



COST WEBINAR FOR SOUTH KOREA – PROMOTING AND SPREADING EXCELLENCE

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European Cooperation in Science & Technology

COST provides networking opportunities for researchers and innovators to coordinate research activities and build capacity to address scientific, technological and societal challenges



ALL FIELDS OF S&T

(mono- or interdisciplinary,
new and emerging fields)

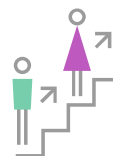


ALL PARTNERS

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



BOTTOM-UP APPROACH



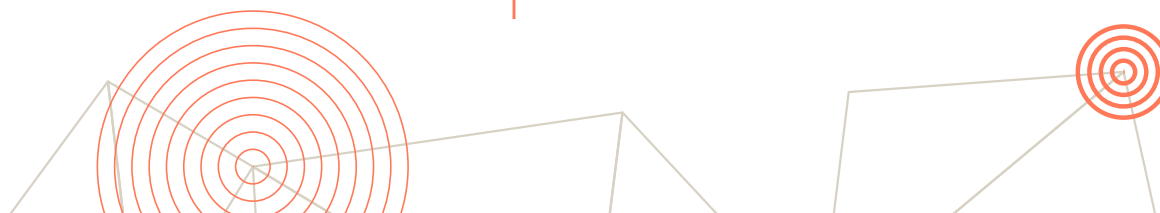
ALL CAREER STAGES

(young and experienced researchers)



ALL COUNTRIES

- 41 COST Full Members
+ 1 Cooperating Member and +1 Partner Member
- Near Neighbour Countries
- Global cooperation



COST in Horizon Europe

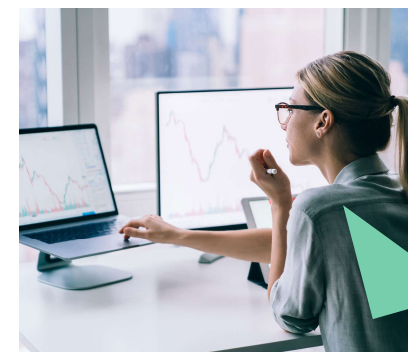


Horizon Europe

Widening participation
and strengthening the
European Research
Area pillar

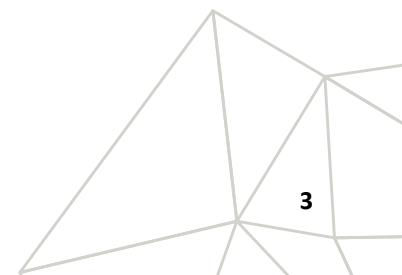


COST activities are
implemented by the COST
Association, under a
Framework Partnership
Agreement and Specific
Grant Agreements with
the European Commission

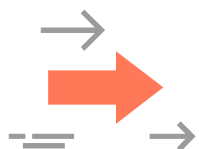


COST Actions

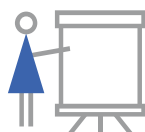
receive budget under
Third Party Funding



Key figures



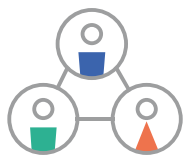
292
Running Actions



262
Training schools



€170,000
estimate annual budget
of a COST Action



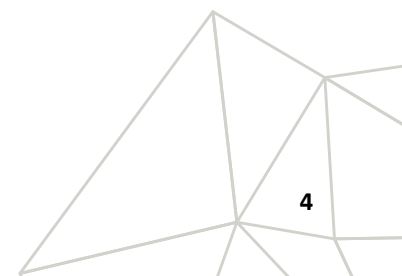
2,150
Short-term
scientific missions



60,000
Researchers involved
in COST Actions



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



COST Membership

41 COST Members

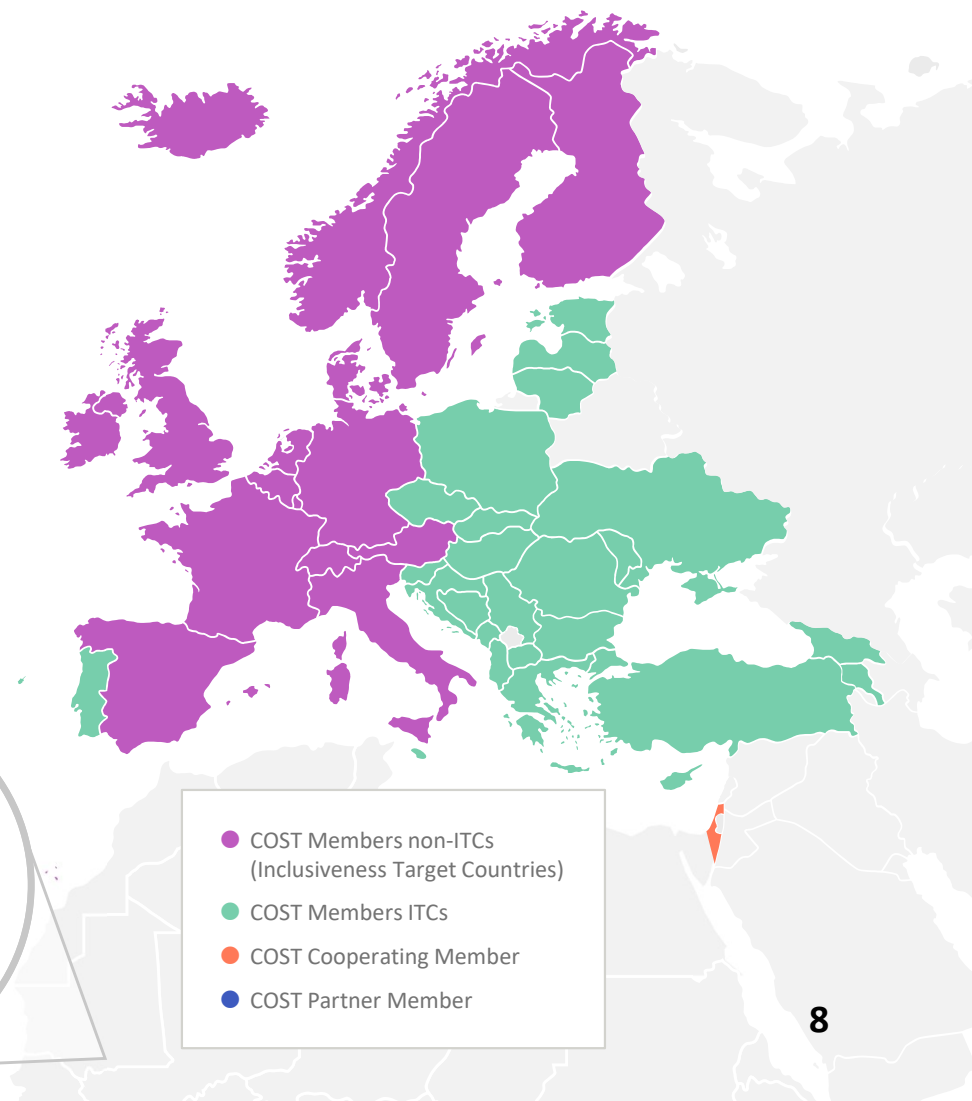
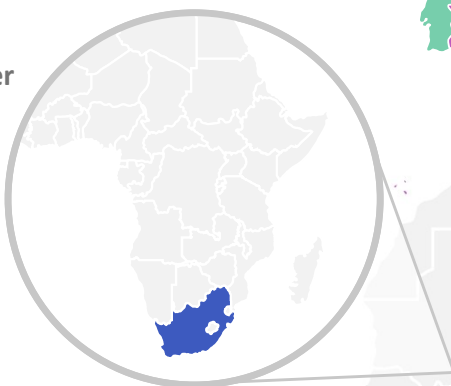
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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| ● Albania | ● Germany | ● Norway |
| ● Armenia | ● Greece | ● Poland |
| ● Austria | ● Hungary* | ● Portugal |
| ● Belgium | ● Iceland | ● Romania |
| ● Bosnia and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

1 Cooperating Member

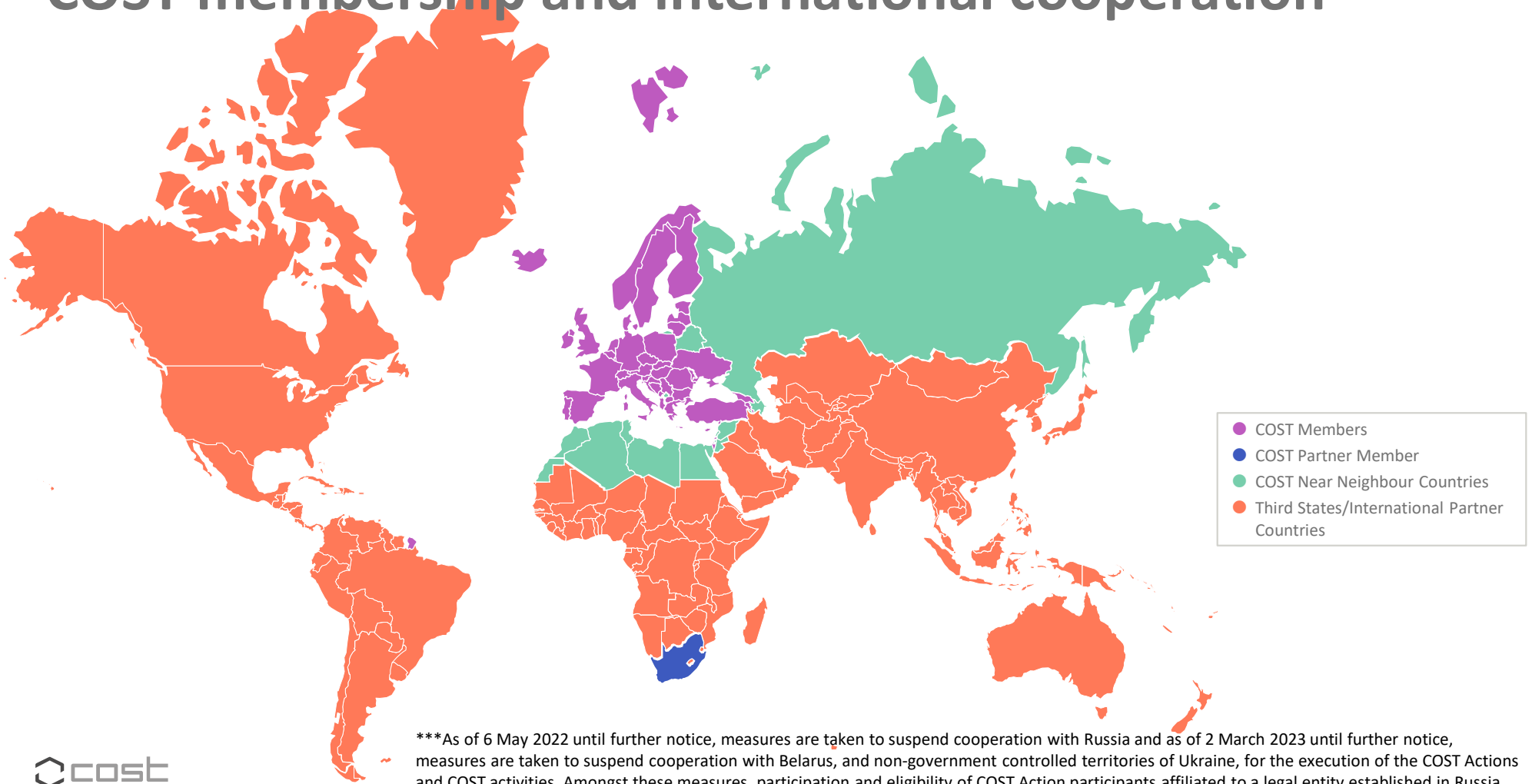
● Israel

1 Partner Member

● South Africa



COST membership and international cooperation



Participation from the Republic of Korea



**20 COST Actions, 33 working group members,
20 institutions:**

Asia Pacific Centre for Theoretical Physics, CHA University, Chung-Ang University, Duksung Women's University, Gwangju Institute Of Science And Technology, Incheon National University, Inha University, Institute for Basic Science, Jeju National University, Korea Advanced Institute Of Science And Technology, Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute, Korea Institute of Advanced Study, Korea Institute of Analytical Science & Technology, Pusan National University, School of Living and Environmental Engineering, Sejong University, Seoul National University, Sungkyunkwan University, Ulsan National Institute Of Science And Technology, Yeungnam University, Yonsei University





COST Program



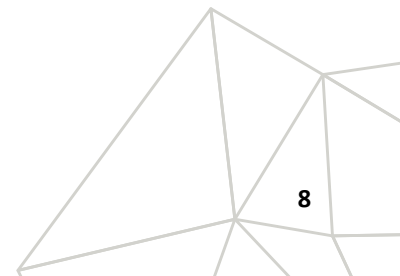
Open call with annual cut-off date – autumn 2025



COST Actions – currently 292 running
open to welcome new partners



Ad-hoc activities – organized and announced individually by the COST Actions, open to participation following successful application directly to the Action



COST Actions

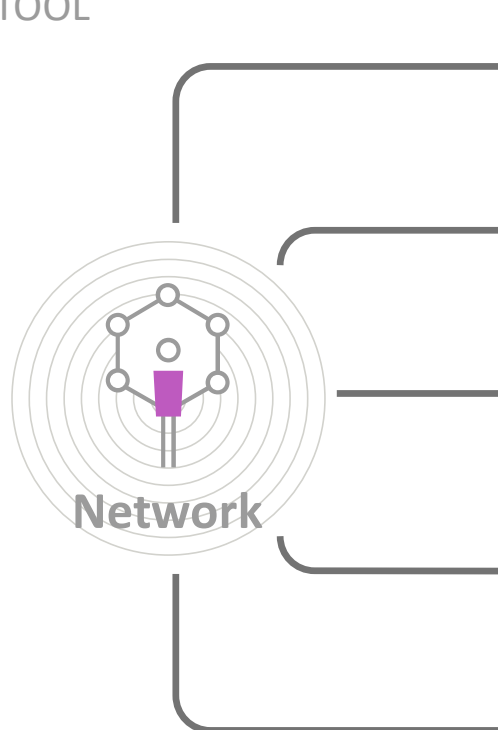
AN EFFICIENT NETWORKING TOOL

COST provides funding for networking :

- > research coordination
- > capacity building activities

COST is not funding research itself,

- > pooling resources
- > research results by networking



Memorandum of Understanding



4 years



Min 7 countries, average participation 30 countries



Research coordination and capacity building activities



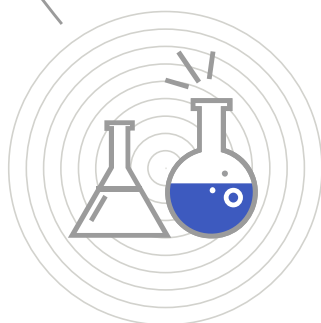
~ €680,000 over lifetime

COST Networking tools

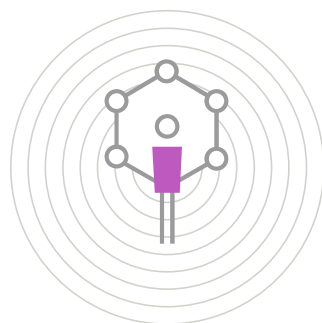
Research coordination
& capacity building
activities



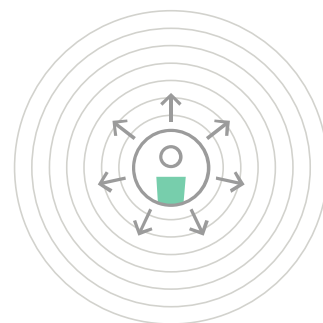
Benefits of participating in a COST Action



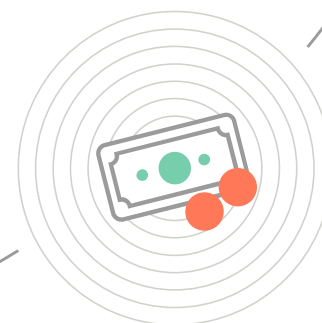
Scientific



Networking



**Career
opportunities**



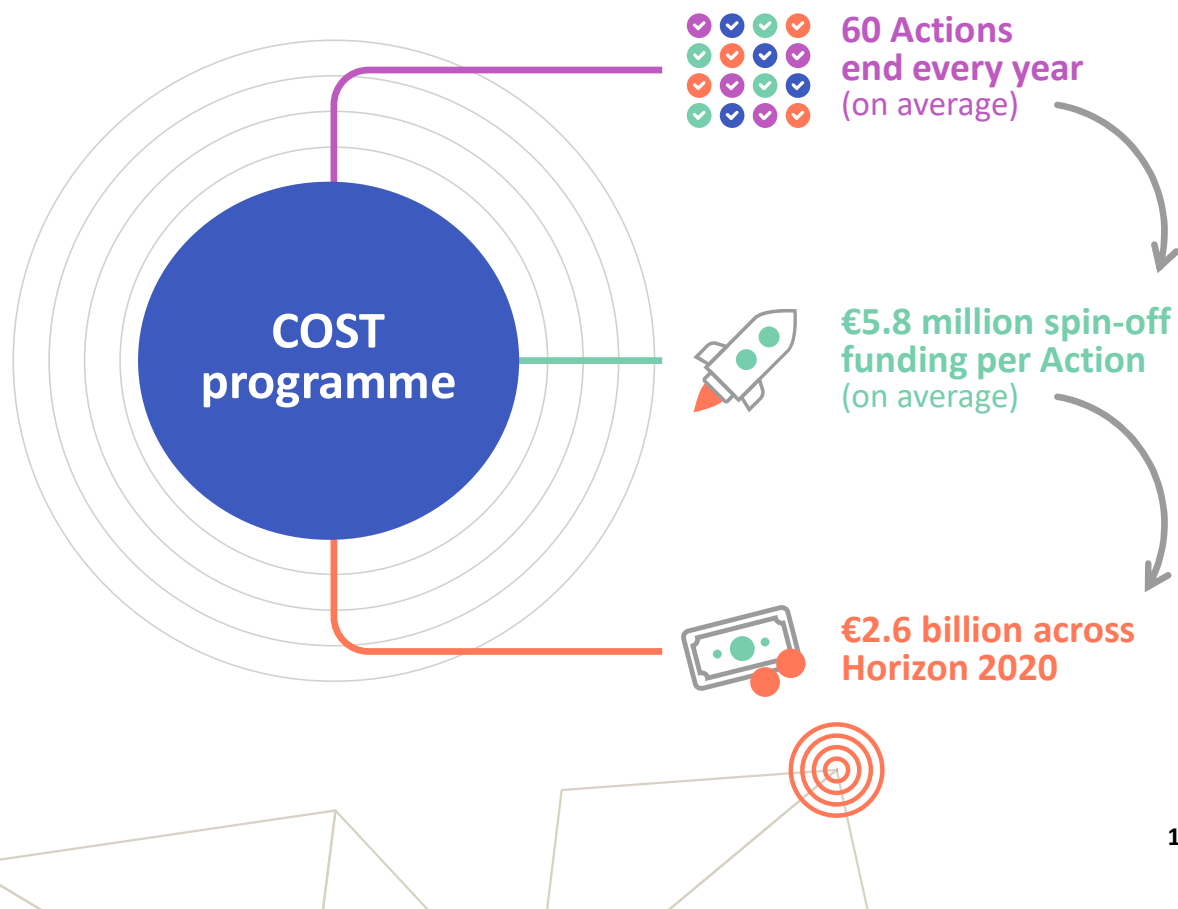
**Financial
support**



The value of networking

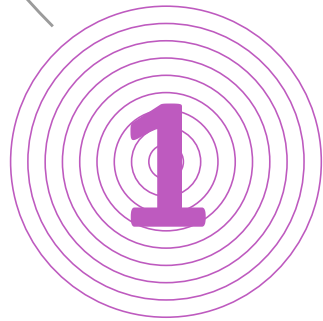
Participation in COST Actions

Follow-up proposals have a success rate of more than 39%





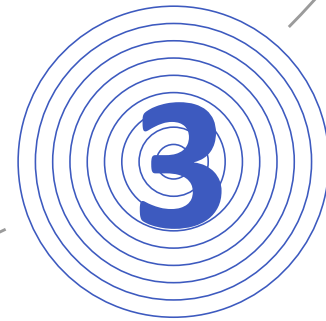
How to engage with COST?



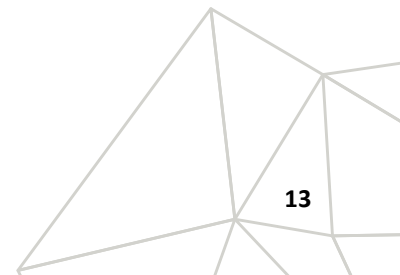
As a **participant**
of a running Action



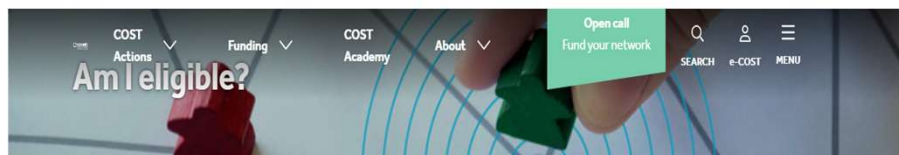
As a member of the
network of **proposers**
of a new COST Action



As an **expert** to evaluate
submitted proposals, to
monitor Actions activities



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:

AM I ELIGIBLE?



[Check Eligibility](#)

AM I ELIGIBLE?

[Home](#) > [Am I eligible?](#) > [Libya](#) >

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 [Near Neighbour Country](#), you can participate in most 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.

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

*ITC conference grants are also extended to Near Neighbour Country participants.

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 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?

You cannot be a main proposer but you can be 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](#).

Can I be a COST external expert?

Yes, you can apply to be a COST external expert and contribute to the evaluation of COST Open Call proposals and assessment of COST Action results. Experts from all scientific areas are welcome.

To become an expert you do not necessarily have to belong to an academic institutions, however a university degree and considerable scientific or professional experience in the specific areas of expertise are required. This is an occasional, short-term assignment. [Learn more here](#).

1. As a participant in a running Action



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 OWN WEBSITE –

check their
activities



IDENTIFY THE OPPORTUNITIES

to join the Action
and the contact
person



1. As a participant in a running Action



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)



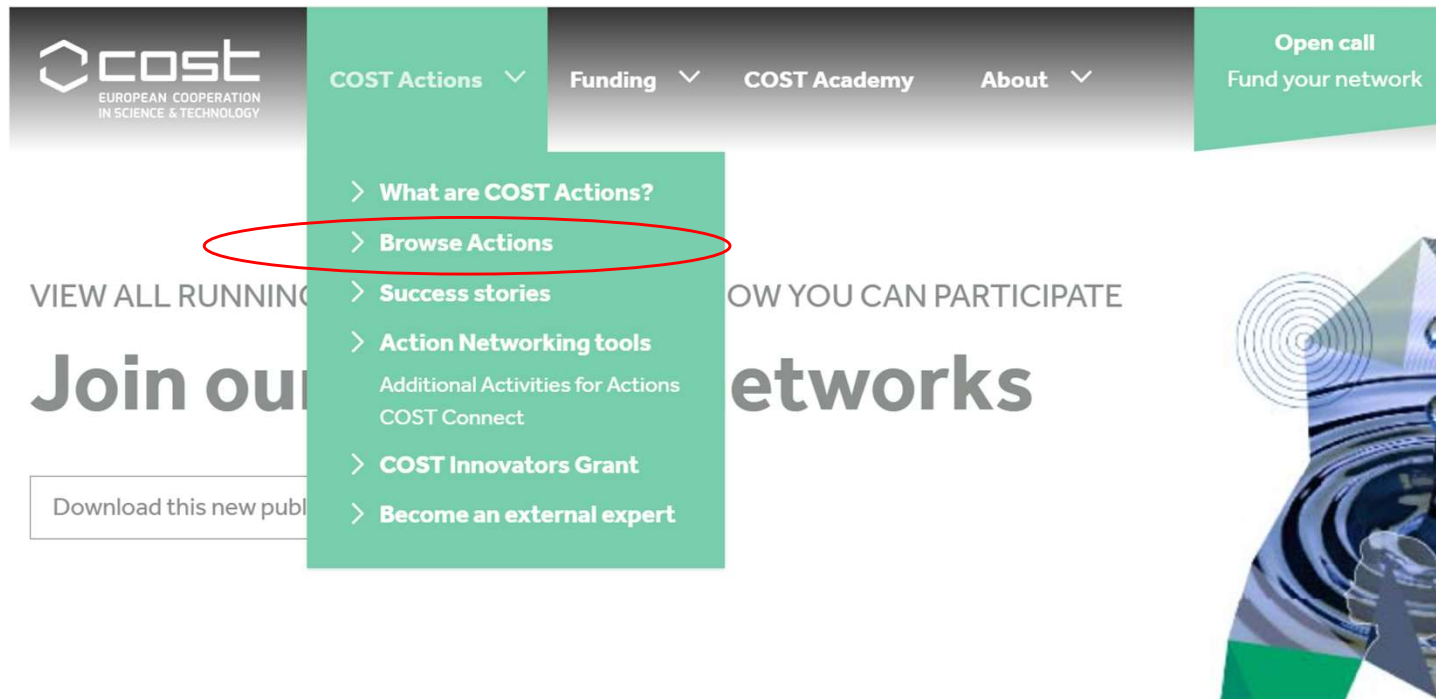
Working group member

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)



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Search

☐ Search in Title Only

More filters 



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)

Becoming a member of a Working Group (WG)

Apply via the COST website

WG preference, Scientific Background, Motivation, WG contribution

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

The screenshot displays the COST website interface for Action CA22128. The header shows the action title: "CA22128 - Establishing Networks to Implement the Principles on Effective Interviewing for Investigations (IMPLEMENDEZ)". Below the header, a navigation bar includes tabs for "Description", "Management Committee", "Main Contacts and Leadership", and "Working Groups and Membership". An orange arrow points to the "Working Groups and Membership" tab. The "Working Groups" section contains a table with four rows, each representing a different theme. Below the table, there is a text prompt to express interest in joining a working group, followed by a red "Apply" button. Another orange arrow points to this button. To the right of the main content, a sidebar titled "Action Details" provides additional information, including the MoU date, CSO approval date, start and end dates, and a list of instructions on how to participate.

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

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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 - 03/23
- CSO Approval date - 12/05/2023
- Start date - 05/10/2023
- End date - 04/10/2027

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](#)

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

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Description

Management Committee

Main Contacts and Leadership

Working Groups and Membership

Working Groups

Number	Title	Leader
1	Investigation, Interviewing, Interrogation Themes	Dr Lennart MAY ✓
2	Law, Human Rights, Criminal Justice Themes	Dr Anželika BANEVIČIENĖ ✓
3	Vulnerability Themes	Prof Lore MERGAERTS ✓
4	Institutional and Governmental Leadership Themes	Ms Vasylyna YAVORSKA ✓

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Action Details

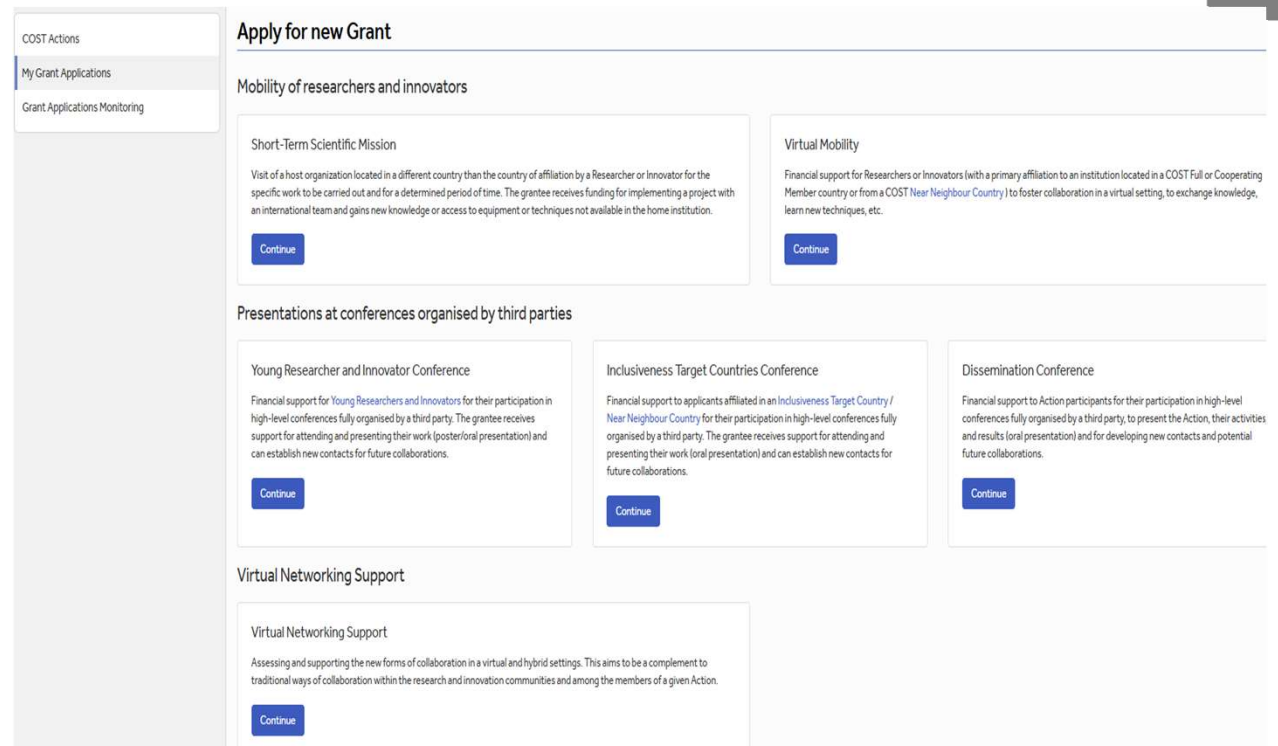
- MoU - 038/23
- CSO Approval date - 12/05/2023
- Start date - 05/10/2023
- End date - 04/10/2027
- <https://implemendez.eu/>

How can I participate?

- Read the Action Description [MoU](#)
- Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of your interest ([email](#))
- [Apply](#) to join your Working Groups

Participant in Action Grants

- 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.

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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.

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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.

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2. Member of a proposing network 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 60 COST Actions approved under oc-2025-1

Secondary proposer can join the proposing network

Collection date:
21 October 2025 at
12:00 (noon) CEST

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3. As external expert

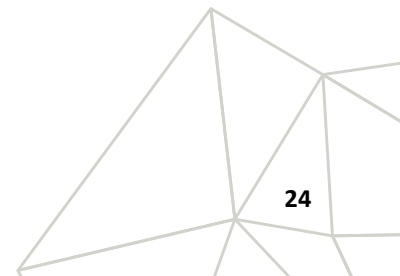
As a COST Expert,
you will have the opportunity to

Contribute to the
evaluation of COST Open
Call proposals



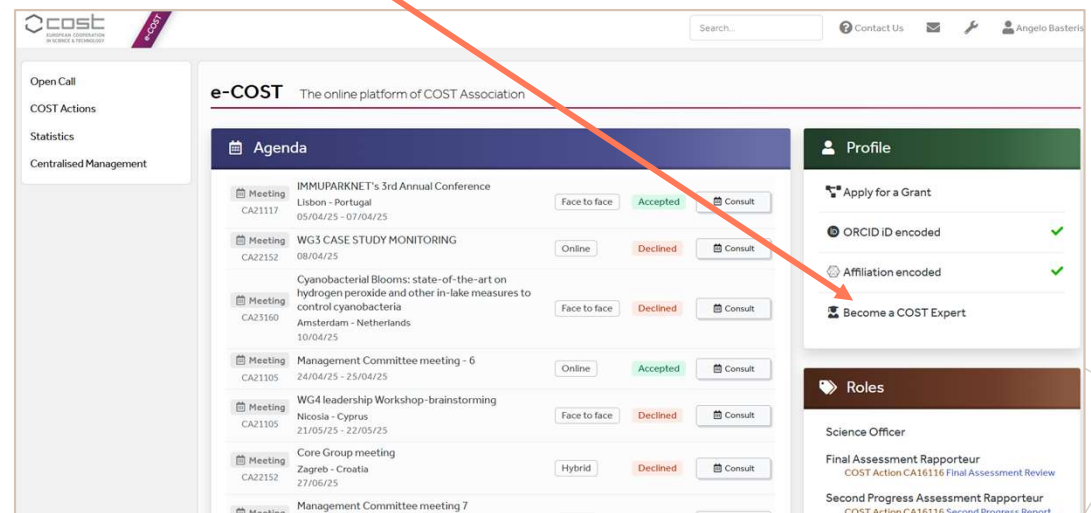
Participate in the
assessment of Action
results and outcomes

Please register in the Data Base



Creating your e-COST profile as COST Experts

1. Visit the [COST Expert](#) section on your Profile



The screenshot displays the e-COST platform interface. On the left, a sidebar contains links for 'Open Call', 'COST Actions', 'Statistics', and 'Centralised Management'. The main content area is titled 'e-COST The online platform of COST Association' and features an 'Agenda' section with a list of meetings, including 'IMMUPARKNET's 3rd Annual Conference' and 'WG3 CASE STUDY MONITORING'. On the right, a 'Profile' section is visible, containing options like 'Apply for a Grant', 'ORCID iD encoded', 'Affiliation encoded', and 'Become a COST Expert'. A red arrow points from the text in the first step of the list to the 'Become a COST Expert' button in the profile section.

Meeting	CA21117	CA22152	CA23160	CA21105	CA21105	CA22152
IMMUPARKNET's 3rd Annual Conference	Lisbon - Portugal	WG3 CASE STUDY MONITORING	Cyanobacterial Blooms: state-of-the-art on hydrogen peroxide and other in-lake measures to control cyanobacteria	Management Committee meeting - 6	WG4 leadership Workshop-brainstorming	Core Group meeting
05/04/25 - 07/04/25	08/04/25	10/04/25	24/04/25 - 25/04/25	21/05/25 - 22/05/25	27/06/25	
Face to face	Online	Face to face	Online	Face to face	Hybrid	
Accepted	Declined	Declined	Accepted	Declined	Declined	
Consult	Consult	Consult	Consult	Consult	Consult	



1. Visit the [COST Expert](#) section on your Profile
2. Verify that all your *Core* and *Other Expertise* are listed





Creating your e-COST profile as COST Experts

1. Visit the [COST Expert](#) section on your Profile
2. Verify that all your *Core* and *Other Expertise* are listed
3. Mark your availability to be included in the COST Expert database and save your profile

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EUROPEAN COOPERATION
IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Research Area: Robotics for medical applications (medical engineering)

Other Expertise

Science Field: Other engineering and technologies

Research Area: Biomedical and rehabilitation engineering - rehabilitation robotics

Level of Confidence: High (extensive and up-to-date knowledge)

Add Expertise

☐ I agree to be included in the COST Expert database and to be contacted by the COST Association to contribute to the evaluation and any other scientific activities related to COST (*).

(* You can be invited to either take part (1) in the Open Call evaluation as an external expert; (2) in Open Call as review panel member; (3) in the monitoring of COST Actions.

Please note: You will need to register contact details of your Institution and upload a CV so we can correctly match your expertise with proposals.

Save

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Relevant COST information materials

COST Actions booklet



[Link](#)

COST corporate brochure



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COST annual report 2024



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COST corporate videos



Pocket guide including running COST Actions & info on COST.

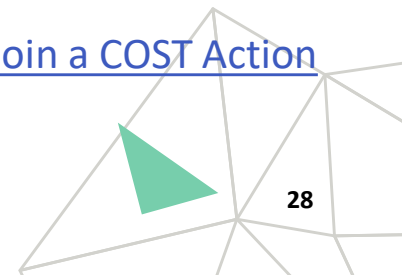


General presentation of the COST Programme

2024 highlights & COST Actions success stories.

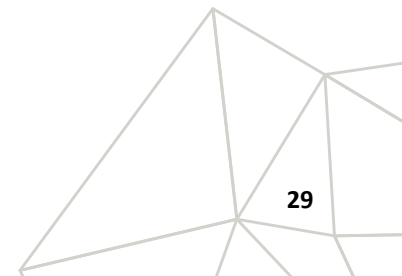
[Why join a COST Action](#)

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



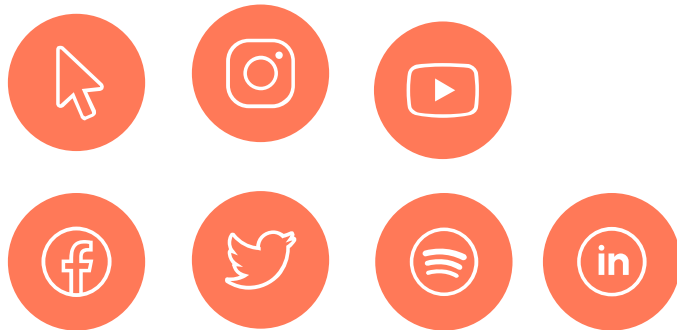


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