

# COST INFO DAY

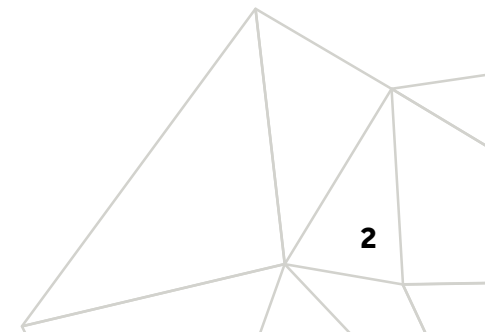


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# Agenda

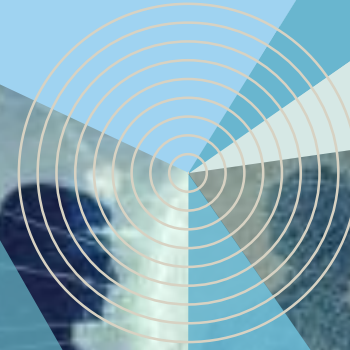
1. How to engage in a COST Action – Dr Gordana Kregar, Science Officer at the COST Association
2. Which activities are funded? – Ms Jeannette Nchung Oru, Administrative Officer at COST Association
3. How to prepare an Action proposal – Mr Christer Halen, Policy Administrator at the COST Association



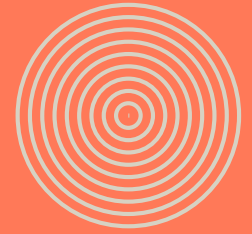
Session I

# How to engage in a COST Action

Dr Gordana Kregar,  
Science Officer



# The COST Programme



# European Cooperation in Science & Technology



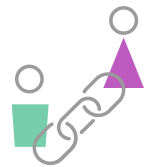
# European Cooperation in Science & Technology

## COST



### 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)

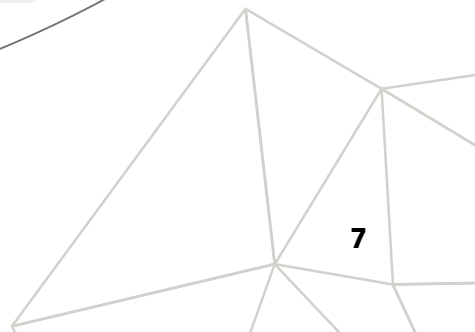
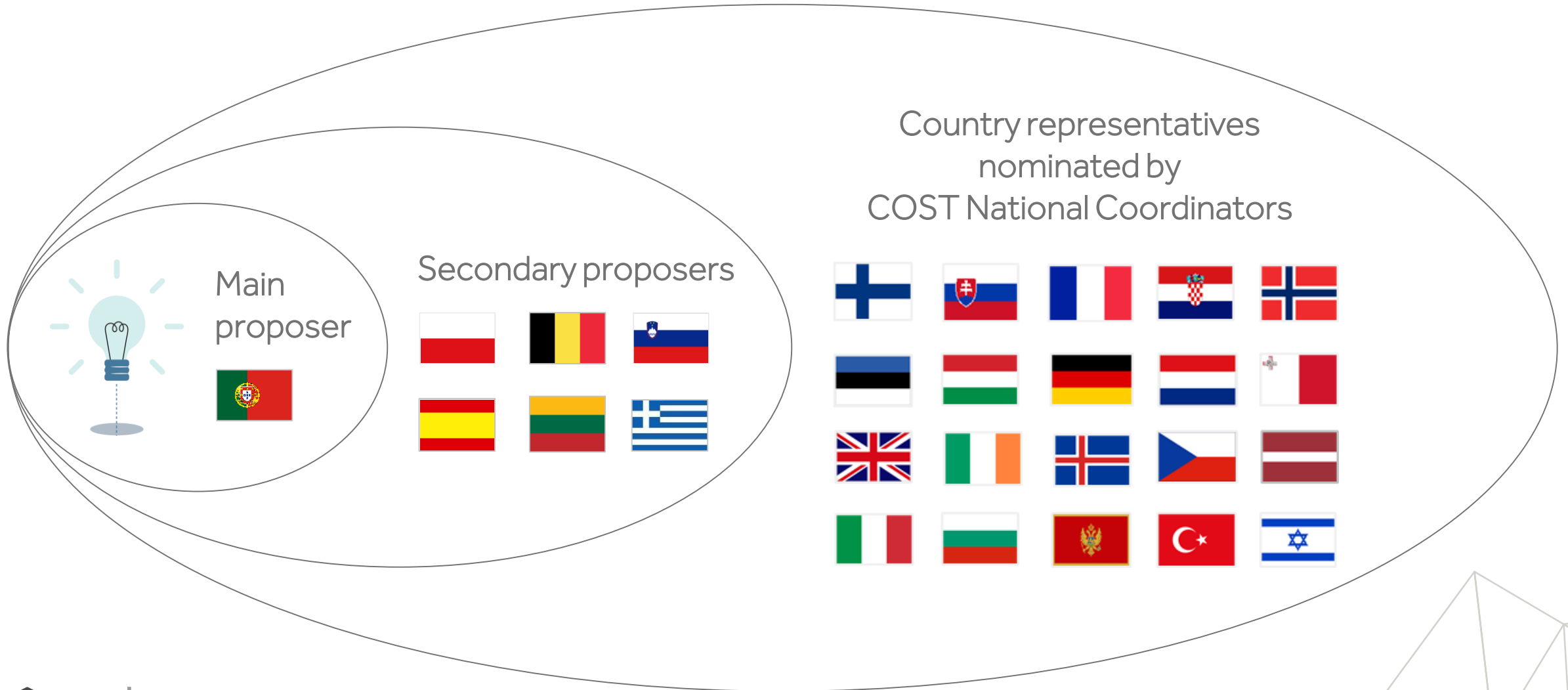


### ALL COUNTRIES

- 38 COST Members  
+ 1 Cooperating Member
- 16 Near Neighbour Countries
- Global cooperation



# How it works?



# COST membership

## 38 Members

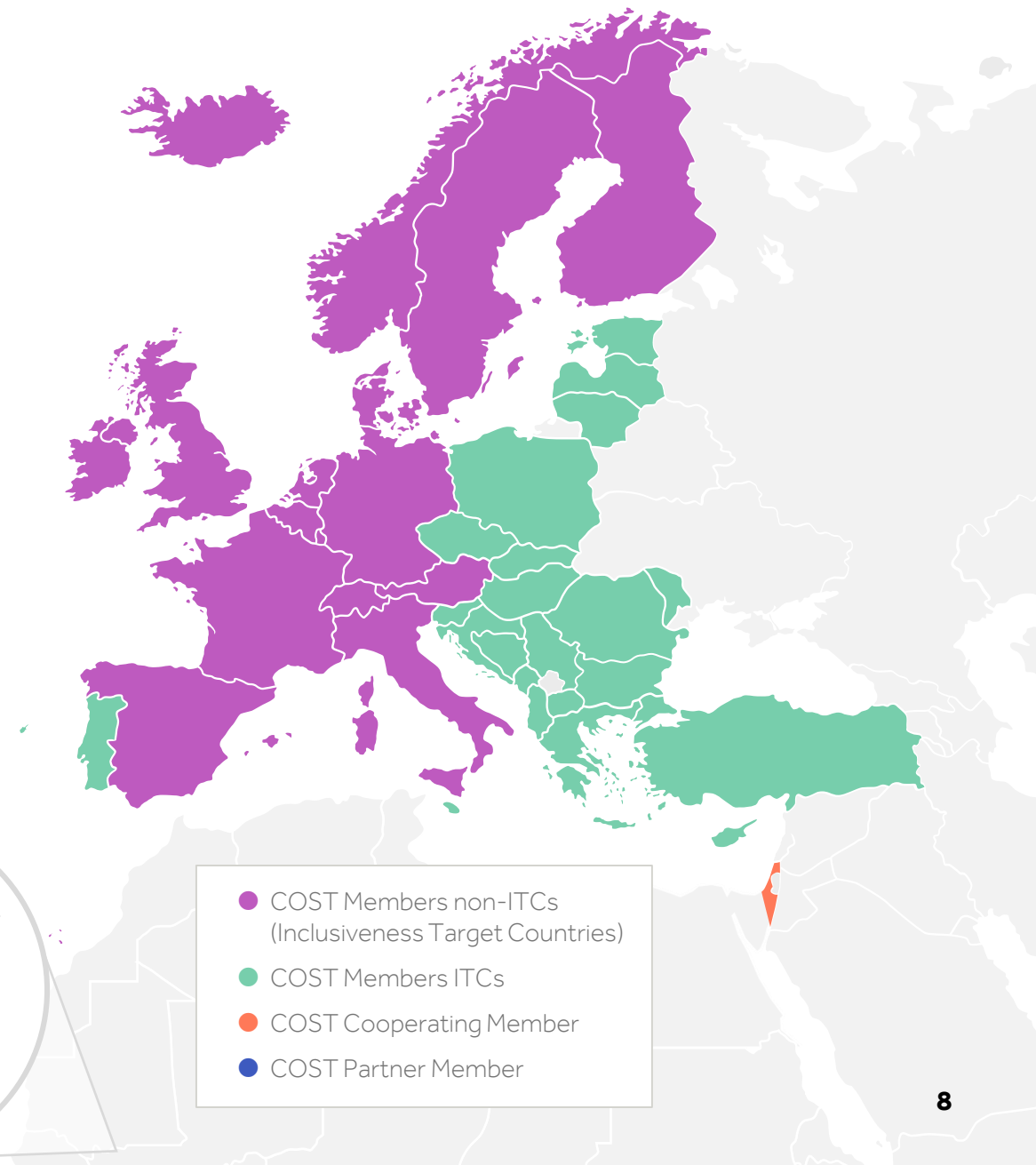
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| ● Austria                | ● Hungary                         | ● Poland         |
| ● Belgium                | ● Iceland                         | ● Portugal       |
| ● Bosnia and Herzegovina | ● Ireland                         | ● Romania     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

## 1 Cooperating Member

- Israel

## 1 Partner Member

- South Africa

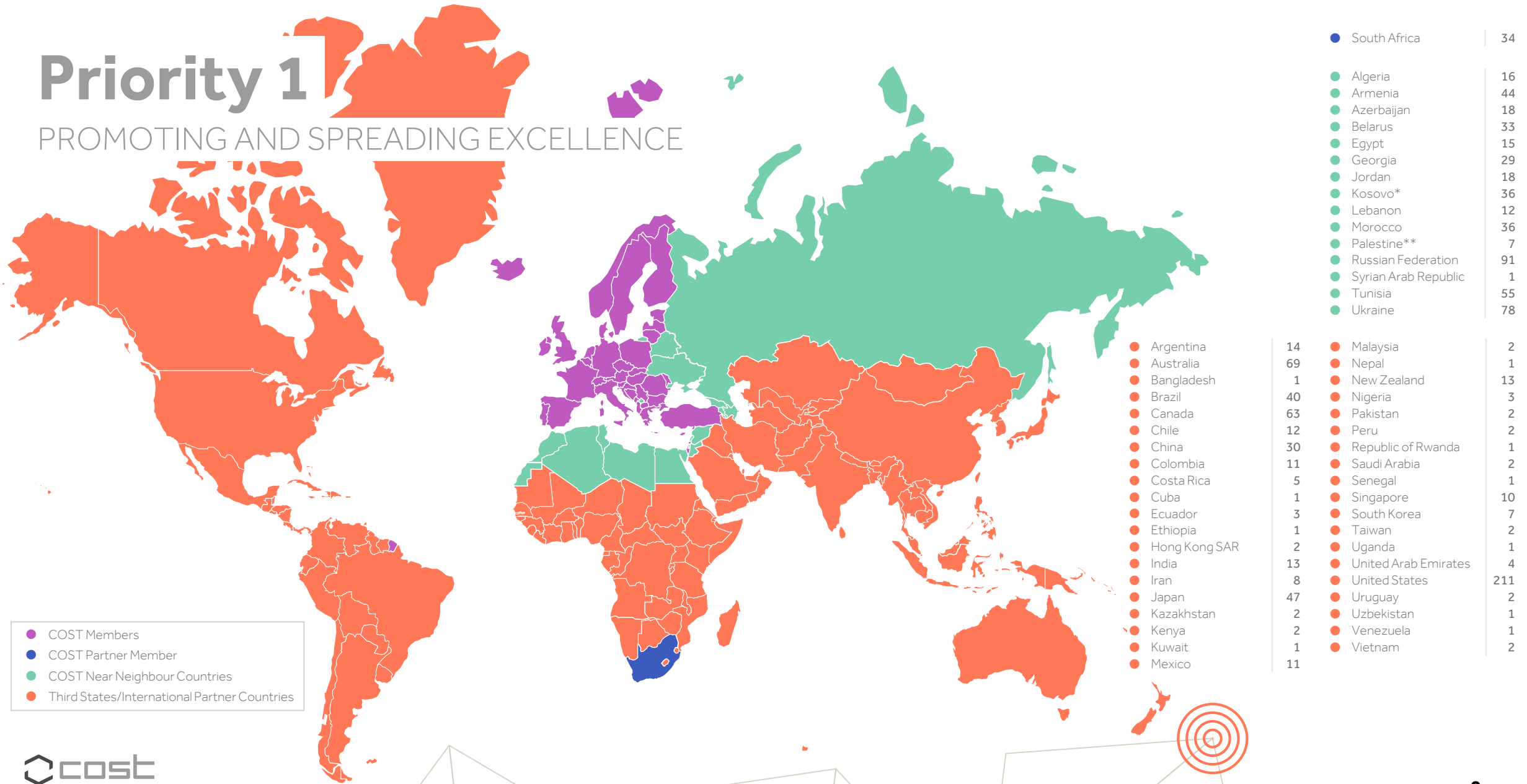


- COST Members non-ITCs (Inclusiveness Target Countries)
- COST Members ITCs
- COST Cooperating Member
- COST Partner Member



# Priority 1

PROMOTING AND SPREADING EXCELLENCE



- COST Members
- COST Partner Member
- COST Near Neighbour Countries
- Third States/International Partner Countries

<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Argentina	14	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Malaysia	2
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Australia	69	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Nepal	1
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<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Brazil	40	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Nigeria	3
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Canada	63	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Pakistan	2
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Chile	12	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Peru	2
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> China	30	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Republic of Rwanda	1
<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Colombia	11	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Saudi Arabia	2
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<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Ethiopia	1	<span style="color: orange;">●</span> Taiwan	2
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# COST in Horizon Europe



## Horizon Europe =

Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area pillar



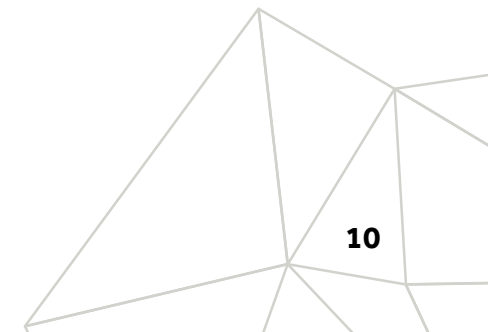
## COST activities

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



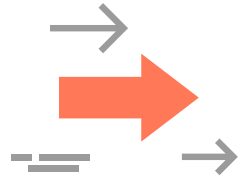
## COST Actions

receive budget under Third Party Funding

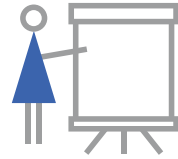




# Key figures



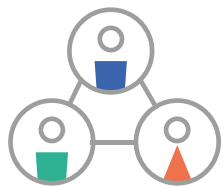
**292**  
Running Actions



**203**  
Training schools



**€134,500**  
Average annual budget  
of a COST Action



**2,320**  
Short-term  
scientific missions



**45,000**  
Researchers involved  
in COST Actions



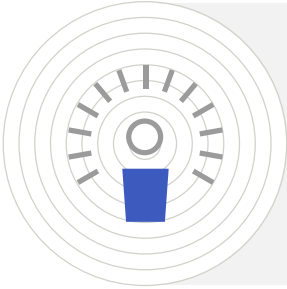
**€153 million**  
COST budget  
(in Horizon Europe for a 3-year period)

# 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

- 95% of researchers participating in COST Actions indicate that participation has led to career advancement



## Follow-up funding

- Horizon 2020 reported success rate: 37% (on a yearly basis, around €390 million of approved common research projects spin off from ending Actions)

COST Actions

# An efficient networking tool

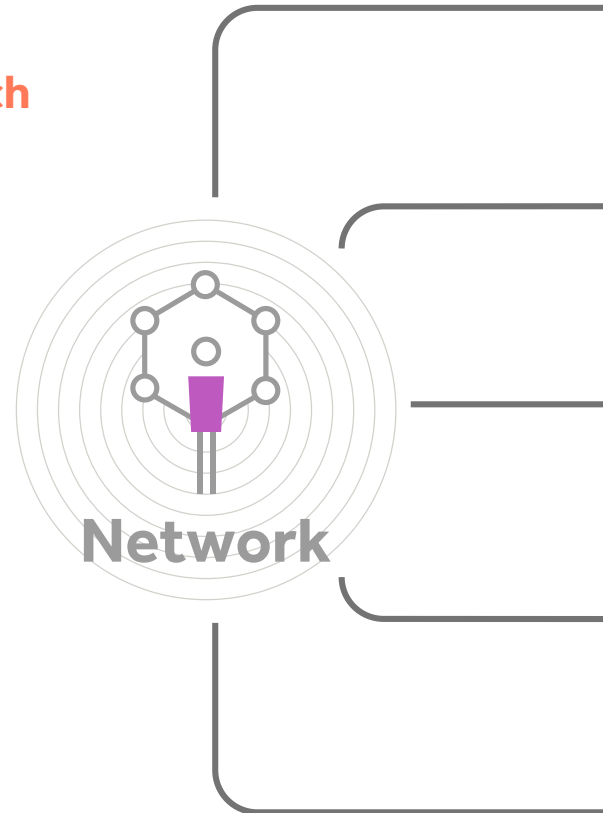


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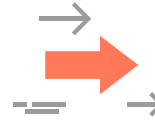
AN EFFICIENT NETWORKING TOOL

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

COST provides funding for research coordination and capacity building activities



Memorandum of Understanding



4 years



Min 7 countries, average participation 30 countries

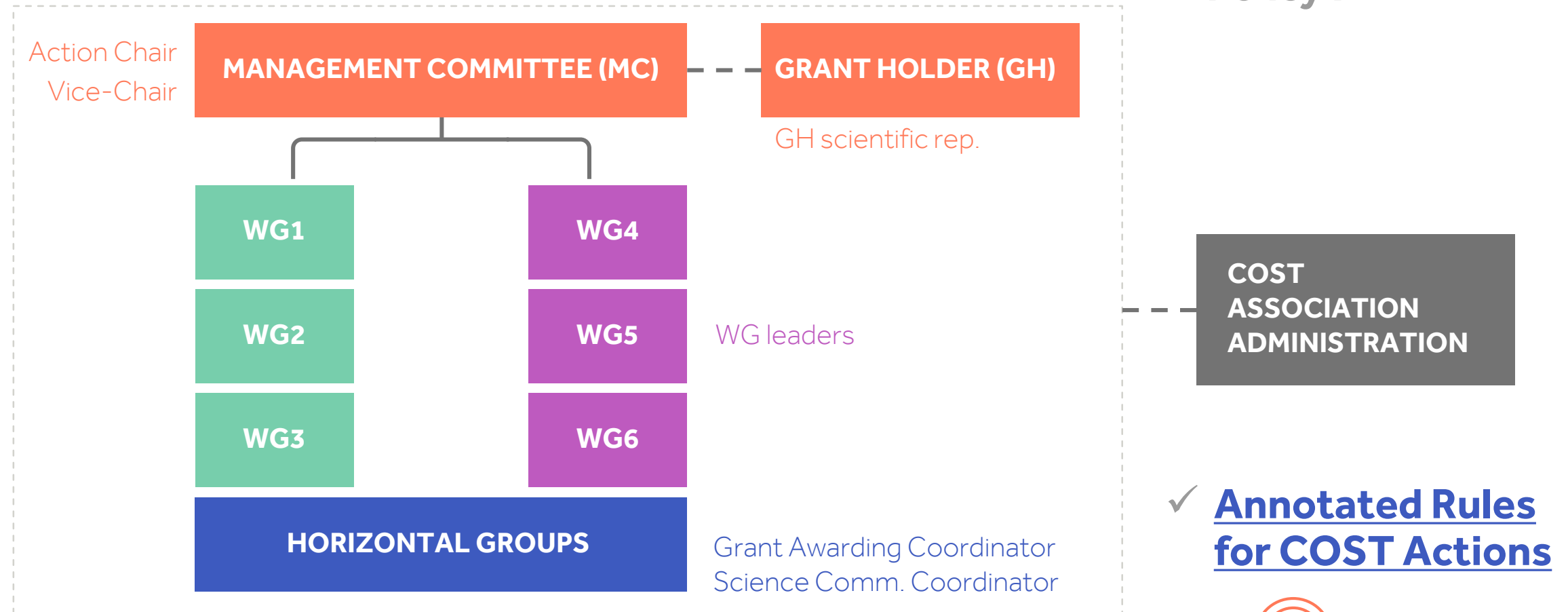


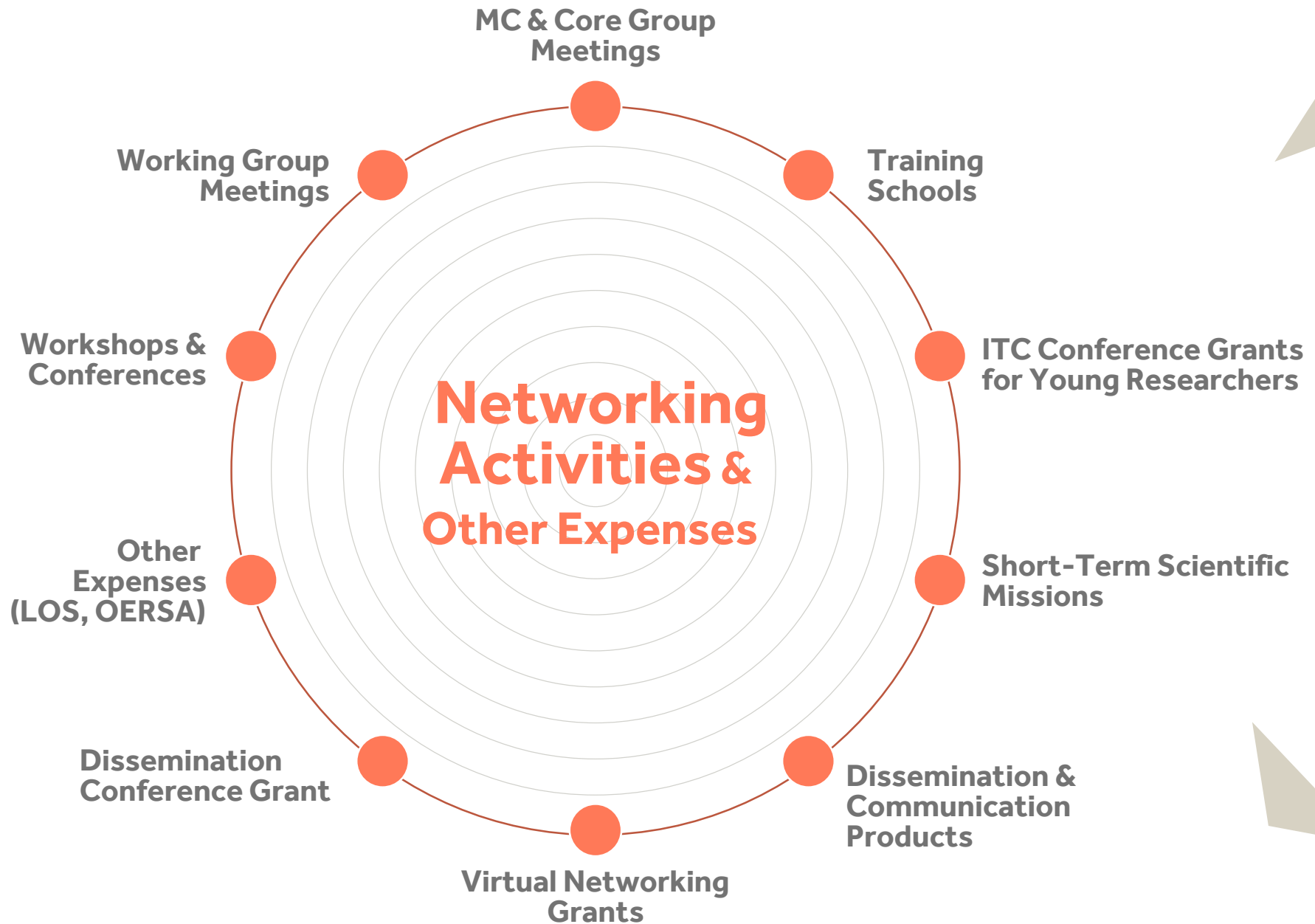
Research coordination and capacity building activities



~ €500,000 over lifetime

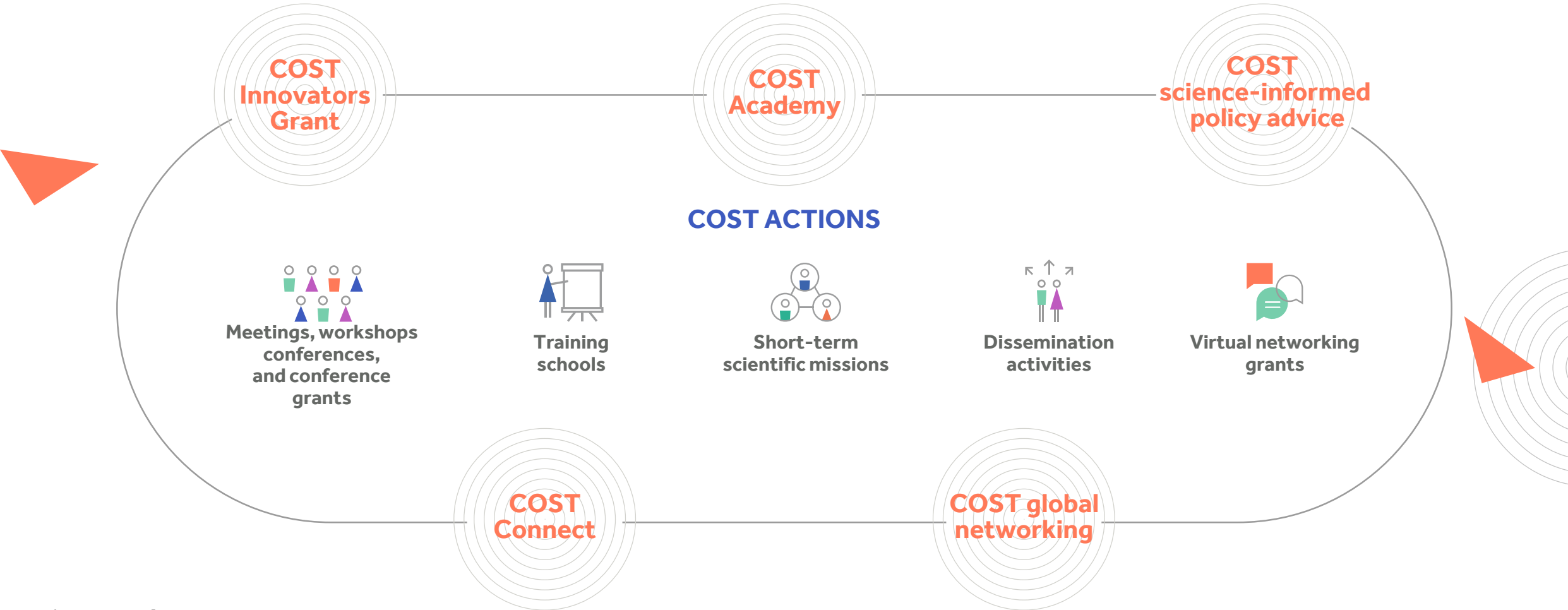
## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS







# Implementing COST's strategic priorities



# COST Actions Monitoring Requirements



Type	Time (months)	Focus	Referent
PR1	12	Implementation of SC Recommendations & COST Policies	Scientific Committee
PR2	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Progress</li><li>• Impacts and successes</li><li>• Dissemination &amp; Exploitation</li><li>• Urgent needs for improvement</li></ul>	Action Rapporteur
FA	48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MoU Achievements</li><li>• Expected Impact &amp; Successes</li><li>• Dissemination &amp; Exploitation</li><li>• Added value of the networking</li><li>• Lessons for the future and success stories</li><li>• Emerging themes/ potentially important future developments</li></ul>	Action Rapporteur

# Life after COST ?

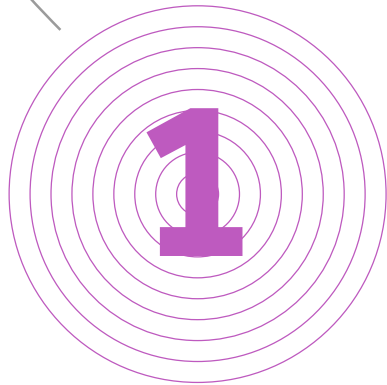
Opportunities:

- Structure already exists
- Apply for a new grant
- Link to other COST Actions
- Establish a future structure (legal entity e.g. Society, Association)
- Contact with an existing society to develop a stream (subsection) within





# How to engage with COST?



As a **participant**  
of a running Action

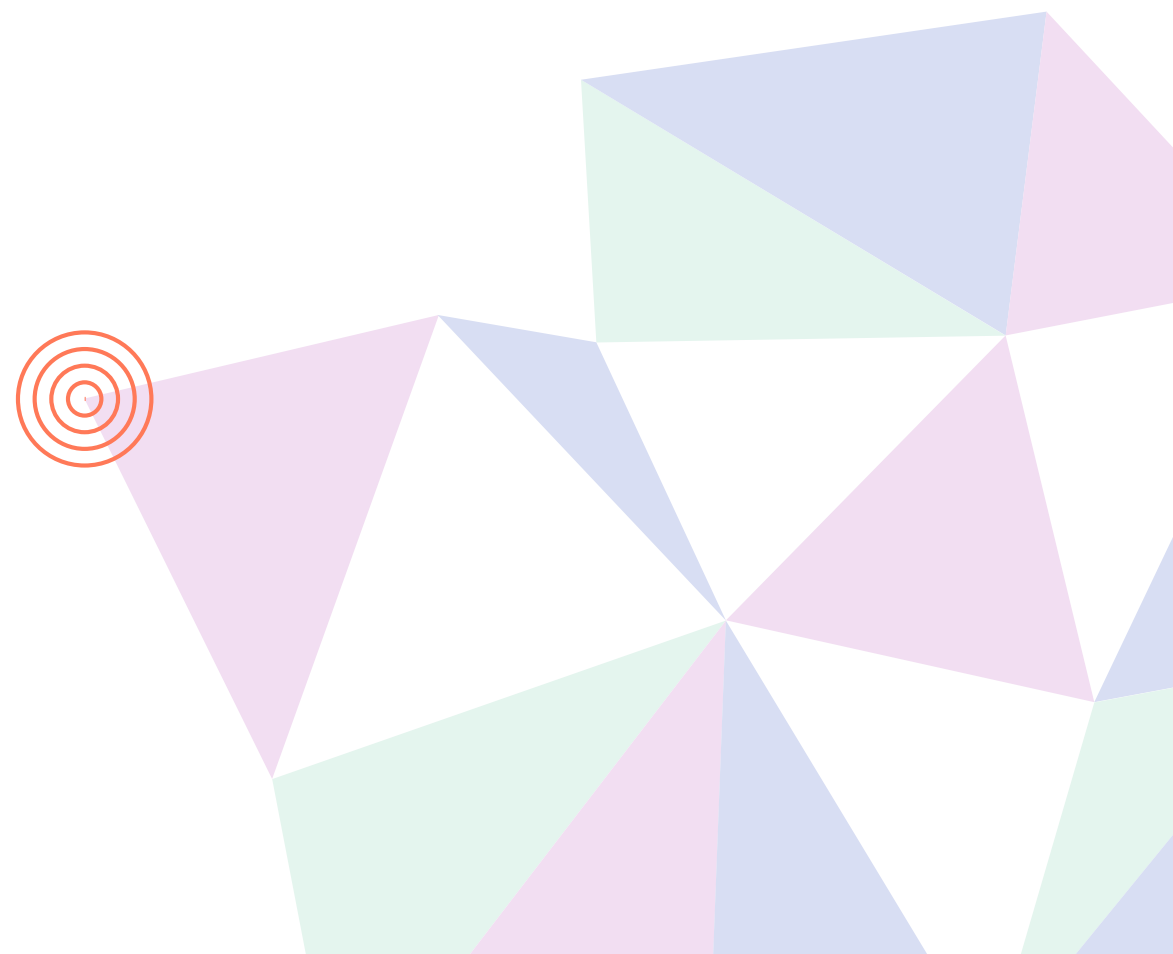
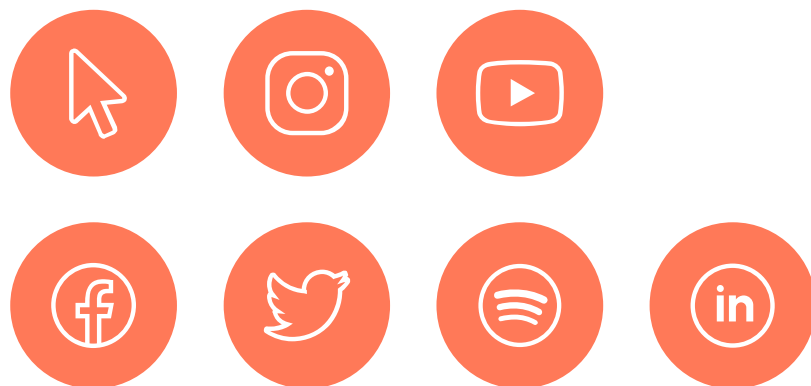
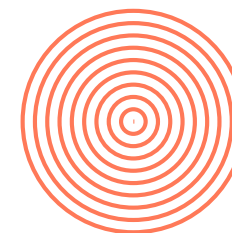


As a **proposer**  
of a new COST Action



As **expert** to evaluate  
submitted proposals

# THANK YOU!



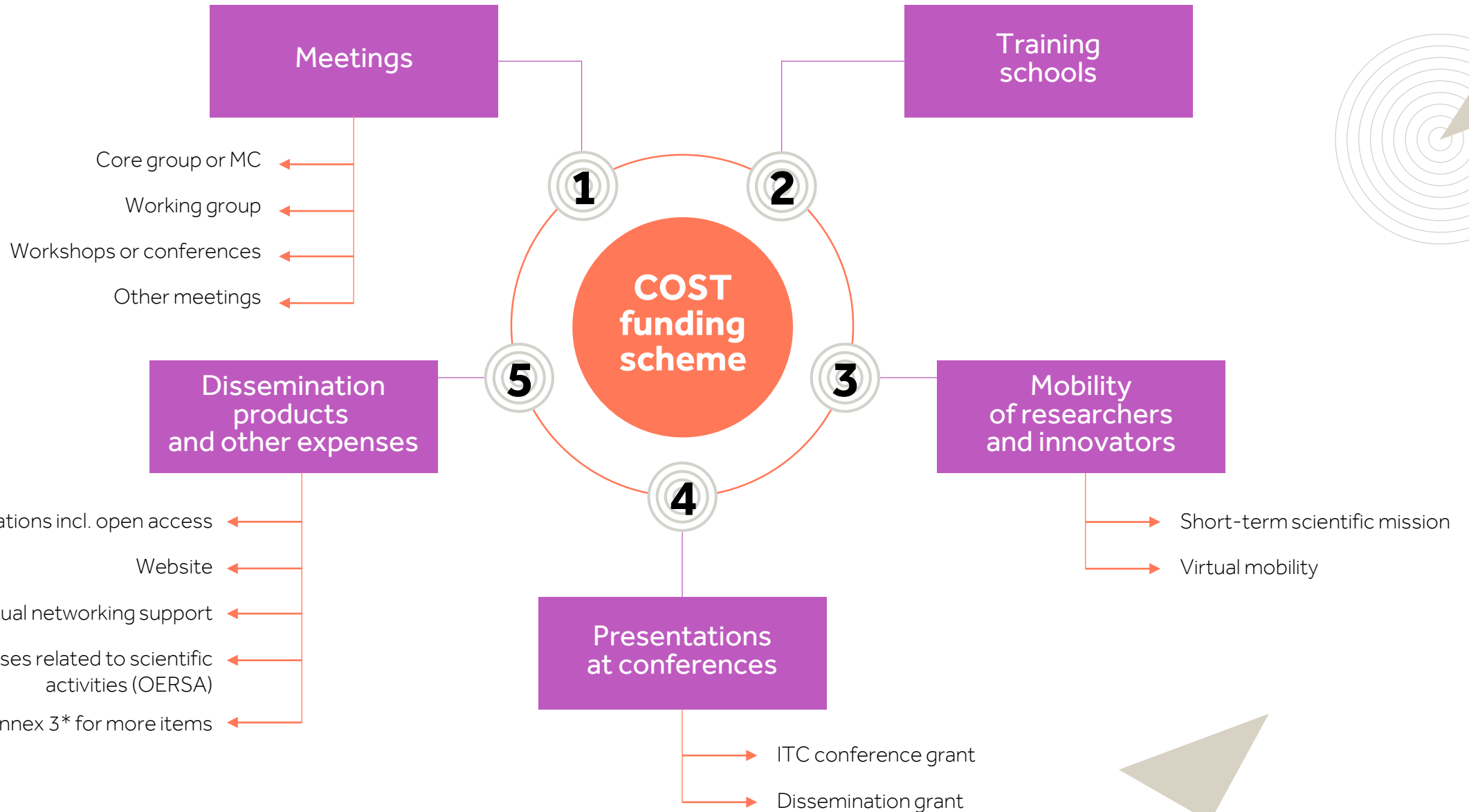


Session II

# Which activities are funded?

Ms Jeannette Nchung Oru –  
Administrative Officer







# 3 funding schemes

1. Daily Allowance
2. Grants
3. Invoices





## 3 funding schemes

1. Daily Allowance: Reimbursement for Meetings and Training Schools

# Daily Allowance (DA) covers:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Meals
- ✓ Short distance travel : up to 100 km each way

No receipts required (to be uploaded)



# Daily Allowance (DA)

- ✓ Daily Allowance is based on the country of the event (Meeting or Training School)
- ✓ MC can decide to lower the amount of the DA
- ✓ Training Schools: trainers and trainees can have different DA

Iceland	196
Ireland	200
Israel	185
Italy	190
Latvia	181
Lithuania	172
Luxembourg	194
Malta	183
Moldova	170
Montenegro	172
Netherlands	200
Norway	203
Poland	184
Portugal	185
Romania	177
Serbia	181
Slovakia	179
Slovenia	177
Spain	182
Sweden	188
Switzerland	198
the Republic of North Macedonia	181
Turkey	181
United Kingdom	210
Any other country	210

# Long distance travel

- ✓ Any travel > 100 km to/from participant's place of affiliation and the meeting location
- ✓ Paid based on face-value
- ✓ Limited to plane, train, bus, car, and ferry
- ✓ Maximum of 1500 EUR for all travel

Plane	Train/Bus/Ferry	Car
E-ticket receipt - passenger name, dates and time, full itinerary, price	Receipt - dates, full itinerary, price	Proof of distance - 0.35 EUR per km, - max 2000 km on return

**Travel cancellation insurance is eligible!**

! The Action MC may decide to reduce the maximum amount.



# LOS (Local Organiser Support)

Is a fixed **grant**, dependent on 3 factors:

- ✓ **Format:** Virtual/Online, Hybrid or Face to Face (F2F)
- ✓ **Number of people participating** based on the signed attendance list (F2F) and attendance logs (Online)
- ✓ **Duration** of the activity
- ✓ Grant is paid to an Institutional account and not to an individual

GRANT = No receipts required,

Grant Holder and LO follow their national and institutional rules



## 3 funding schemes

2. Reimbursement for Mobility of Researchers and Innovators and Presentations at Conferences Organized by 3rd parties : Grants

# Reimbursement for Mobility of Researchers and Innovators : Grants

Mobility of  
Researchers and  
Innovators

STSMs

Virtual  
Mobility

Presentations at external  
Conferences

ITC  
Conference

Dissemination  
Conference

-Poster/oral  
-ITC/NNC aged  
below 40 years



-strictly oral  
presentation as  
Invited Speaker <sup>31</sup>

# What is the maximum grant amount for each type?

- STSM

- ✓ Up to 4000 EUR

- request to prepay 50% is possible but decision lies with GH Institution

- Virtual Mobility Grant

- ✓ Up to 1500 EUR

- ITC Conference Grants and Dissemination Conference Grants

- ✓ Up to 2000 EUR per grant for face to face conferences

OR

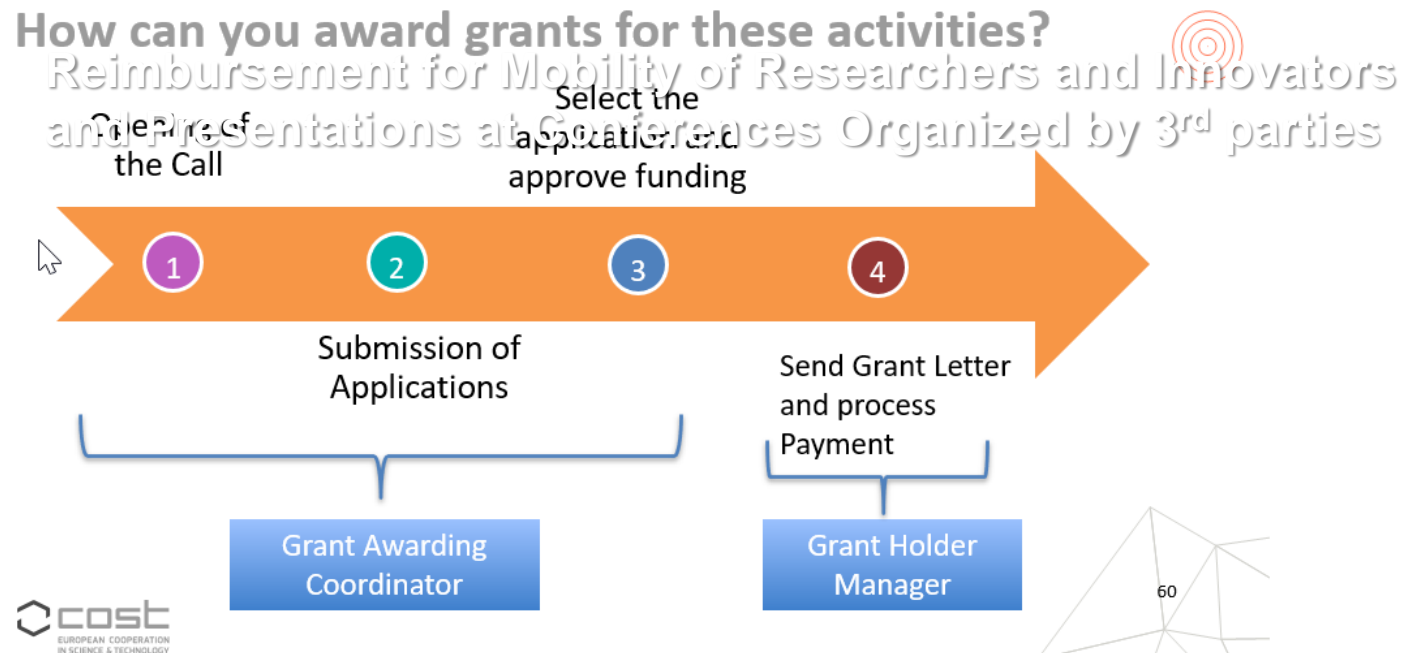
- ✓ Up to 500 EUR for virtual conferences





# Virtual Networking Support

- Promoting and supporting virtual and hybrid collaboration as a complement to traditional ways of collaboration within the research and innovation communities
- **Individual Grant (EUR 4000 per grant). Follow on e-COST the Grant Awarding Process.**
- Selected by Open Call or identification of relevant participant.





## 3 funding schemes

### 3. Reimbursement based on Invoices: Dissemination and Communication Products

# Dissemination and Comm. Products: Eligible expenses (based on invoices)



- Action Website
- Action logo
- Dissemination Materials
- Multimedia Content
- Information Materials
- Booth at a Conference or Commercial exhibition



# Reimbursement of individuals

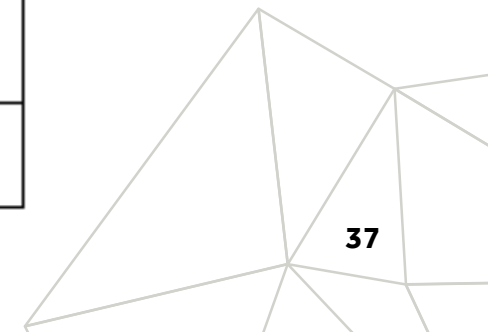
Affiliation to		Meetings		Training Schools			Other networking activities	
		Invited individual	Local Organiser	Trainer	Trainee	Local Organiser	ITC Conf Grant*	All others
COST Members	Legal entity in COST F/C Member	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Legal entity in CPM	At COST Partner Member's costs (dedicated budget line)						
Specific Organisations	EC/EU	At EC, EU body, <u>office</u> or agency cost (minimisation of cascade funding)						
	Eur. RTD Org.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
	IO	Once in the lifetime of the Action	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
NNC	Legal entity in a NNC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IPC / Third States	Legal entity in an IPC	Once in the lifetime of the Action	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

\* ITC Conference Grants are limited to Young researchers and innovators from COST Inclusiveness Target Countries and NNC.

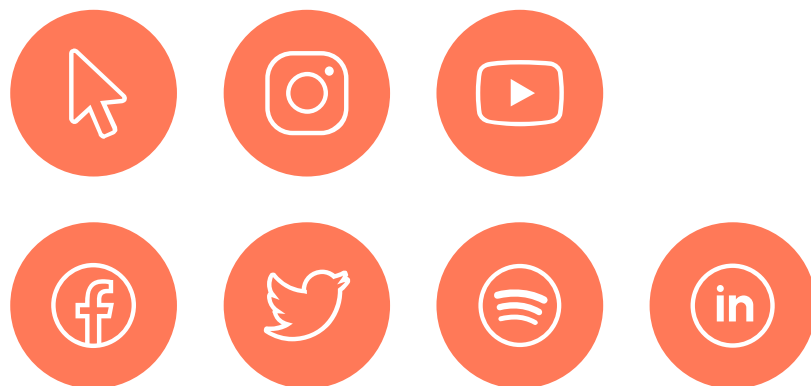


# Location of Activities

		Meetings	Training Schools and other networking activities
Virtual Environment		✓	✓
COST Members	Full or Cooperating Members	✓	✓
	Partner Member	✗	✓
NNC		✓	✓
IPC/Third State		✗	✓
Specific Organisations		Rule applicable to territory where it is vested	



# THANK YOU!





Session III

# How to prepare an Action proposal

Mr Christer Halen –  
Policy Administrator



# Main Features

## COST OPEN CALL

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

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

**70 COST Actions** approved per collection

**Main** proposer + **secondary** proposer

**Collection date:**  
20 October 2022  
12:00 CET

[www.COST.eu](http://www.COST.eu)  
[opencall@cost.eu](mailto:opencall@cost.eu)



# Open Call for proposals – how to apply

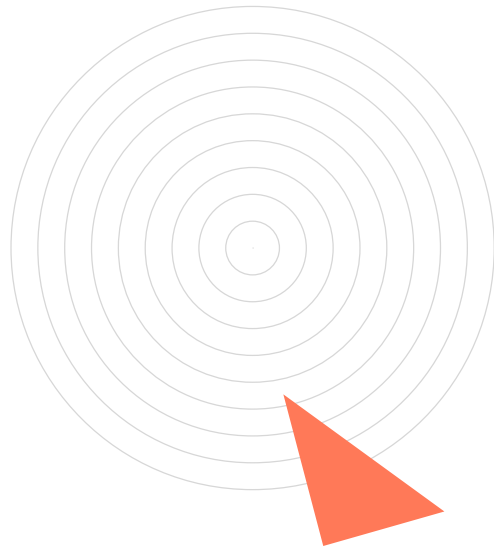
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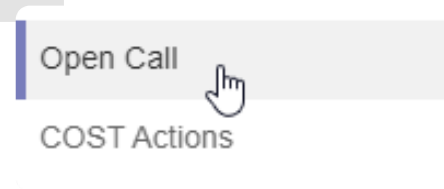
Create a COST account:

<https://www.cost.eu/ecost>

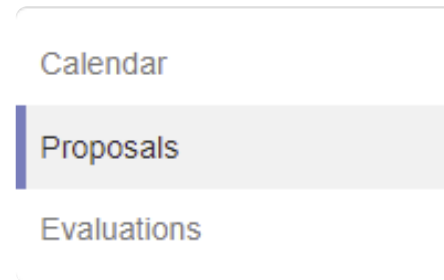


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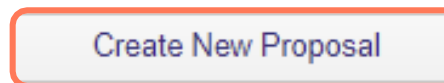
> Open Call



> Proposals



> Create new proposal



# 3

**Proposal preparation  
and submission:**

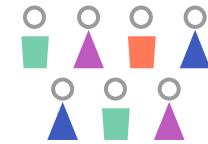
Online information  
+ Technical Annex



# Proposals



**GENERAL  
FEATURES**



**NETWORK OF  
PROPOSERS**



**TECHNICAL  
ANNEX**

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1. S&T Excellence
2. Networking Excellence
3. Impact
4. 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 \*  
Brussels Free University - COST Country Institutions

Title (Maximum 12 words) \*  
Organ Donor Network

Acronym \*  
(max 60 characters)  
OrgDonNet

Keyword 1 \*  
(max 60 characters)  
Database

Keyword 2 \*  
(max 60 characters)  
Transplantation

Keyword 3 \*  
(max 60 characters)  
Donour

Keyword 4  
(max 60 characters)

Summary: Maximum 250 words

Proposal Reference:  
OC-2017-1-21892

Proposal Status:  
Draft

Checklist:

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

Generate PDF

Ready to submit?

AREAS OF EXPERTISE NEEDED FOR EVALUATION

Science Field  
Health Sciences

Research Area  
Health Services, Health Care Research

Words: 68

\*[www.cost.eu/ecost](http://www.cost.eu/ecost)



# Proposals



## GENERAL FEATURES



## TECHNICAL ANNEX

[www.cost.eu](http://www.cost.eu)

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

Funding ▾ COST Actions ▾ Ad

> How to get funding

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

# Open Call for proposals

TECHNICAL ANNEX



## SECTIONS

**1.** S&T EXCELLENCE

**2.** NETWORKING  
EXCELLENCE

**3.** IMPACT

**4.** IMPLEMENTATION

## SUB-SECTIONS

**1.1** Soundness of the challenge  
**1.2** Progress beyond the state-of-the-art

**2.1** Added value of networking in S&T excellence  
**2.2** Added value of networking in impact

**3.1** Impact to science, society and competitiveness,  
and potential for innovation/breakthroughs  
**3.2** Measures to maximise impact

**4.1** Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

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

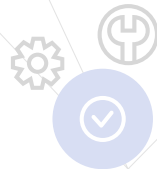




# Proposals



## GENERAL FEATURES



## TECHNICAL ANNEX

1. S&T excellence
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## COST EXCELLENCE AND INCLUSIVENESS POLICY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES



# COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

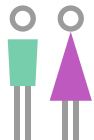
## PROMOTING THROUGHOUT ITS ACTIVITIES



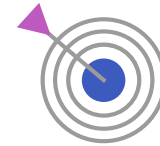
**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE** (ITC)



**AGE BALANCE**  
(young researchers)



**GENDER BALANCE**



## 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

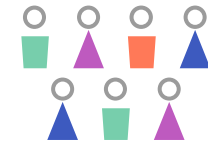




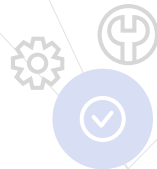
# Proposals



**GENERAL  
FEATURES**



**NETWORK OF  
PROPOSERS**



**TECHNICAL  
ANNEX**

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



**COST EXCELLENCE AND  
INCLUSIVENESS POLICY  
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**



# 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

# Evaluation criteria



## S&T EXCELLENCE

- Soundness of the challenge
- Progress beyond the state-of-the-art



## 3 QUESTIONS

Total marks for the section  
**= 15 points**



## NETWORKING EXCELLENCE

- Added value of networking in S&T excellence
- Added value of networking in Impact



## 3 QUESTIONS

Total marks for the section  
**= 15 points**



## IMPACT

- Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/breakthroughs
- Measures to maximise impact



## 3 QUESTIONS

Total marks for the section  
**= 15 points**



## 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**

# How to apply in a nutshell



Read the official  
announcement

Online registration  
and submission (e-COST)

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[opencall@cost.eu](mailto:opencall@cost.eu)

Read the SESA  
Guidelines

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

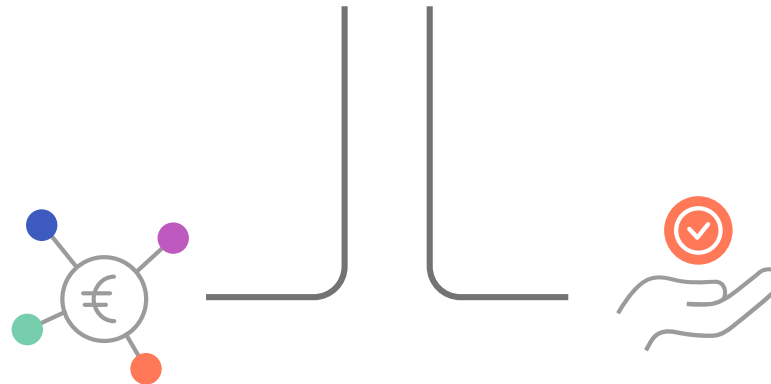
All documents can be found on : <https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-guidelines>



# Become an 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  
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# THANK YOU!

