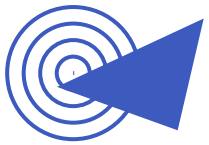

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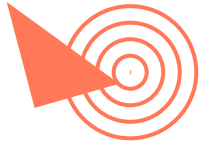

READ THE PROJECT PLAN (MoU) – identify your potential contribution

BROWSE THE ACTION'S OWN WEBSITE – check their activities

IDENTIFY THE OPPORTUNITIES to join the Action and your contact person

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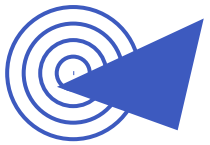

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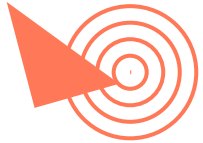

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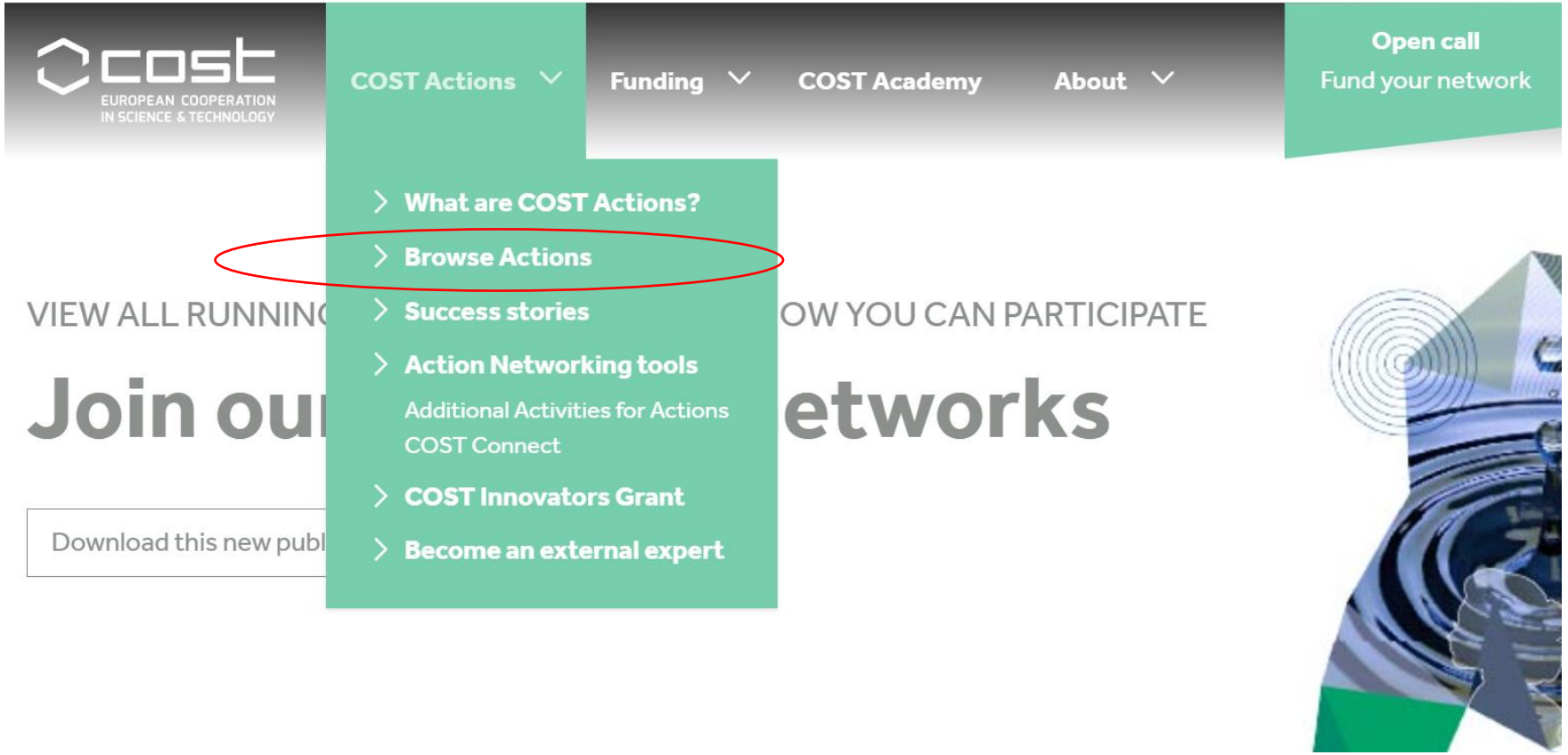
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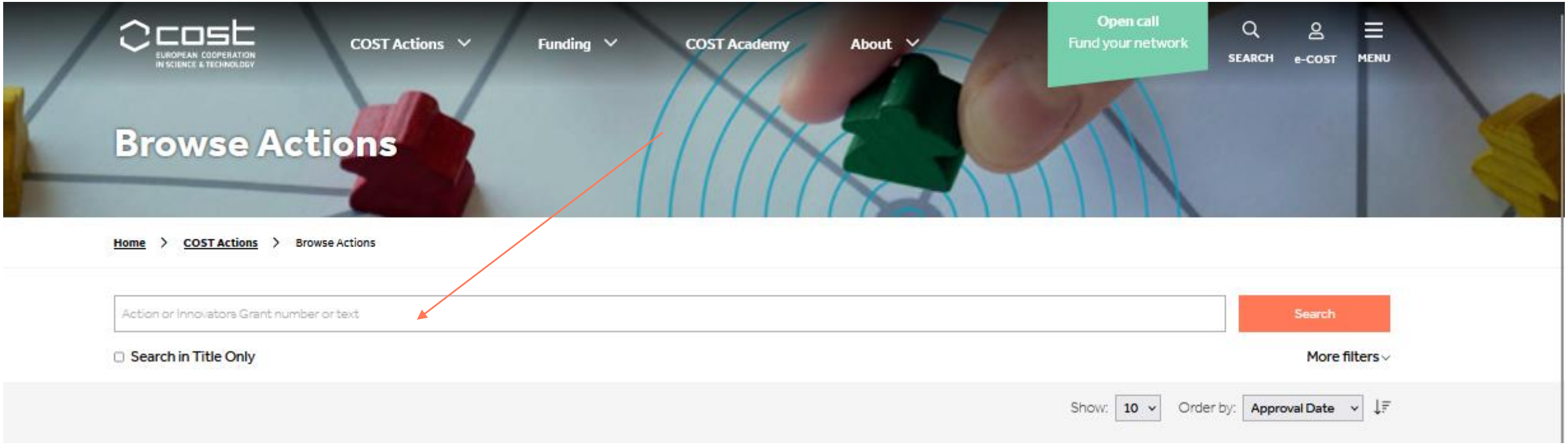
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CA20116 - European Network for Innovative and Advanced Epitaxy (OPERA)

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Description

The world is now facing challenges affecting our daily-life that include, among the most acute, health care, energy, telecommunications, sustainable industry, smart cities and climate action. The successful response to these challenges lies on our ability to solve technological roadblocks related to the development of advanced devices.

Material science is at the heart of technological developments. Especially, epitaxy has always been the most powerful technique to fabricate/manufacture materials while controlling their properties at nanoscale, enabling the development of advanced devices. Today, material development becomes more vital than ever. To break down the barriers limiting the development of more efficient devices, continuous innovation is essential.

To build the foundation of new epitaxial and material science solutions, a European-level structure in epitaxy is today crucial to enhance knowledge sharing at wide scale thanks to cross-community discussions and exchanges.

The COST Action "European Network for Innovative and Advanced Epitaxy", named OPERA, will build a new and innovative European Network composed of expert communities in epitaxial growth focusing on different materials classes: conventional semiconductors, oxides and 2D materials. It aims to bridge the gap between traditionally separated scientific communities, both academic and industrial, having the common goal to combine complementary knowledge, push further the material maturation, and exploit epitaxial combinations of the different material classes in order to unveil new properties and produce new functionalities. Based on this organization, the OPERA COST Action will foster interdisciplinary collaborative research activities allowing maintaining European epitaxy at the topmost worldwide level of research and innovation.

Action keywords

Epitaxy - Material science - Hybrid material systems - Multi-functionalities

Action Details

- MoU - 056/21
- CSO Approval date - 25/05/2021
- Start date - 27/09/2021
- End date - 26/09/2025
- https://cost-opera.eu

How can I participate?

- Read the Project 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 Contact Points

Action documents

Memorandum of Understanding

1. As a participant in a running Action

AS A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC) MEMBER
(contact the COST National Coordinator)

AS A WORKING GROUP (WG) PARTICIPANT
(contact the WG leader)

AS A PARTICIPANT IN ACTION ACTIVITIES
short-term scientific mission, ITC conference grant, training school, workshop/conference,...
(check the Action's website, contact the chair or the national MC member)

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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.

Working Group member

Working Group members and 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.

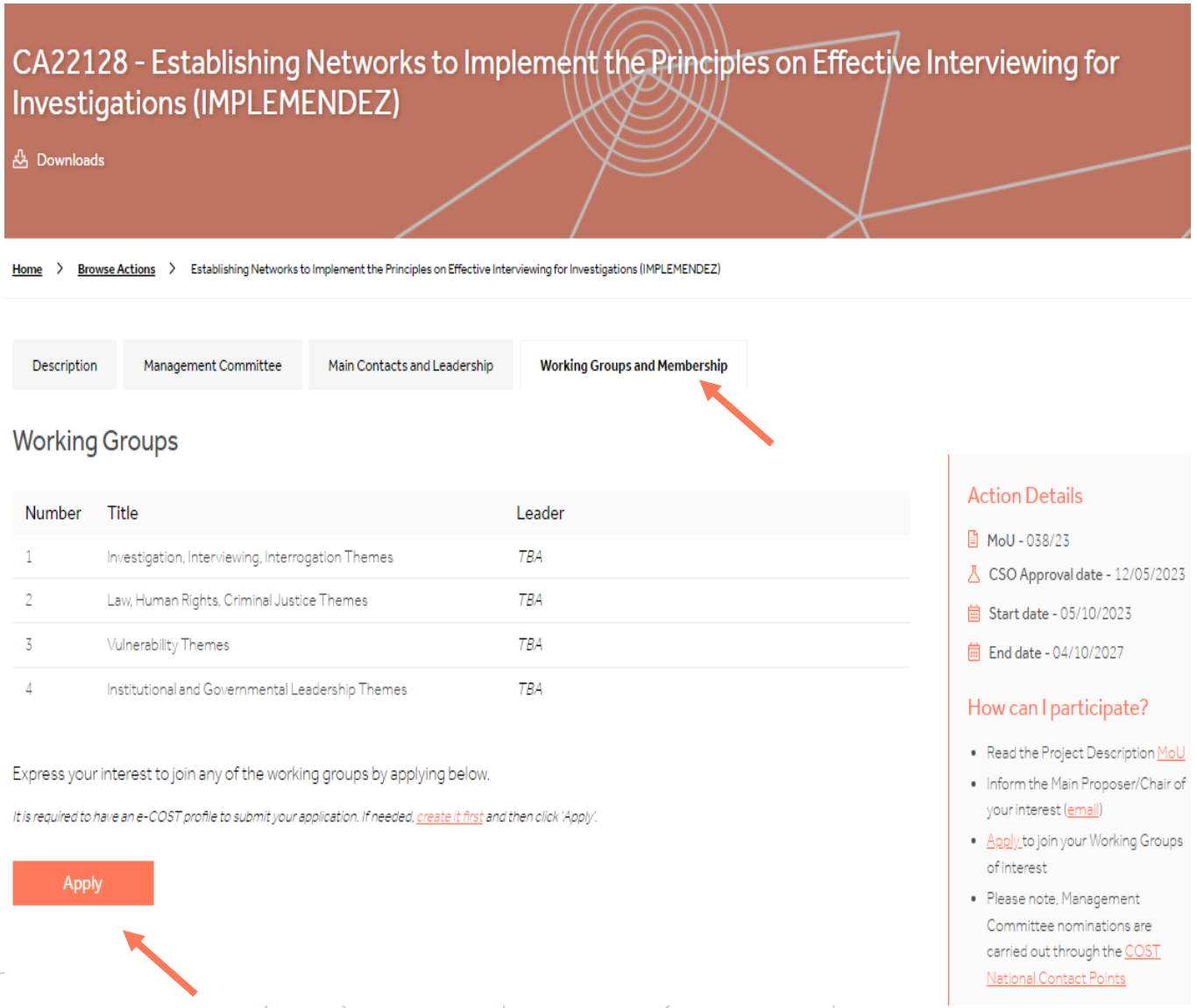
- WG members shall actively participate to the WG activities and coordination of research efforts.

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



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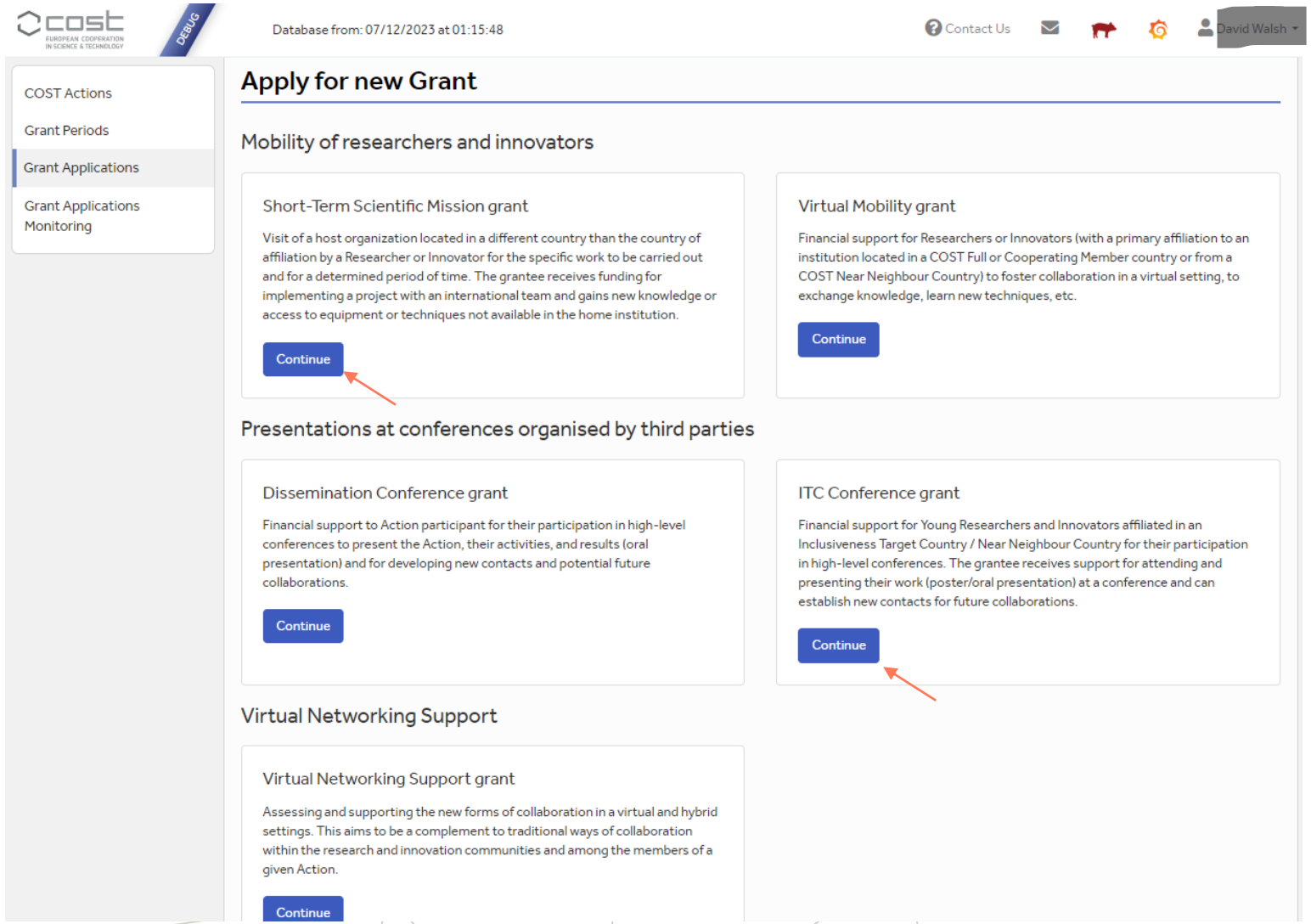
Participant in Action Activities

- Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM)
- ITC conference grant



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Participant in Action Activities : openness

Any individual affiliated to a legal entity in the world and willing to contribute can participate!

Participation can be of different types (MC member; WG member; ad-hoc participant)

Participation does not necessarily mean reimbursement!

Affiliation = Any form of recognised relationship between the individual and a legal entity (example : work contract academia or private sector; enrolment in a research performing study program as PhD/Post-Doctoral; Emeritus professorship)

It is based on affiliation not nationality! Always ensure your e-cost profile is up-to –date!

(see Annotated rules for eligibility for reimbursement)

How to submit an application?

Dr Sara Silvestre, Science Officer

As 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 (s)

Collection date:
23 October 2024
12:00 (noon) CET

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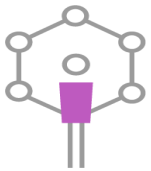
Eligibility Criteria



Network of proposers:

at least **7 different** COST Full or Cooperating Members (**min. 50% ITC**)

Fundamental Ethical Principles:

Emphasis on **originality** and **peaceful purposes**

Technical Annex template:

respects **word** and **page limits**

Language:

English

Evaluation double-blind principle:

Anonymous

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Open Call for proposals – how to apply

E-COST

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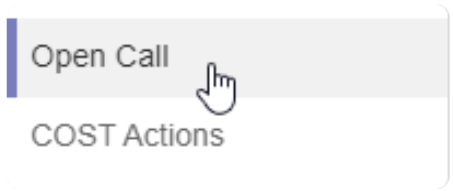
https://www.cost.eu/ecost

2 > Open Call



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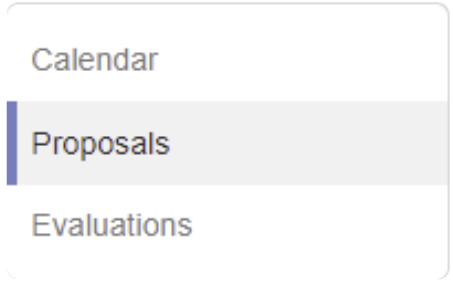

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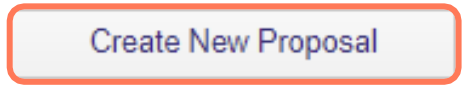

3 Online registration and submission:
General information
+ Technical Annex

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Proposals

GENERAL FEATURES

TECHNICAL ANNEX

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1. S&T Excellence
2. Networking Excellence
3. Impact
4. Implementation

COST EXCELLENCE AND INCLUSIVENESS POLICY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

NETWORK OF PROPOSERS

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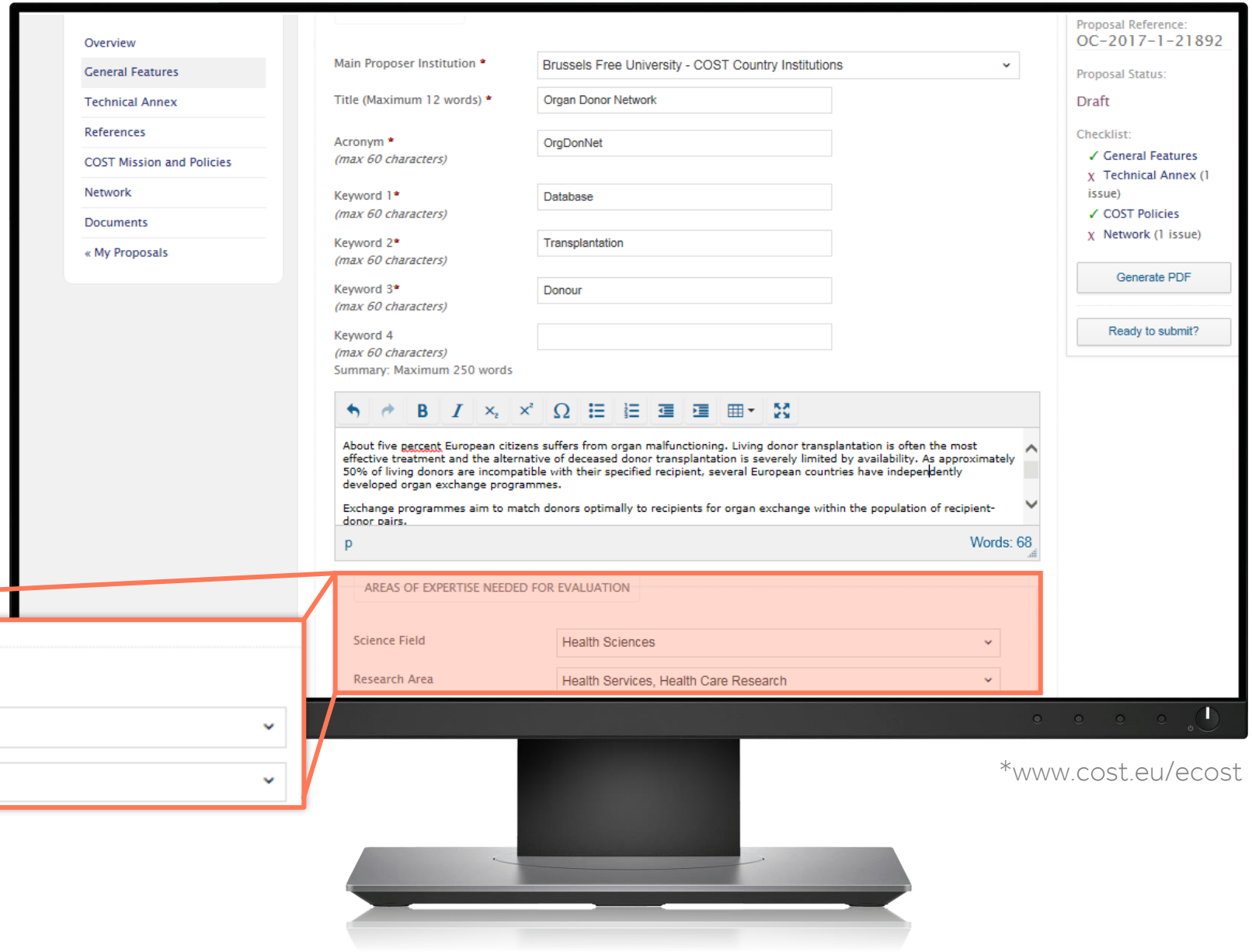
Online submission tool (e-COST)*



AREAS OF EXPERTISE NEEDED FOR EVALUATION
Science Field
Health Sciences
Research Area
Health Services, Health Care Research

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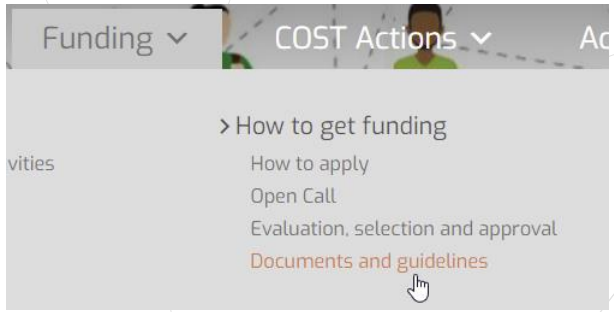

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Open Call for proposals

TECHNICAL ANNEX

SECTIONS	SUB-SECTIONS
1. S&T EXCELLENCE	1.1 Soundness of the challenge 1.2 Progress beyond the state-of-the-art
2. NETWORKING EXCELLENCE	2.1 Added value of networking in S&T excellence 2.2 Added value of networking in impact
3. IMPACT	3.1 Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/breakthroughs 3.2 Measures to maximise impact
4. IMPLEMENTATION	4.1 Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

- Word template
- Max. 15 pages
- Diagrams and figures accepted

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Proposals

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COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

PROMOTING

GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE (ITC)

AGE BALANCE
(young researchers)

GENDER BALANCE
throughout its activities

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Proposals

GENERAL FEATURES

TECHNICAL ANNEX

1. S&T excellence
2. Networking Excellence
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4. Implementation

COST EXCELLENCE AND INCLUSIVENESS POLICY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

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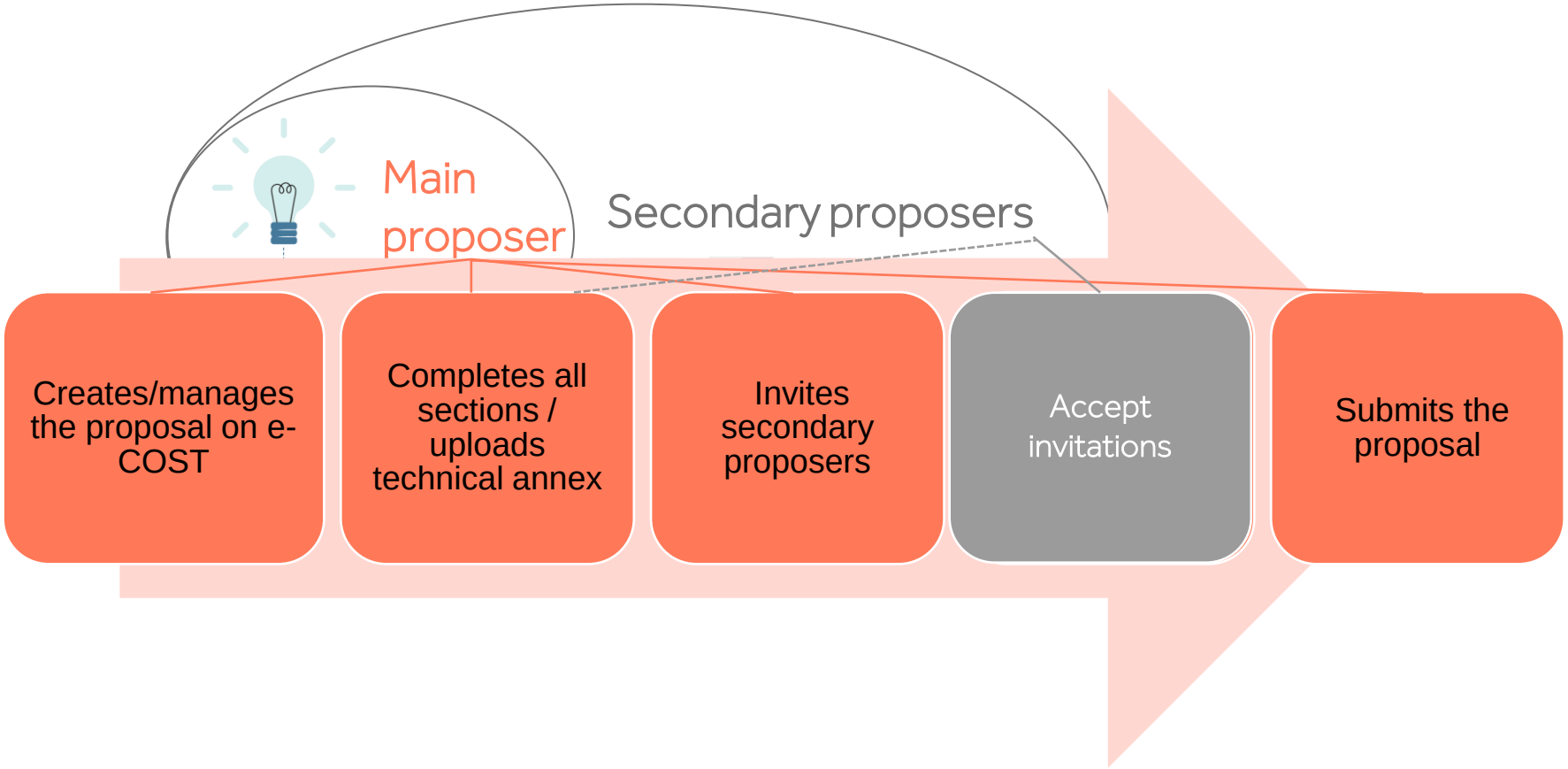
Main and secondary proposers



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Resources

How to apply

https://www.cost.eu/how-to-apply

Documents & Guidelines

https://www.cost.eu/funding/documents-guidelines/

- Open Call Announcement
- Open Call Applicant Guidelines
- Proposal Submission, Evaluation, Selection and Approval
- Rules and Principles for COST Activities
- Technical Annex
- Annotated Rules for COST Actions

How to apply in a nutshell

Read the official announcement

Online registration and submission (e-COST)

Helpdesk: opencall@cost.eu

Read the reference documents and guidelines (e.g. SESA Guidelines)

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

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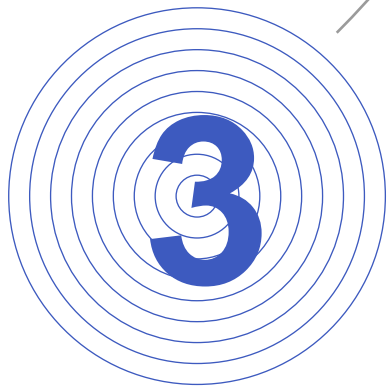
How to engage with COST?

As a **participant**
of a running Action

As a **proposer**
of a new COST Action



As **expert** to evaluate
submitted proposals

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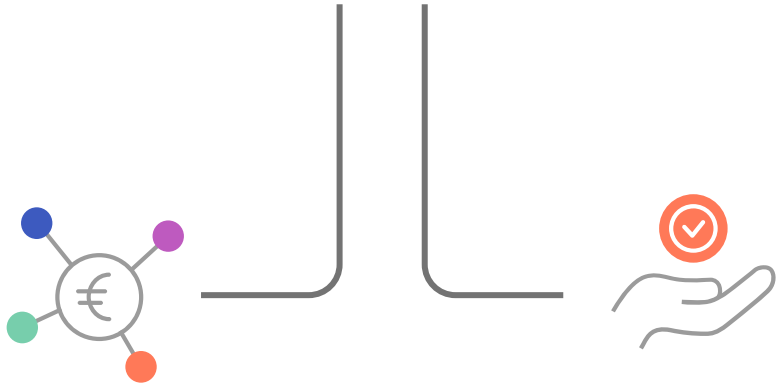
More information: www.COST.eu

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

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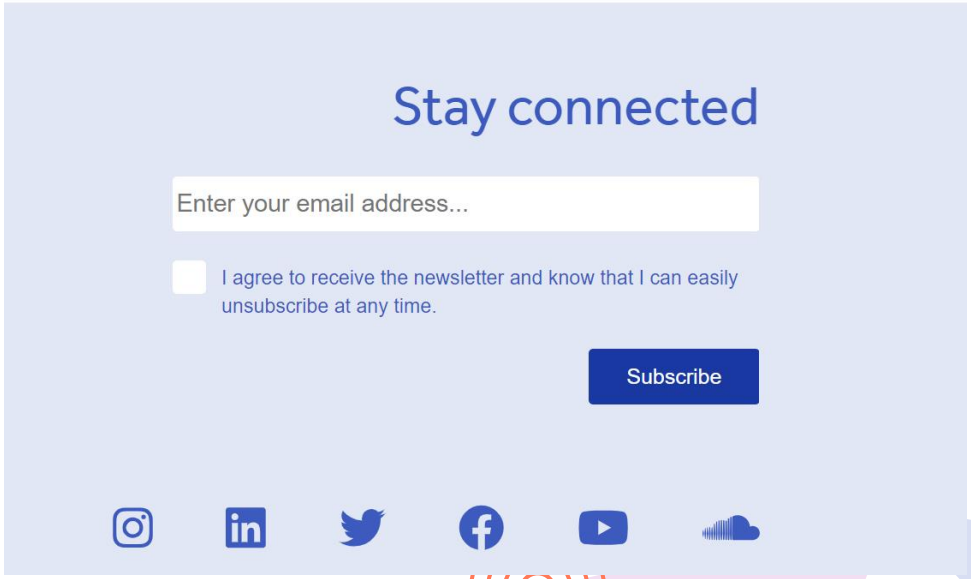
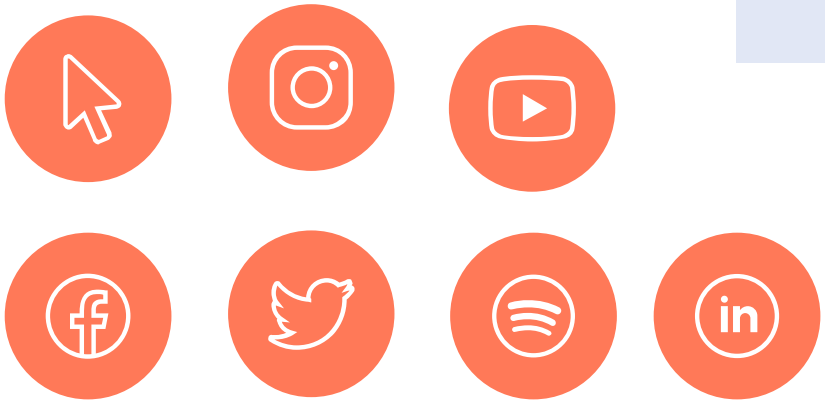
How to follow us

COST newsletter: www.cost.eu





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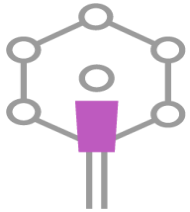
SESSION 2

How to prepare your COST proposal?

Dr Sara Silvestre, Science Officer

What sets COST apart?



Funds **networking opportunities** for researchers and innovators

Bottom-up approach (all areas of science and technology)

Open

Inclusive

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Proposals

GENERAL FEATURES

1. Acronym
2. Summary
3. Keywords
4. Areas of expertise for evaluation

TECHNICAL ANNEX

(www.cost.eu)

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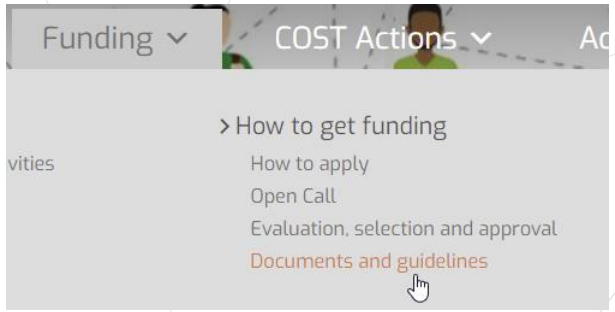

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- ✓ Max. **15 pages**
- ✓ **Template sections and format** must not be modified
- ✓ **Diagrams and figures** accepted
- ✓ **Anonymity criterion** must be respected

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Open Call for proposals

TECHNICAL ANNEX

SECTIONS	SUB-SECTIONS
1. S&T EXCELLENCE	1.1 Soundness of the challenge 1.2 Progress beyond the state-of-the-art
2. NETWORKING EXCELLENCE	2.1 Added value of networking in S&T excellence 2.2 Added value of networking in impact
3. IMPACT	3.1 Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/breakthroughs 3.2 Measures to maximise impact
4. IMPLEMENTATION	4.1 Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

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TECHNICAL ANNEX

1. S&T EXCELLENCE

1.1. SOUNDNESS OF THE CHALLENGE

1.1.1. DESCRIPTION OF THE STATE OF THE ART

Text

1.1.2. DESCRIPTION OF THE CHALLENGE (MAIN AIM)

Text

1.2. PROGRESS BEYOND THE STATE-OF-THE-ART

1.2.1. APPROACH TO THE CHALLENGE AND PROGRESS BEYOND THE STATE OF THE ART

Text

1.2.2. OBJECTIVES

1.2.2.1. Research Coordination Objectives

Text

1.2.2.2. Capacity-building Objectives

Text

1. S&T Excellence

Soundness of the challenge

Q1. Does the proposal demonstrate a comprehensive command of the state of the art in the field(s) and present a relevant and timely challenge?

Progress beyond the state-of-the-art.

Q2. Does the proposal describe an innovative approach to the challenge that advances the state of the art in the field(s)?

Q3. Are the objectives presented relevant to the challenge, clear and ambitious?

Some key concepts (1/2)

Research Coordination Objectives

- development of a common understanding/definition of the subject matter;
- coordination of information seeking, identification, collection and/or data curation;
- coordination of experimentation or testing;
- comparison and/or performance assessment of theory/ model/ scenario/ projection/ simulation/
- narrative/ methodology/ technology/ technique;
- development of knowledge needing international coordination: new or improved theory/
- model/scenario/ projection/ simulation/ narrative/ methodology/ technology/ technique;
- achievement of a specific tangible output that cannot be achieved without international coordination (*e.g.* due to practical issues such as database availability, language barriers, availability of infrastructure or know-how, etc.);

Some key concepts (2/2)

Capacity-building objectives

- fostering knowledge exchange and the development of a joint research agenda around a topic of scientific and/or socio-economic relevance;
- fostering knowledge exchange and the development of a joint research agenda around a new or emerging field of research;
- bridging separate fields of science/disciplines to achieve breakthroughs that requires an interdisciplinary approach;
- acting as a stakeholder platform or trans-national practice community (by area of socioeconomic application and/or market sector);
- involving specific target groups (e.g. newly established research groups, Young Researchers and Innovators, the under-represented gender, teams from countries/regions with less capacity in the field of the Action).

2. NETWORKING EXCELLENCE

2.1. ADDED VALUE OF NETWORKING IN S&T EXCELLENCE

2.1.1. ADDED VALUE IN RELATION TO EXISTING EFFORTS AT EUROPEAN AND/OR INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Text

2.2. ADDED VALUE OF NETWORKING IN IMPACT

2.2.1. SECURING THE CRITICAL MASS, EXPERTISE AND GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE WITHIN THE COST MEMBERS AND BEYOND

Text

2.2.2. INVOLVEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS

Text

2. Networking Excellence

Added value of networking in S&T Excellence

Q4. Does networking bring added value in tackling the challenge in relation to existing efforts at the European and/or international level?

Added value of networking in Impact

Q5. Does the proposed network contain, or present a credible plan for securing, the critical mass and range of expertise for achieving the objectives and thus addressing the challenge?

Q6. Does the proposal identify the most relevant stakeholders and present a clear plan to involve them as Action participants?

3. IMPACT

3.1. IMPACT TO SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND COMPETITIVENESS, AND POTENTIAL FOR INNOVATION/BREAK-THROUGHS

3.1.1. SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, AND/OR SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS (INCLUDING POTENTIAL INNOVATIONS AND/OR BREAKTHROUGHS)

Text

3.2. MEASURES TO MAXIMISE IMPACT

3.2.1. KNOWLEDGE CREATION, TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Text

3.2.2. PLAN FOR DISSEMINATION AND/OR EXPLOITATION AND DIALOGUE WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR POLICY

3. Impact criteria

Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/breakthroughs

Q7. Does the proposal clearly identify relevant and realistic impacts for science, society and/or competitiveness (including potential innovations and/or breakthroughs)?

Measures to maximise impact

Q8. Does the proposed networking clearly contribute to knowledge creation, transfer of knowledge and career development?

Q9. Is the plan for dissemination and/or exploitation of results clear and attainable and does it contribute to the dialogue between science and the general public or policy?

4. IMPLEMENTATION

4.1. COHERENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE WORK PLAN

4.1.1. DESCRIPTION OF WORKING GROUPS, TASKS AND ACTIVITIES

Text

4.1.2. DESCRIPTION OF DELIVERABLES AND TIMEFRAME

Text

4.1.3. RISK ANALYSIS AND CONTINGENCY PLANS

Text

4.1.4. GANTT DIAGRAM

Text

4. Implementation criteria

Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

Q10. Is the work plan (WGs, tasks, activities, timeframe, deliverables and risk analysis) appropriate to ensure the achievement of the objectives?

Anonymity criterion

May not contain any direct or indirect reference to people and/or their institutions participating in the Network of Proposers (Main or Secondary Proposers)

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Statements resulting in ineligibility

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References

References
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COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

E-COST SECTION

N.B.: The content of this section will be assessed at the selection phase by the Scientific Committee.

COST Mission and Policy
• Mandatory • Max. 1000 words • This is a free text section to explain how the Action proposal will address the COST Policy with regard to: 1. ensuring a geographical balance, and involving participants from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC); 2. Young Researchers and Innovators (YRI); 3. addressing Gender balance[14]. • The proposal should describe the plans (what and how) for each of these three specific targets.

- ✓ Example for COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy addressing ITC: ITC researchers' full involvement through leadership roles in COST Actions.
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Budget

Proposal stage:

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After approval:

- Start of the Action = MC1
- Grant Periods:

GP	Duration	Budget
1	**1 November 2024** – 30 October 2025	approximately 125 000 EUR
2	1 November 2025 – 30 October 2026	Depending on: ▪ COST countries in the WGs ▪ Action performance ▪ Availability of budget
3	1 November 2026 – 30 October 2027	
4	1 November 2027 – **4 years from MC1**	

Evaluation

SESA

ELIGIBILITY!

- Anonymous
- Minimum 50% ITC
- 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

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Evaluation criteria

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3 QUESTIONS

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IMPLEMENTATION

- Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

1 QUESTION

Total marks for the section
= 5 points

TOTAL MARKS AWARDED = 50 points - OVERALL THRESHOLD = 34 points

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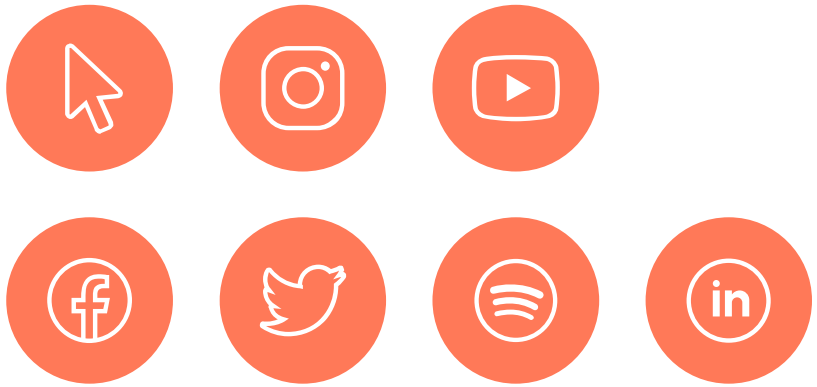

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