

# COST - Networking and Collaboration within the ERA and beyond



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# COST in Horizon Europe



## Horizon Europe =

Widening participation and strengthening the European Research Area pillar

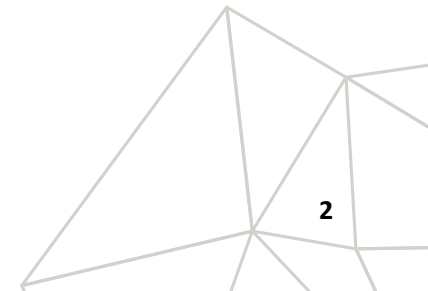


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## COST Actions

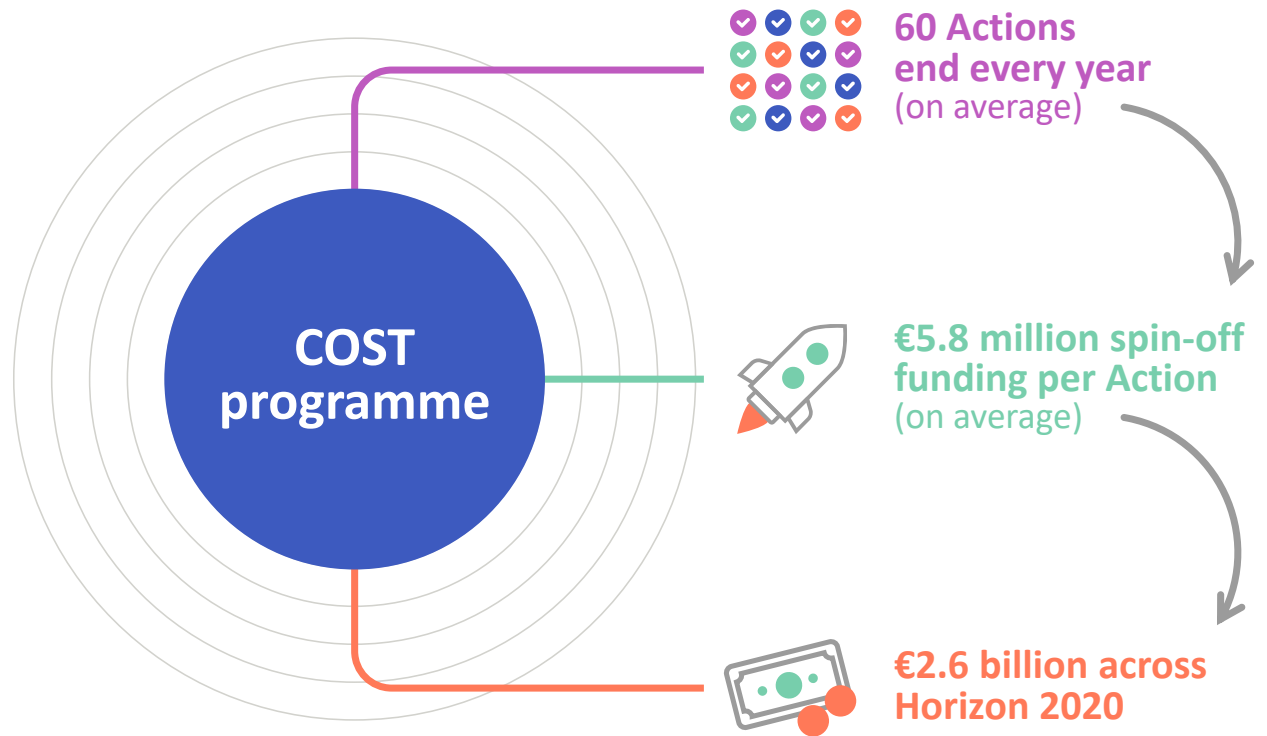
receive budget under Third Party Funding



# The value of networking

## Participation in COST Actions

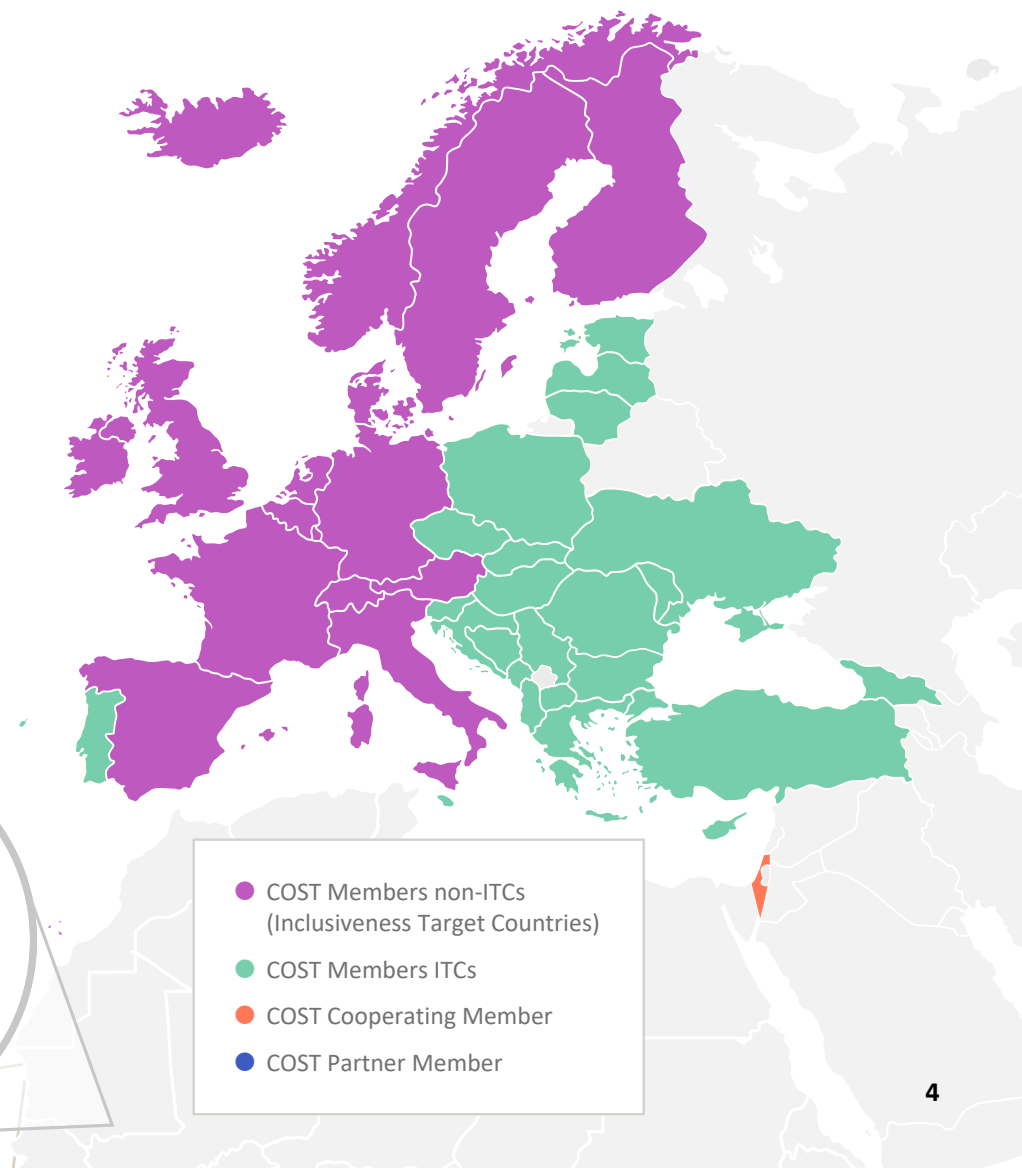
Follow-up proposals have a success rate of more than 37%



# COST Membership

## 40 Members

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| ● Albania                | ● Greece                          | ● Norway         |
| ● 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                 | ● Ukraine        |
| ● Georgia                | ● The Republic of North Macedonia | ● United Kingdom |
| ● Germany                |                                   |                  |



## 1 Cooperating Member

- Israel

## 1 Partner Member

- South Africa

# Dedicated measures for active ITC participation



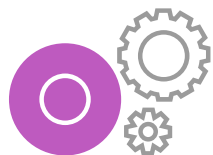
## COST Info Days

- Targeted to ITC
- Combined with high-level meeting ITC government, including CNC



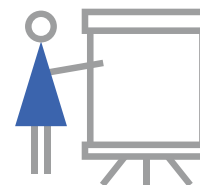
## Proposals

- Eligibility
- External experts
- Inclusiveness policy



## COST Actions

- COST Action leadership
- Conference grant for PhD students and young researchers
- Pre-payment for STSM



## COST Academy

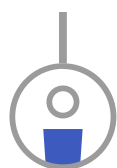
- Leadership workshop
- Finance/admin workshop
- Science communication training
- Mentoring grant holder
- Mentoring chair



# How to engage with COST? – networking and funding opportunities



# 1. As a participant in a running Action



## **AS A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC) MEMBER**

(contact the COST National Coordinator)



## **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)

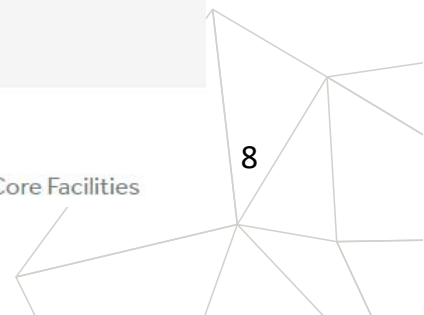


# Engaging as participant of a running COST Action



- 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
- Apply to the working group(s)

The screenshot shows the COST website interface. At the top, the COST logo is visible with the text 'EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY'. Below the logo, the text 'Browse A' is partially visible. A navigation menu is open, showing 'COST Actions' selected. The dropdown menu lists several options: 'What are COST Actions?', 'Participate in an ongoing Action', 'Success stories', 'Action Networking tools', 'COVID-19 – Information for COST Actions', 'Online networking tips', 'Additional Activities for Actions', 'COST Connect', 'Become an external expert', and 'Browse Actions'. A mouse cursor is pointing at 'Browse Actions'. Below the menu, there is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Action number or text' and a checkbox for 'Search in Title Only'. At the bottom of the screenshot, a specific action is listed: 'CA20140 | 21/10/2021 - 20/10/2025' with a flask icon, and the title 'CorEuStem: The European Network for Stem Cell Core Facilities'.









Description

Management Committee

Main Contacts and Leadership

**Working Groups and Membership**

## Working Groups


Number	Title	Leader
1	Raw Materials for waste biorefineries	Dr Maciej KLUZ 
2	Biorefinery Technologies	Dr Marta TRNINIĆ 
3	Biorefinery Applications	Dr Corinna Maria GROTTOLA 
4	Communication and Dissemination	Dr Diogo SANTOS 

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 - 067/21

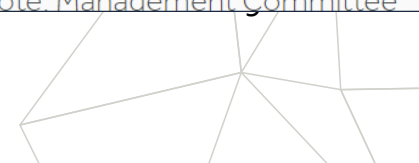
 CSO Approval date - 25/05/2021

 Start date - 27/10/2021

 End date - 26/10/2025

### How can I participate?

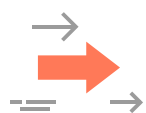
- Read the Project Description [MoU](#)
- Inform the Main Proposer/Chair of your interest ([email](#))
- [Apply](#) to join your Working Groups of interest
- Please note [Management Committee](#)



# Networking tools



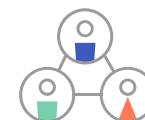
Research coordination  
& capacity building activities



Management  
committee  
meeting



Conferences/  
workshops



Short-term  
scientific missions



Working  
group  
meeting



Training  
schools



Dissemination



Virtual  
networking  
grant



# 2. As proposer 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

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)

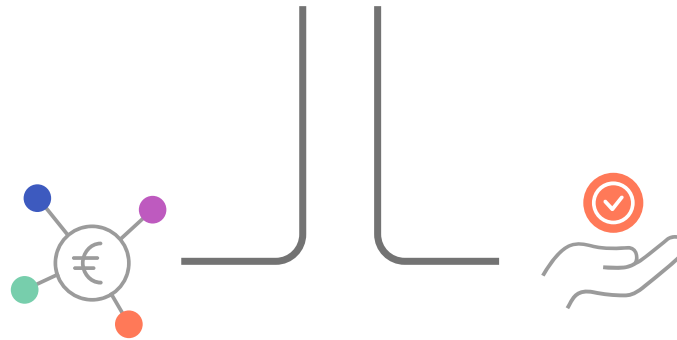




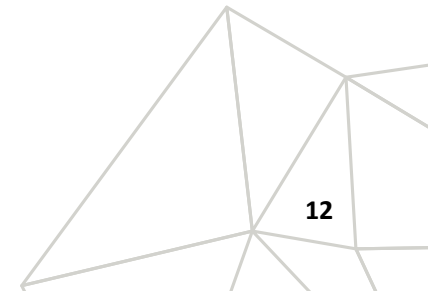
### 3. As external expert

**As a COST Expert,**  
you will have the opportunity to

**Contribute** to the  
evaluation of COST Open  
Call proposals



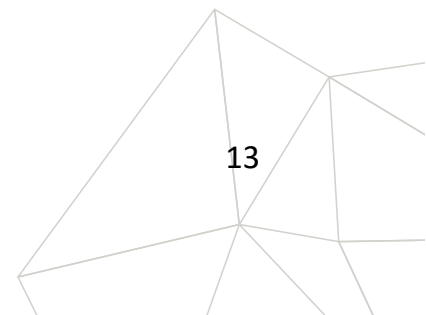
**Participate** in the  
assessment of Action  
results and outcomes





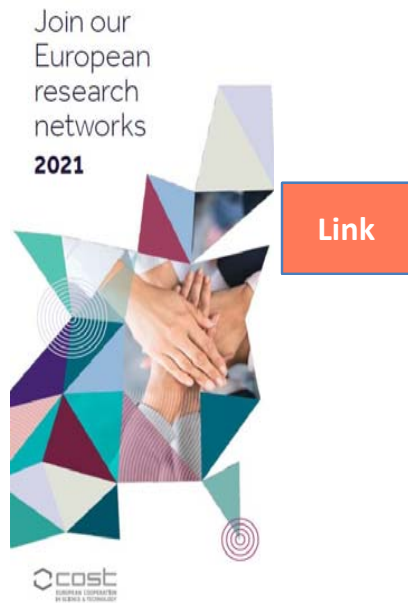
## 4. Networking events

- Targeted COST Info Day for the Western Balkan Countries, June, final date to be confirmed (online)
- Final conference of the COST Cross-Cutting Activity on Science Communication – COST, 23 June, Denmark
- COST meets researchers (online)
  - 16 June, Switzerland
  - 17 June, the Netherlands
  - 23 June, Germany



# 5. COST publication

## COST Actions booklet



Pocket guide including all running actions & infos on COST.

## COST Corporate Brochure



General presentation of COST Programme.

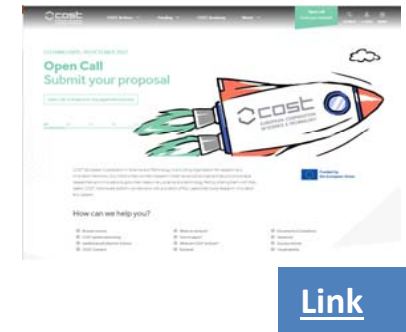
## COST Annual report 2021



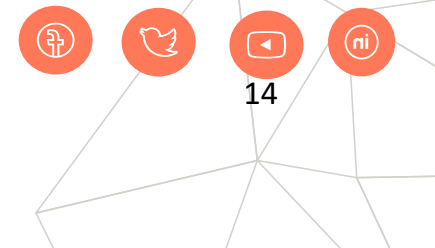
2021 highlights & COST Actions success stories.



## COST website and social media



- Videos  
Success stories
- Long reads
  - COST Actions blog



# Thank you for your attention

