

COST Actions - Take part in research networks with European partners



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COST - 50 years proven track record in research collaboration



- 38 COST Members

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, 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, Turkey, and United Kingdom

- 1 Cooperating Member

Israel

- 1 Partner Member

South Africa

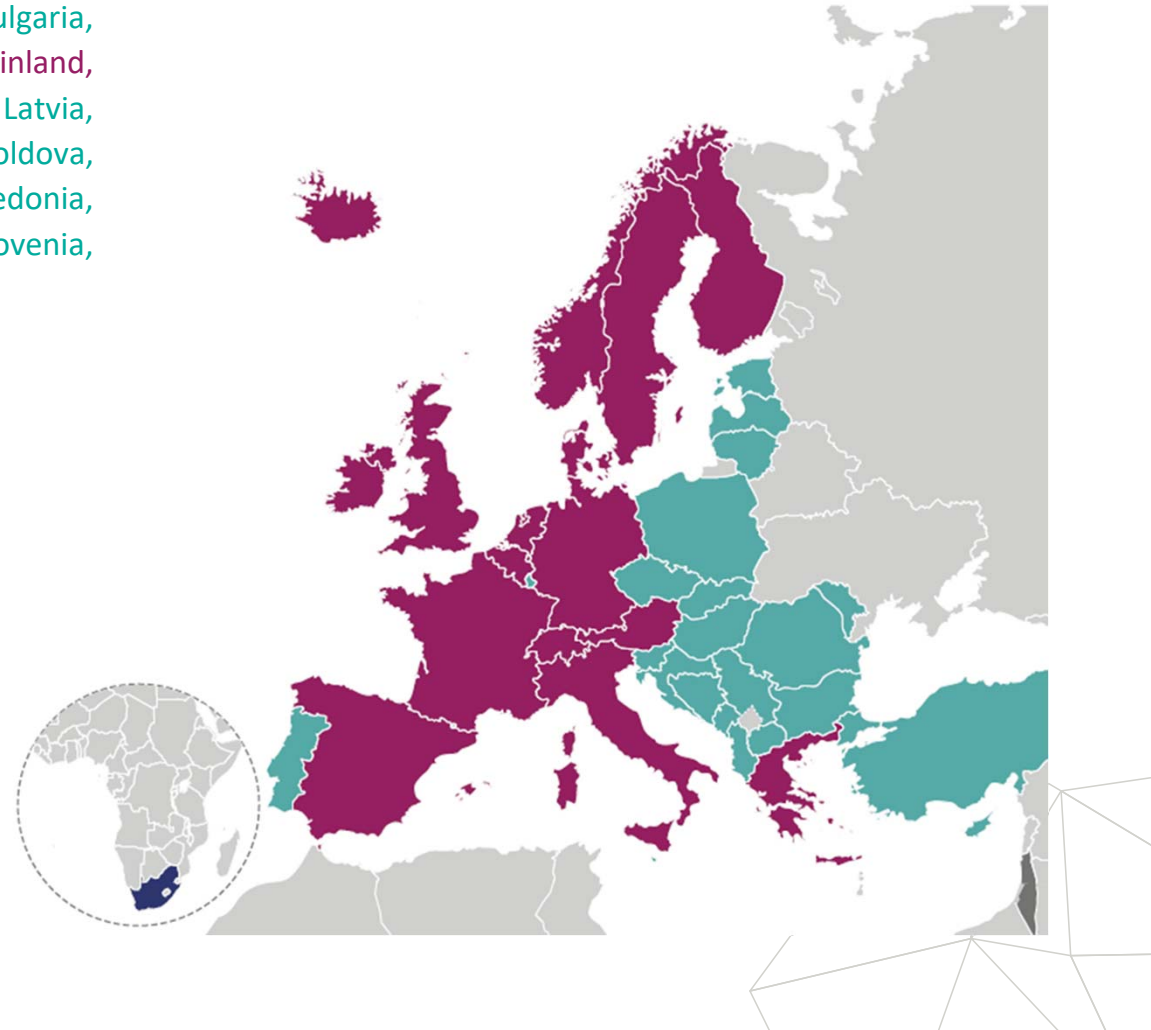
- Near Neighbour Countries participation:

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus,

Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo*, Lebanon,

Libya, Morocco, Palestine**, Russia, Syria,

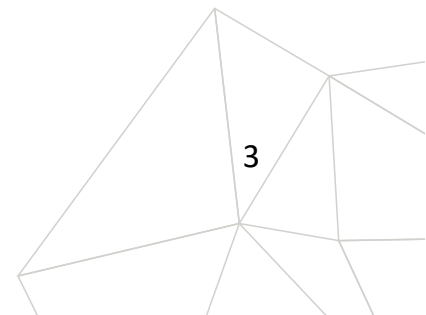
Tunisia and Ukraine





COST Action

- Feature self-established scientific programme based on a challenge identified by the research communities
- Aim to advance the state of art and can be adapted to the evolving needs of science and community
- Provide a set of networking tools based on mutual benefit (meeting, training school, exchange visit)
- Have a strong focus on international collaboration, interdisciplinarity and addressing capacity building



How COST Actions are built up?

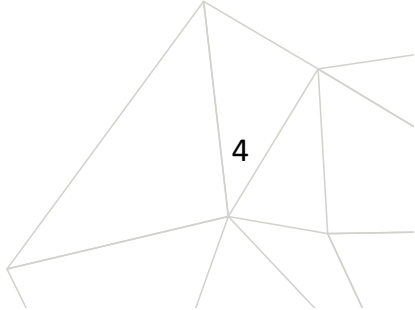


COST Action participants
nominated by COST National Coordinators

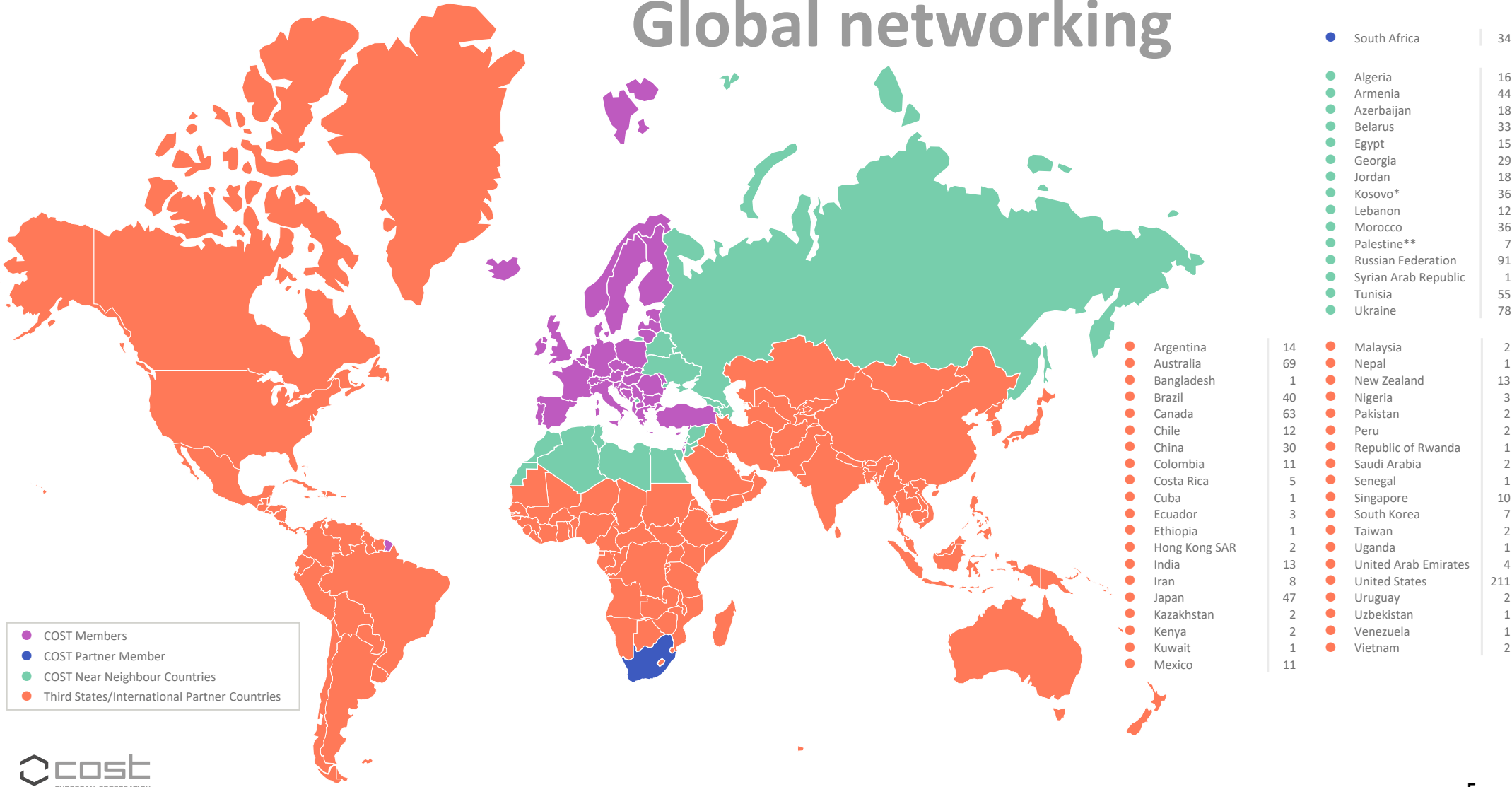
Main proposer



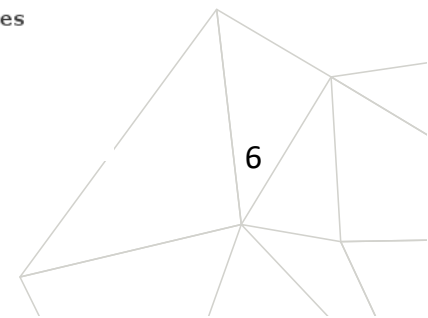
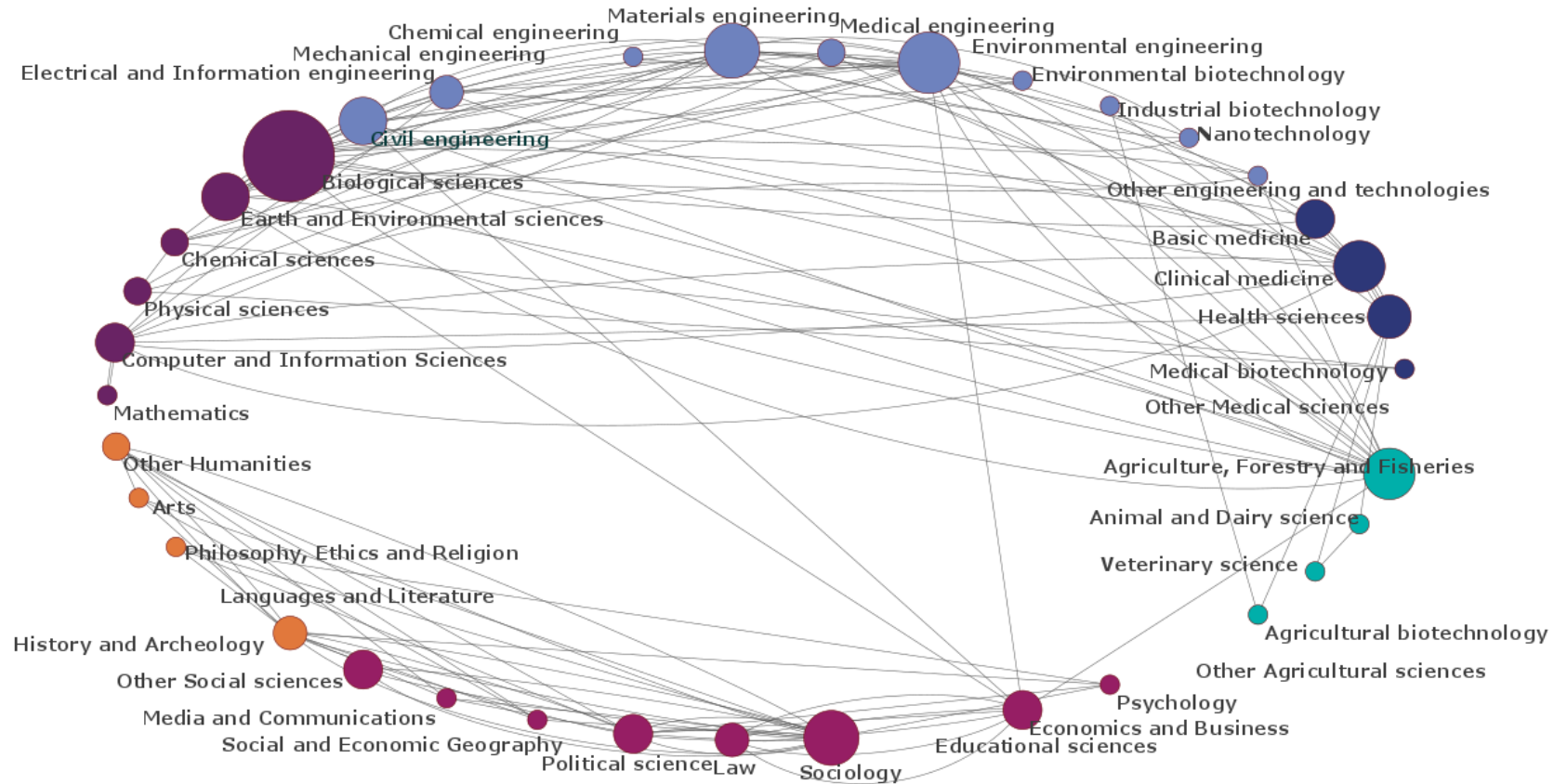
Secondary proposers



Global networking



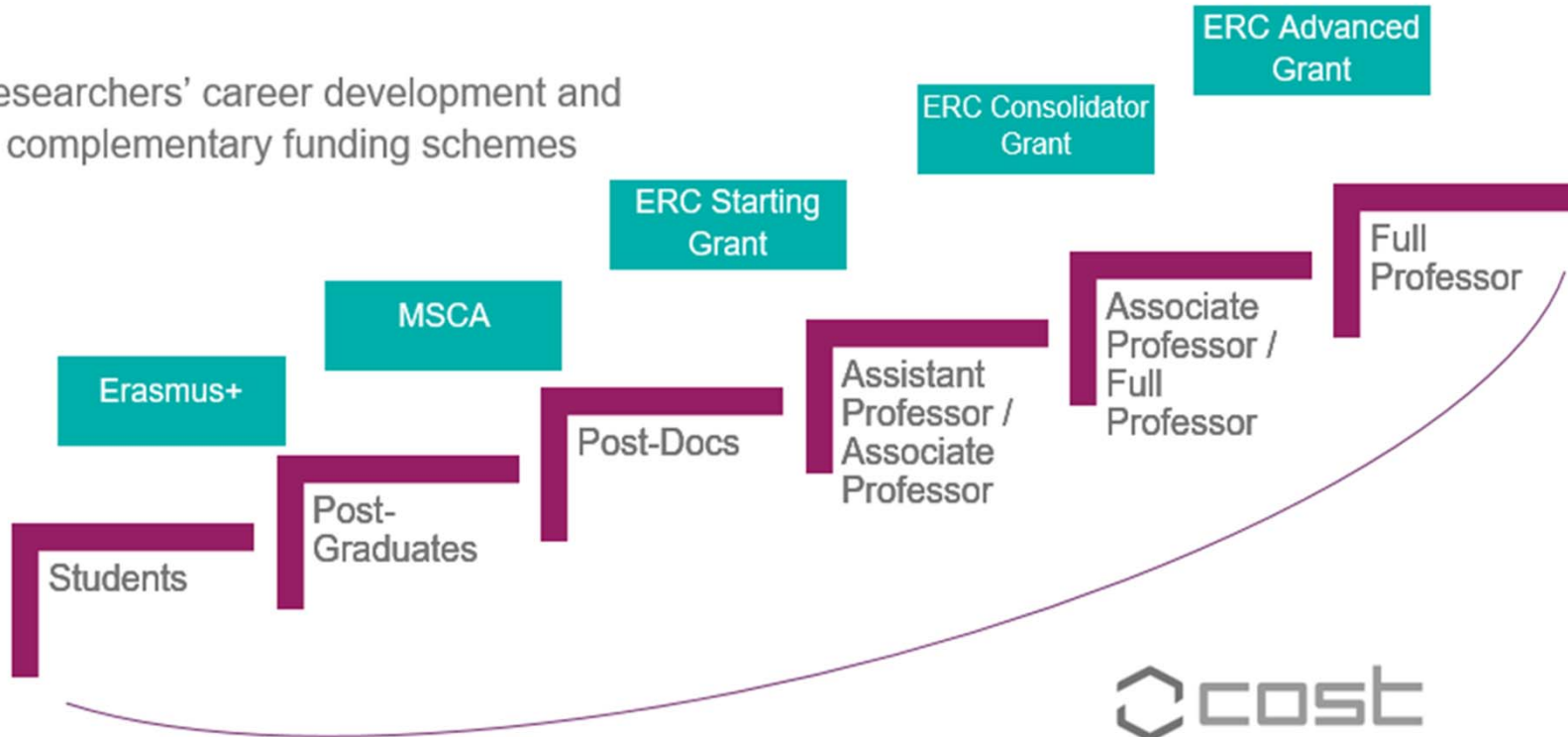
FOSTERING INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH FOR BREAKTHROUGH SCIENCE



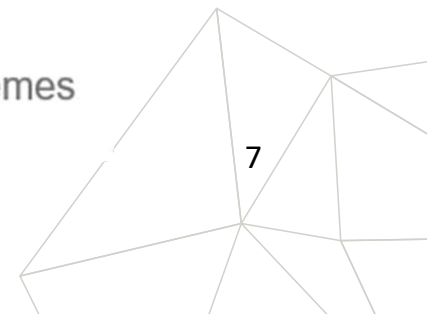
BOOSTING CAREERS OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS



Researchers' career development and complementary funding schemes



Bottom-up networking schemes



COST – pre-portal to further European funding



Horizon 2020 applications reported by finished COST Actions

Total Actions with
finished Final Action
Report

273

Submitted H2020
proposals reported

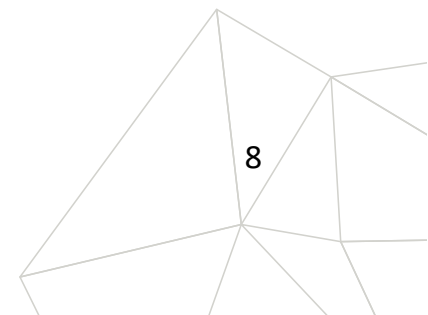
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Approved H2020
projects reported

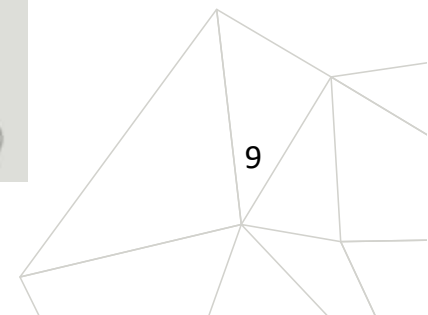
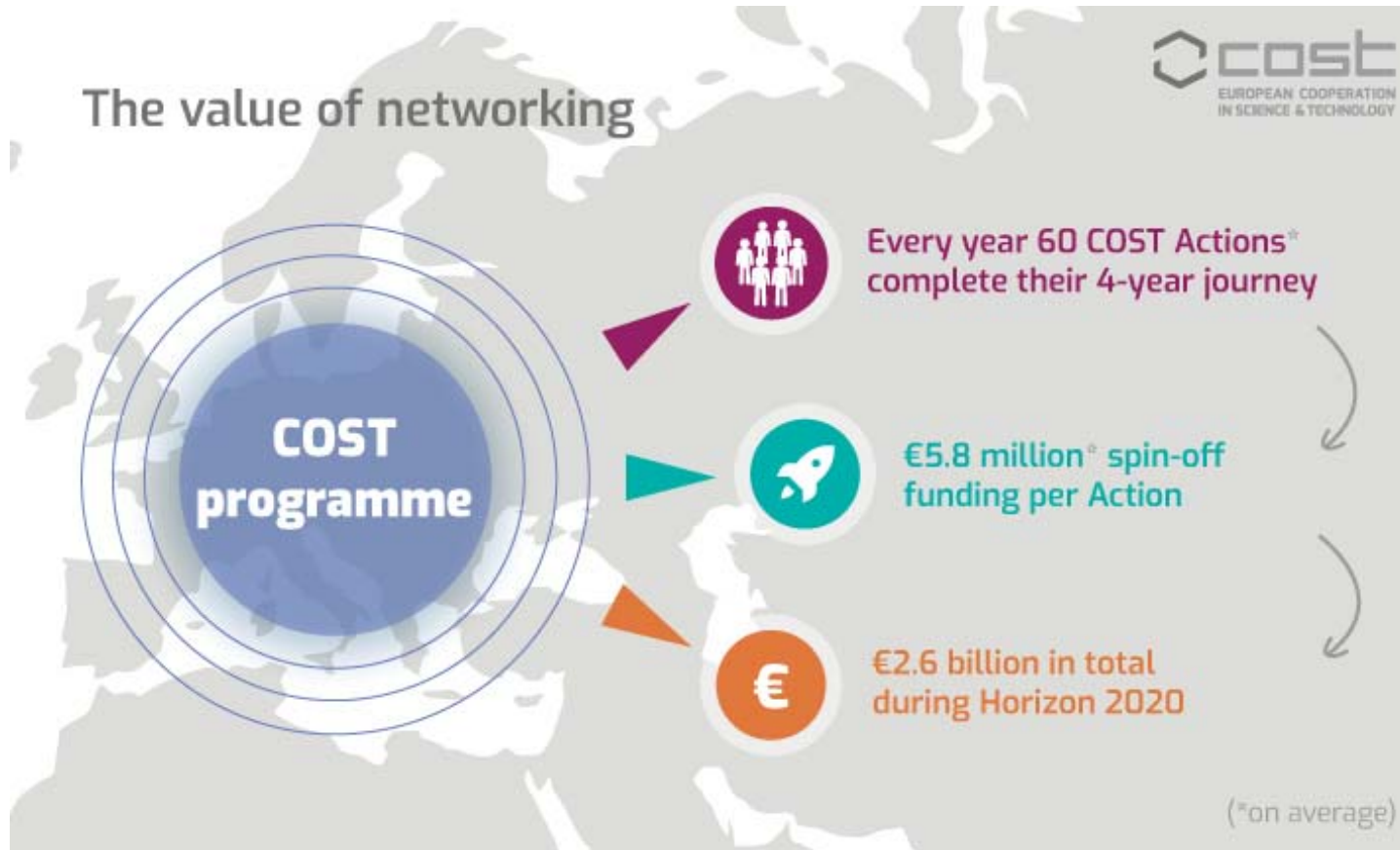
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Success rate

37%



COST programme: the value of networking





Benefits of participating in COST activities for researchers from International Partner Countries (IPC) – Third States

COST – What's in it for researchers?



Trusted, long-term scientific collaboration



Sharing of effort knowledge/data/infrastructure



Networking



Mobility, visibility



Career opportunities



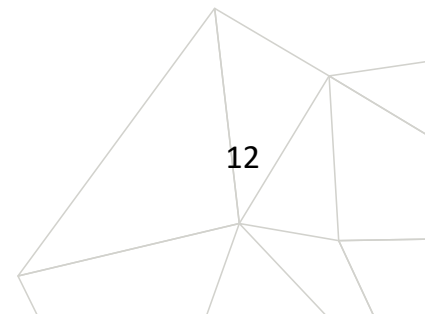
Financial support





COST Meetings and Training Schools

Knowledge creation
and sharing
Networking
Mobility and
visibility
Career opportunities
Financial support





Eligibility to receive financial support

Training Schools:

- Unlimited for Trainers

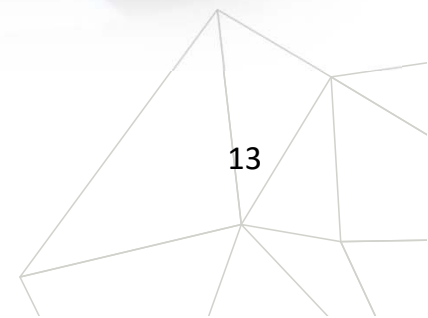
Meetings:

Working Group Meetings

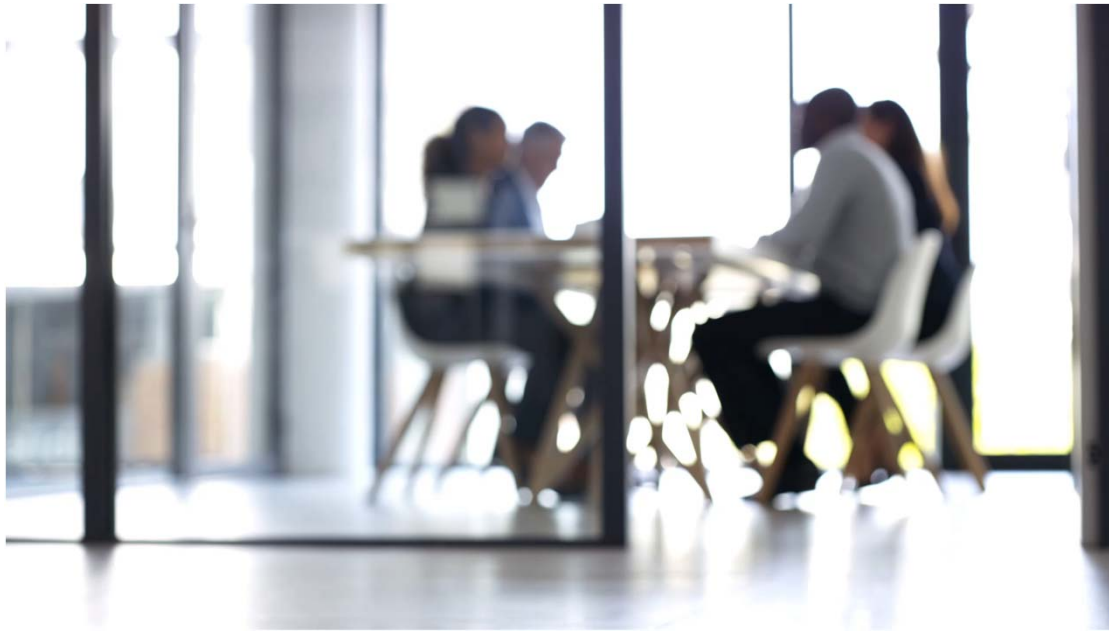
Conferences

MC Meetings

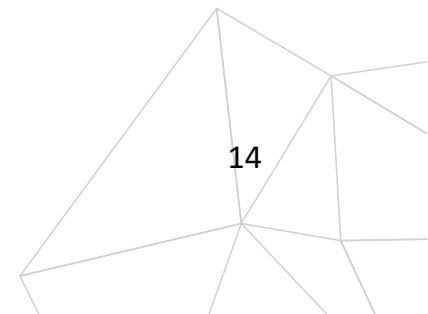
- Reimbursement for 1 meeting over the Action lifetime



COST Training Schools in IPC:

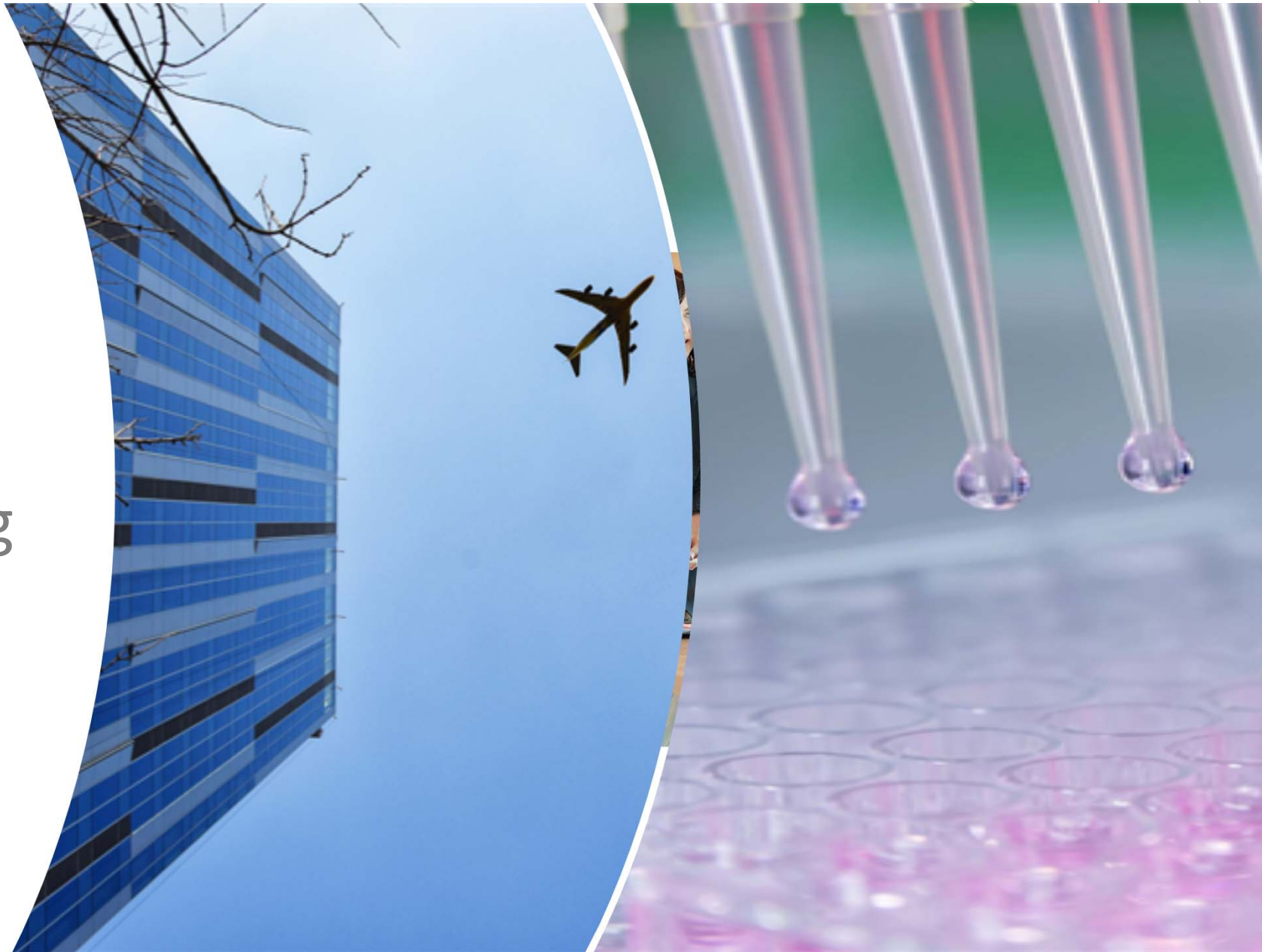


- Visibility
- Networking
- Opportunity for Local colleagues and students



COST STSM Grants:

- advancing science
- mobility
- visibility



Researchers from IPC
can host STSMs!





COST Disseminations

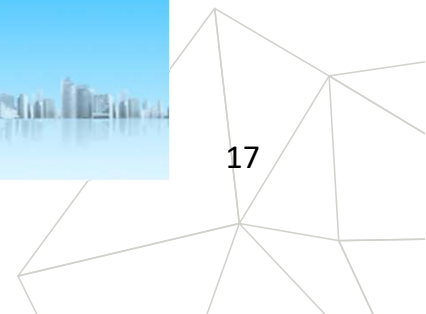
Actions websites

- ✓ Design, production, hosting and maintenance

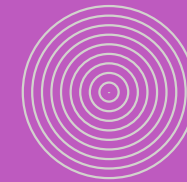
Scientific publications, books, brochures, flyers, posters

- ✓ Open Access fee for scientific publications
- ✓ Proof reading, editing, translation and layout

Videos, podcasts, webinars, animations and multimedia presentations



What is a COST Action and how to participate in it?



Breakout room discussion in
English, French, Portuguese and
Spanish



Testimonials from COST Action participants



Engage with a COST Action



Join a running COST Action



- Long-term:
 - Working Group (WG) member
- Short-term:
 - Short Term Scientific Mission host
 - trainer / trainee (non-reimbursed) of a Training school
 - attendee of a Workshop/Conference
 - an invited speaker (reimbursed max once in the lifetime of the Action)



The screenshot shows the 'Working Groups and Membership' tab of a COST Action website. It features a table of working groups and an 'Apply' button.

Number	Title	Leader
1	Crafting Collective Framework	Dr Kjersti LOHNE
2	Securing Data Collection	Dr Barbora HOLA
3	Working with Stakeholders	Dr Andy AYDIN-AITCHISON

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 a profile](#) and then click 'Apply'.

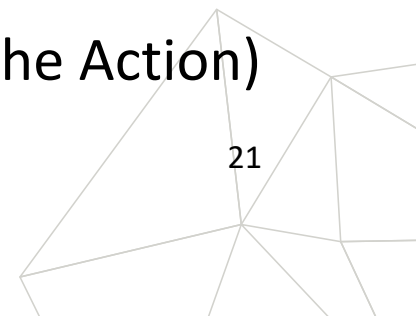
[Apply](#)

Action Details

- MoU - 04/19
- CSO Approval date - 04/06/2019
- Start date - 10/09/2019
- End date - 29/09/2023
- <https://justice-160.com/>

How can I participate?

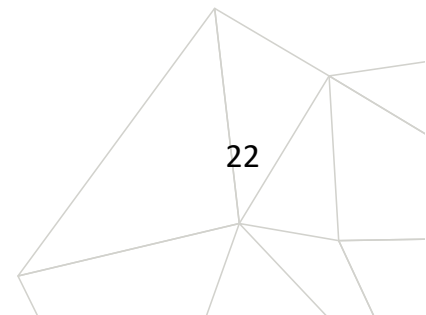
- Read the Project Description [\(pdf\)](#)
- Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of your interest [\(pdf\)](#)
- [Apply](#) to join your Working Groups of interest





How to join a running COST Action?

- Find an interesting Action 😊 relevant to your expertise and check the Memorandum of Understanding via the Action's website
- Contact the Action Chair/ Working Group Leader to learn more about the activities/ tasks/ possible contribution
- Simply apply as WG member via the Action's webpage on the COST website (subject to Management Committee approval)

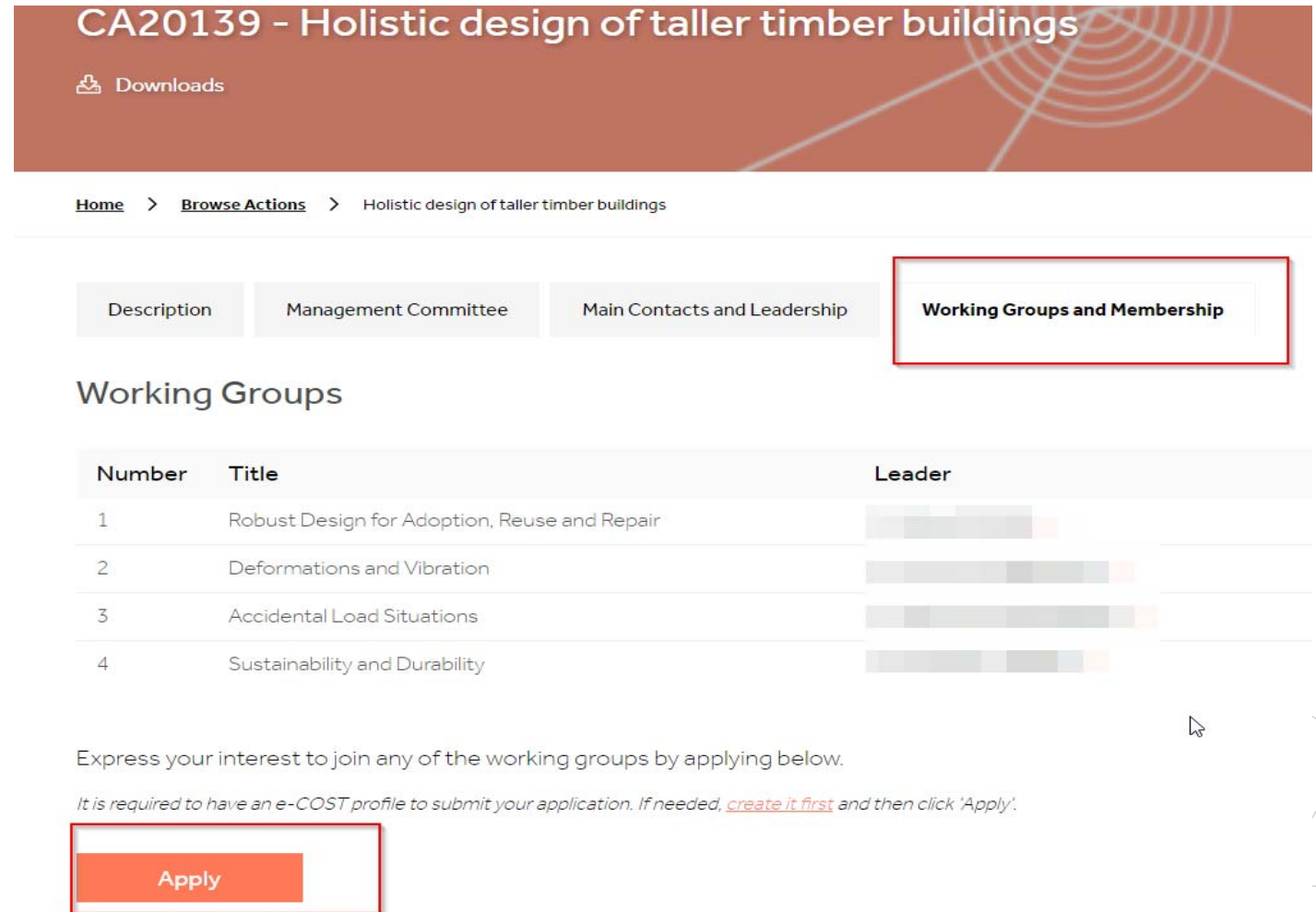


How to join a running COST Action?



EASY
ACCESS!

Fast and Light
application
procedure to
become a WG
member



The screenshot shows the website for COST Action CA20139, titled "Holistic design of taller timber buildings". The page has a dark red header with the action name and a "Downloads" link. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Browse Actions > Holistic design of taller timber buildings. There are four tabs: "Description", "Management Committee", "Main Contacts and Leadership", and "Working Groups and Membership". The "Working Groups and Membership" tab is highlighted with a red border. Below the tabs is a table of working groups with columns for "Number", "Title", and "Leader".

Number	Title	Leader
1	Robust Design for Adoption, Reuse and Repair	[Redacted]
2	Deformations and Vibration	[Redacted]
3	Accidental Load Situations	[Redacted]
4	Sustainability and Durability	[Redacted]

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Apply



Become member of a proposing team



- A simple one-step application process:

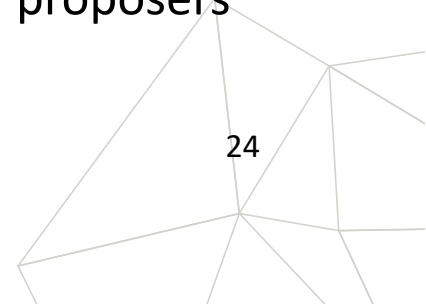
Participants are invited to submit COST Action proposals contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal knowledge advancement and development of Europe.

Multi- and interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged.

[What do we fund? - COST](#)

The minimum number of countries included at the proposal stage is seven COST Members (+ additional rule)

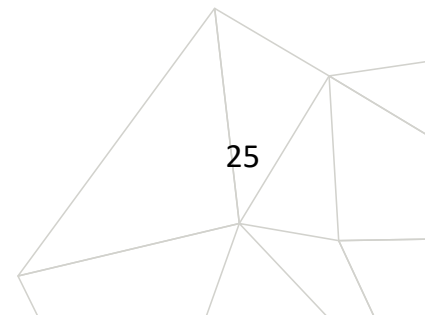
Individuals from International Partner Countries can be included as secondary proposers already at the submission stage



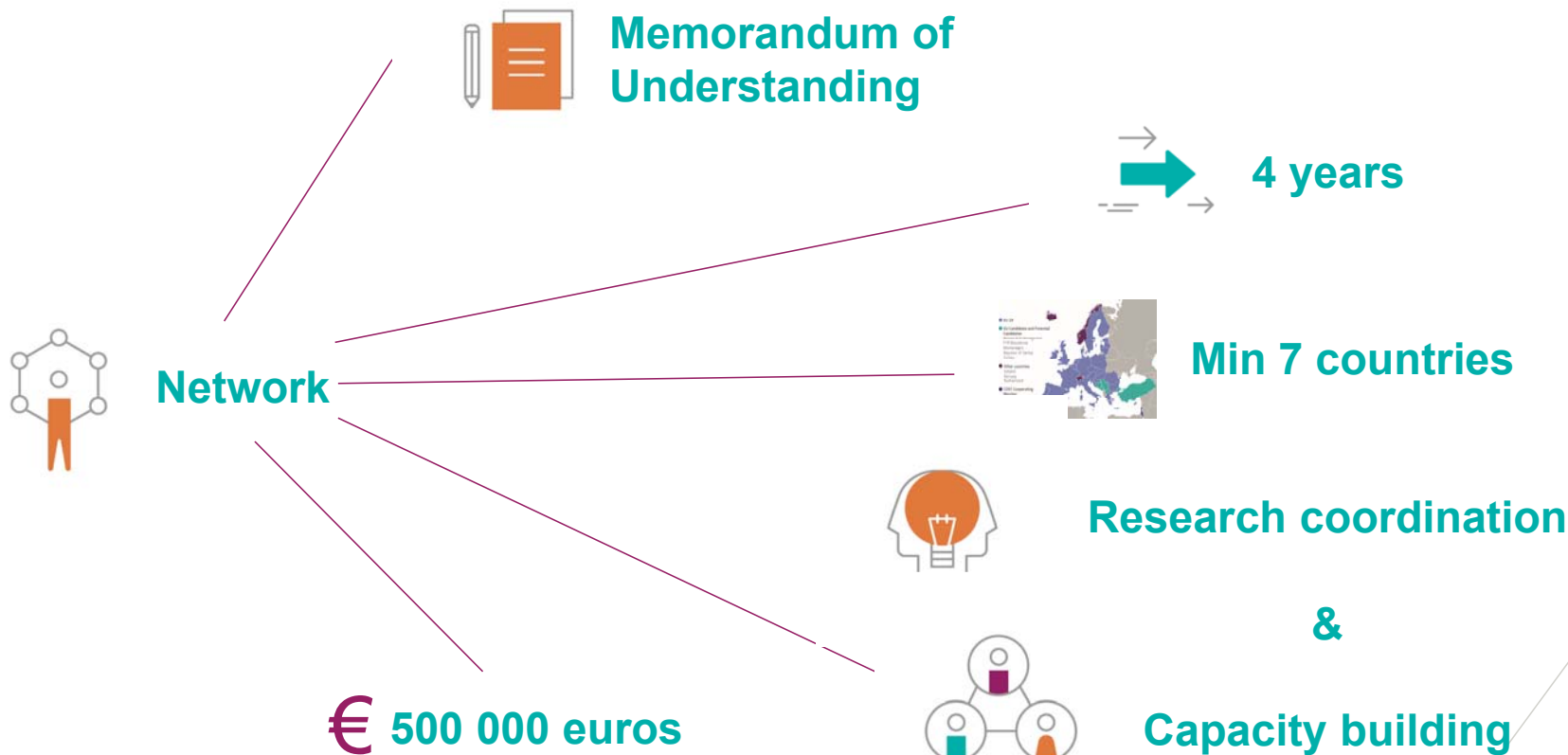
COST Action



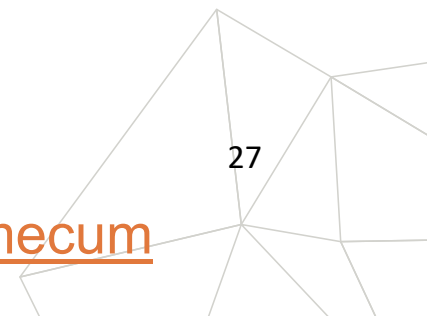
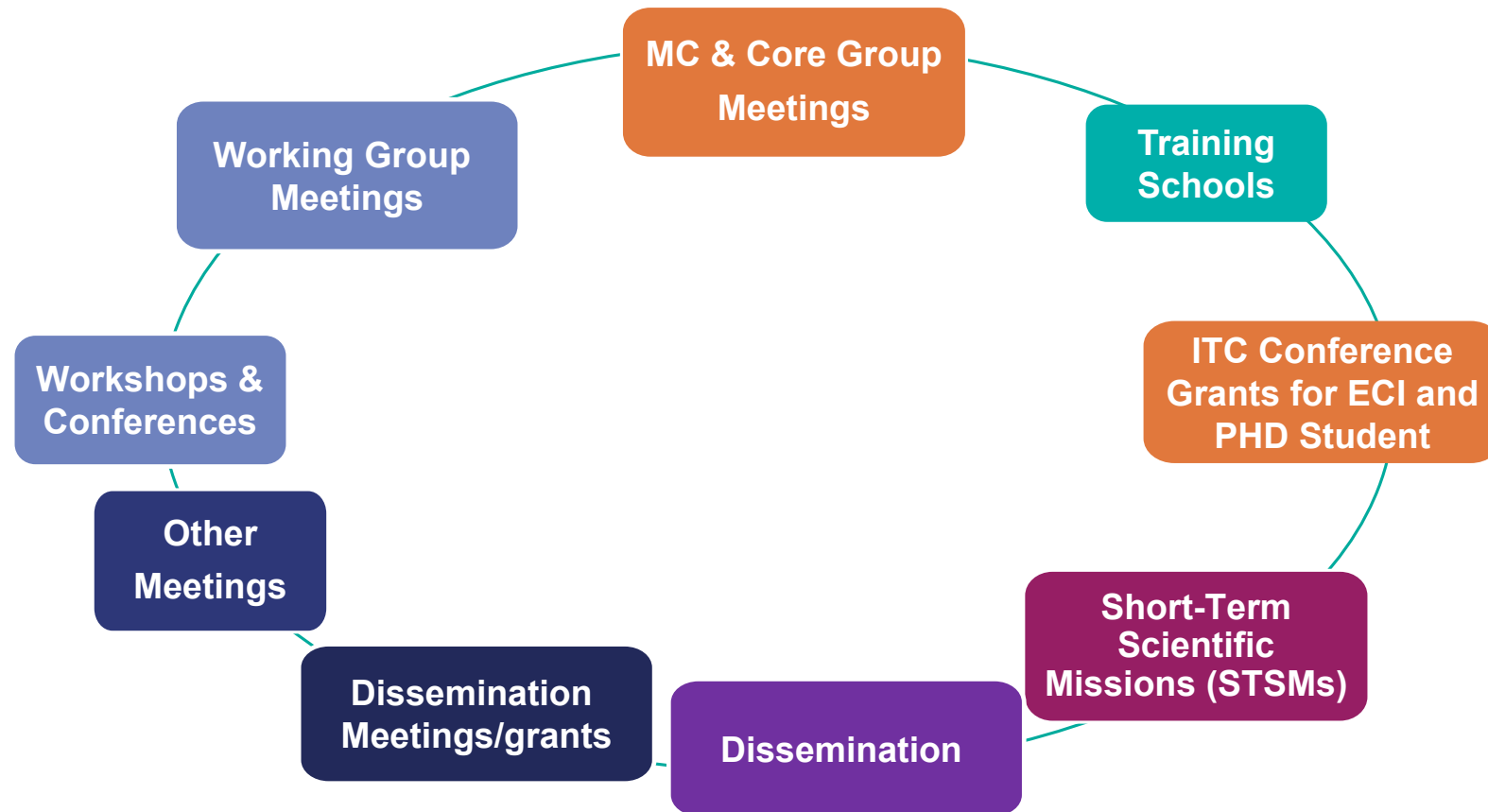
- Open to all scientific and technological (S&T) fields (bottom-up)
- Promoting scientific, technological, economic, cultural and societal innovation in Europe
- Reducing the gap between scientists, policy makers and society in Europe and beyond
- COST Actions aim at:
 - ✓ Promoting the creation, exchange and application of scientific knowledge
 - ✓ Being open and output oriented
 - ✓ Responding to COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy



What is a COST Action?



COST Action activities – COST Networking tools



ACCESS TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

WG co-Leaders,
International advisors, etc.

- Visibility
- Recognition
- Networking
- Career opportunities

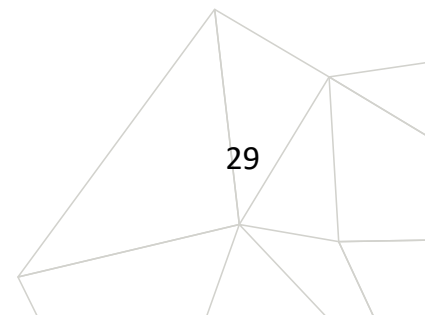




Become an expert

- Evaluate proposals submitted to the COST Open Call
- Assess progress of running COST Actions Participate

[Become an External Expert | COST](https://www.cost.eu/experts)



Limited financial support – Reimbursement for attendance of 1 COST Meeting and Training schools

Daily Allowance based on meeting country

- Hotel
- Meals
- Travel <100KM

Long distance travel

- plane, train, boat, car travel >100Km
- max. 1.500 EUR based on receipts



More information?

www.cost.eu

The screenshot shows the COST website's search interface. At the top, the COST logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'COST Actions', 'Funding', 'COST Academy', and 'About' are in the center. On the right, there is an 'Open call' button and a search bar with 'SEARCH', 'e-COST', and 'MENU' options. Below the navigation, a search bar contains the text 'Annotated Rules'. The search results are displayed as a list of three 'COST DOCUMENT' cards. The first card, 'Annotated Rules for COST Actions', is highlighted with a red box and a yellow label 'Annotated Rules' pointing to it. The other two cards are 'Rules for COST Innovators' Grants' and 'Rules and principles for COST Activities'. The 'COST DOCUMENT' label is highlighted in a yellow box on the first card. The 'COST Documents' link in the top navigation is circled in green with a red arrow pointing to the search results.

Search

COST Documents

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Order by: Relevance

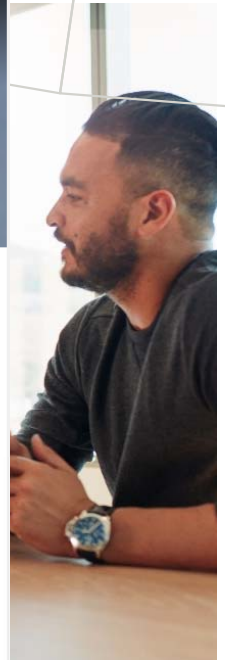
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Annotated Rules

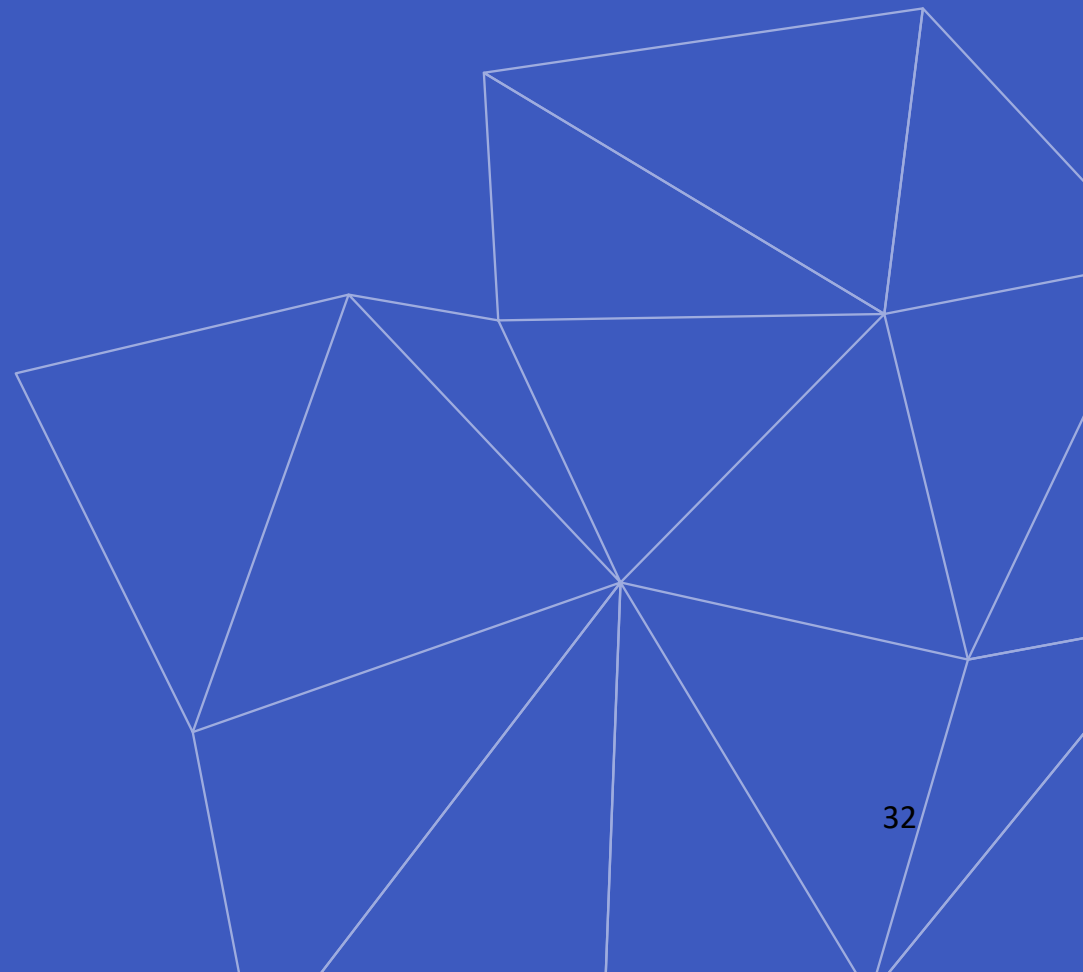
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Q&A



Thank you!



Contact and engage with us!

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 COST Association

 COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)

“ *The opportunity for science lies in creating an unlimited space where crossovers between ideas and people can change the world for the better.* ”

