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COST - Europe's leading networking tool

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European Cooperation in S&T (COST)

- Scientific and innovation breakthroughs happen through collaboration
- As leading Europe's networking tool, COST Actions provide opportunity for trusted, long-term collaboration
- Networking allows researchers to learn from each other, share data and infrastructure, jointly propose and develop common projects
- COST Actions receive funding for networking activities



POLL Q1:

Have you ever considered to use COST for collaborating with European peers?

- Yes, to extend the existing research expertise
- Yes, to establish long-term cooperation with European partners
- Yes, to prepare for research funding application with European partners
- No, I never heard about COST before

COST global networking

1 Partner Member

South Africa

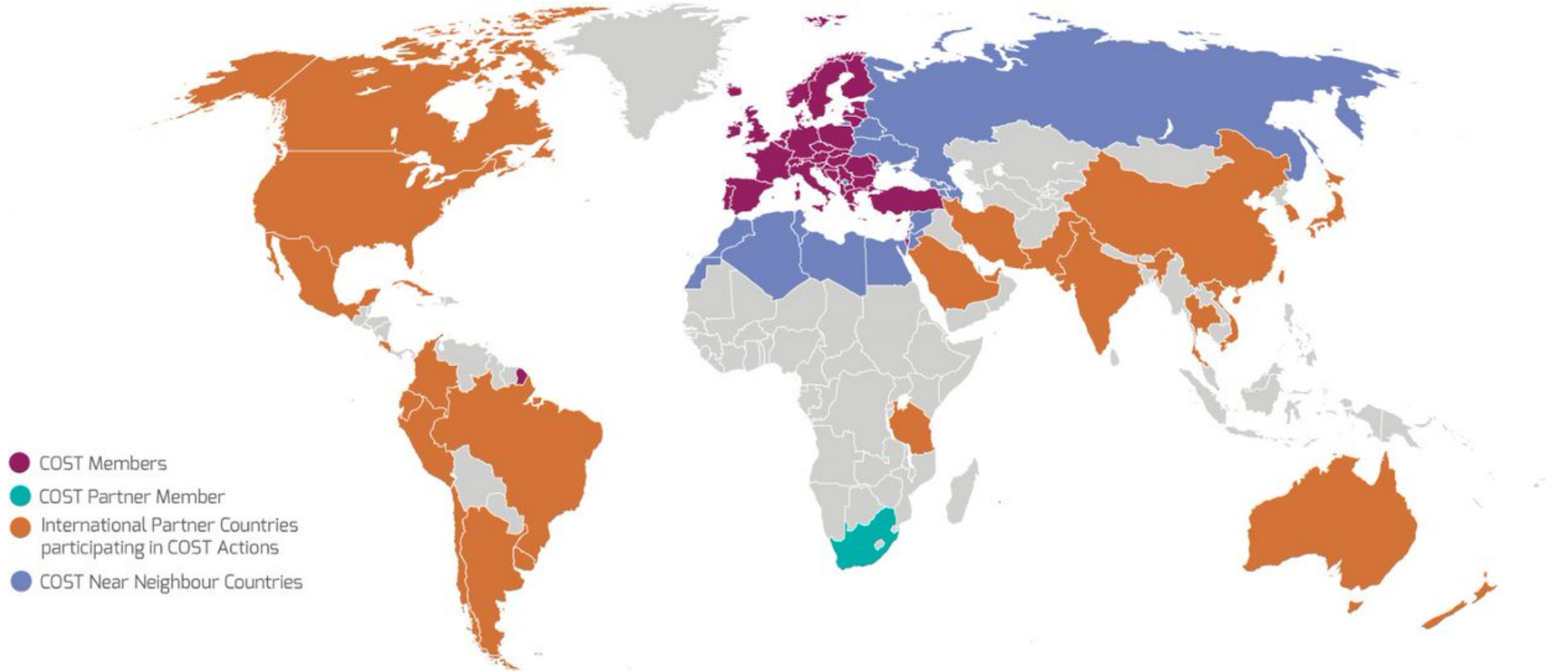
16 Near Neighbour Countries

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo*, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Russia, Syria, Tunisia, and Ukraine.

International Partner Countries currently participating

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Can also join COST Action



COST Actions

- 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 interdisciplinarity

COST Action – Composing of global networks (mutual benefit)

COST Action participants
nominated by COST National Coordinators

Main proposer



Secondary proposers



International partners
address COST Actions directly

Other benefits of participation in a COST Action

- Be a recognised member of leading scientific networks
- Career advancement opportunities
- International mobility and visibility

- 54 COST Actions, 18% of the running ones, affiliated to 38 different institutions, i.e. McGill University, University of British Columbia, University of Toronto

Become a COST Expert!

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





POLL Q2: Which way of engagement to a COST Action would you consider?

- Becoming participant of a running Action
- Joining a proposers' team as secondary proposer
- Becoming an external expert
- All of the above
- None of the above



Testimonials

- Prof Dirk Steinke, University of Guelph, [COST Action 15224](#)
- Prof Saeed Rastgoo, University of York, [COST Action 18108](#)



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