



Western Balkan Countries

COST participation levels

The following four sections give an overview of participation in COST activities by researchers based in the Western Balkans region between 2014-2019.

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The Western Balkans region incorporates six countries: **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia**. All six countries are part of the **COST community**.

During the period 2014-2019, Albania and Montenegro joined COST as Member countries and Kosovo* became a near neighbour country.

1991 Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Members of COST

2002 North Macedonia, Member of COST

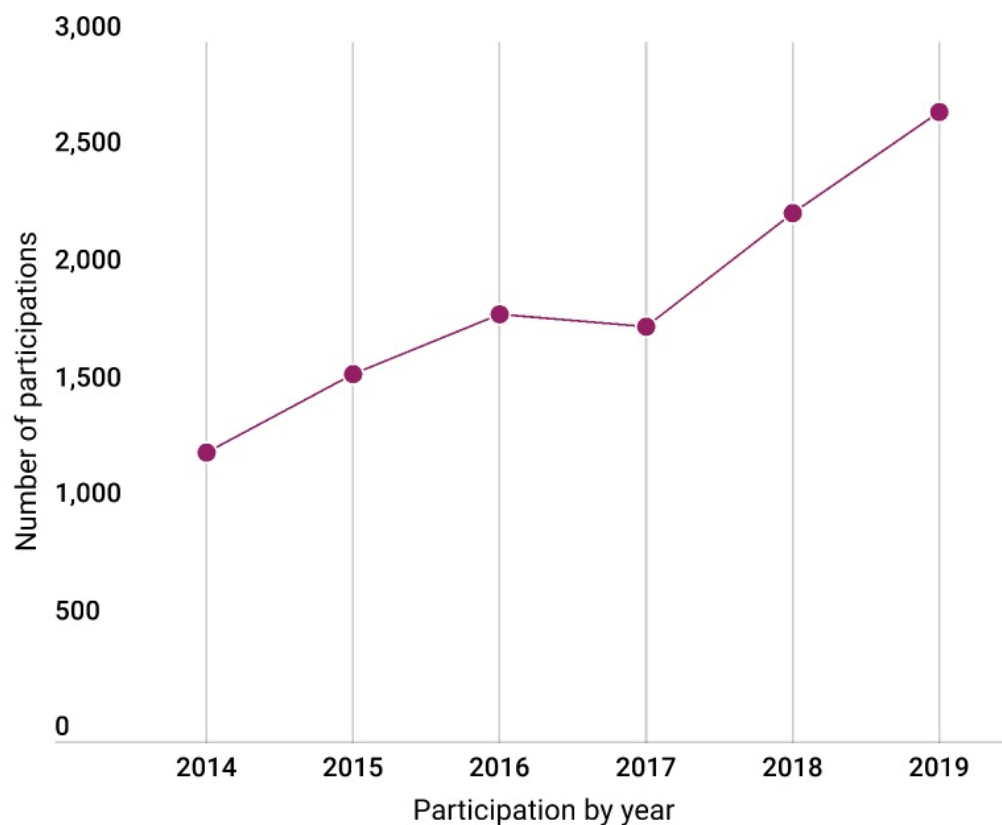
2015 Montenegro, Member of COST

2018 Albania, Member of COST

2018 Kosovo*, Near Neighbour Country to COST

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

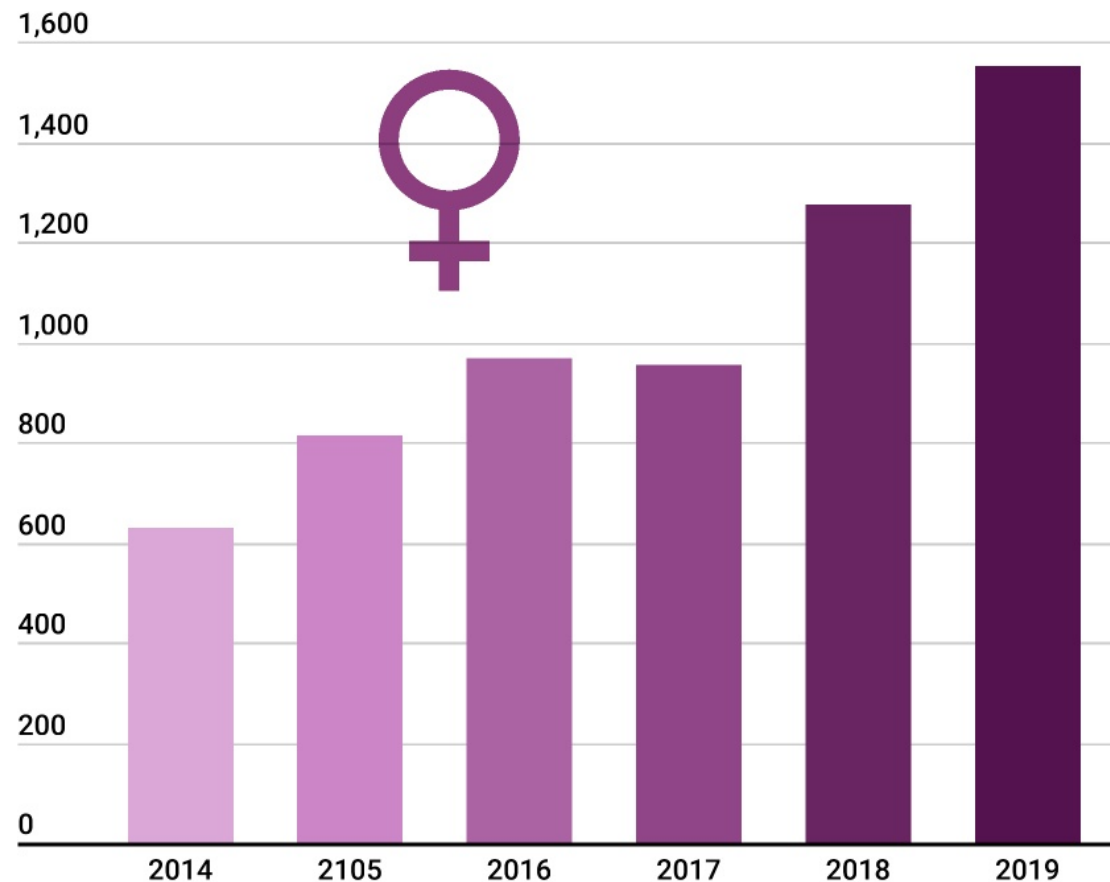
Growth of individual researchers' participation in COST activities 2014-2019



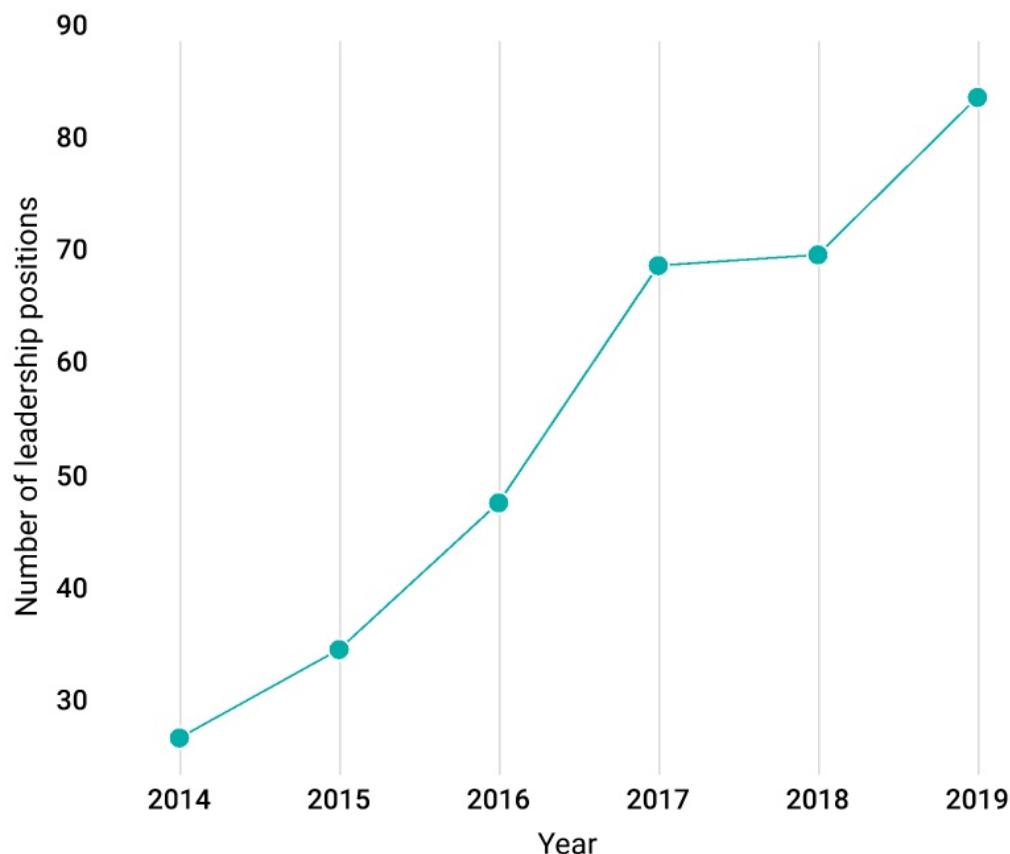
The number of individual researchers from Western Balkan countries active in the COST programme **has doubled** during the time period.

The rise of female participation in COST activities 2014-2019

The number of female researchers from Western Balkan countries who are active in the COST programme **has more than doubled** during the time period.



Increase of leadership positions within COST Actions between 2014-2019



There has been a **strong rise** in the number of leadership positions* held by researchers based within the Western Balkan countries. This growth trend has been demonstrated across all COST Members from the region.

*Leadership positions: Action chair, Action vice chair, working group leader, STSM coordinator, science communication manager.

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