

# COST – Network building strategies



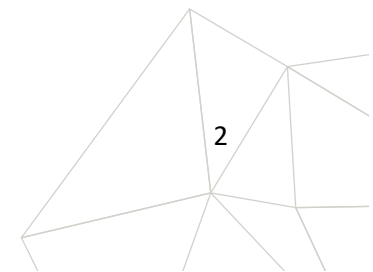
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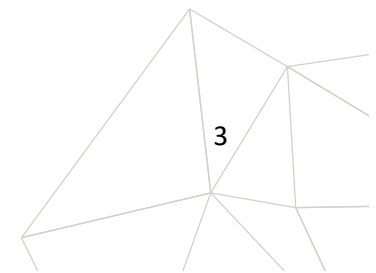
## COST mission

- ***“COST provides networking opportunities for researchers and innovators in order to strengthen Europe’s capacity to address scientific, technological and societal challenges”.***



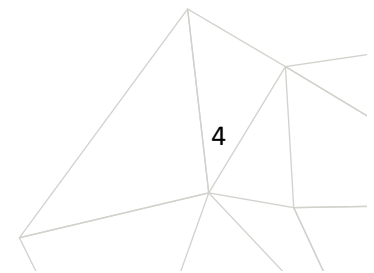


- What is COST?
- How does COST work?
- Why to participate in COST activities? The benefits!
- How to participate in COST activities?





- **What is COST?**



# 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**

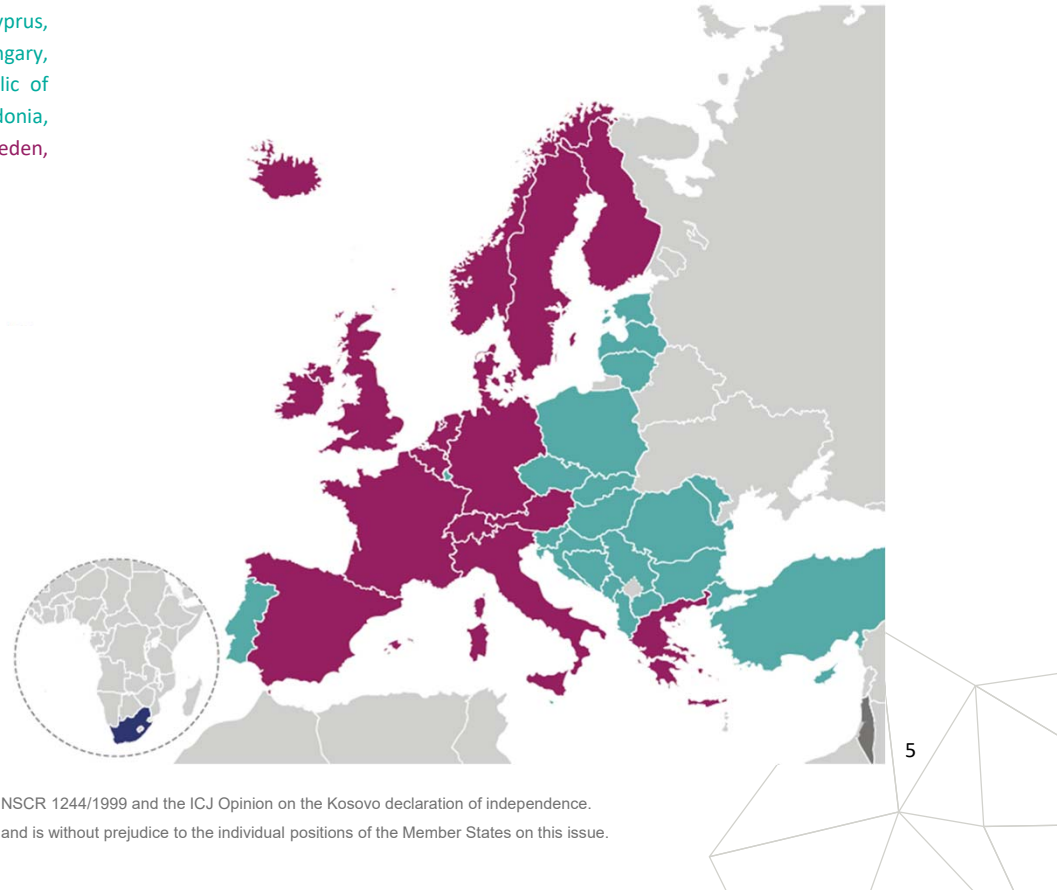
Israel

- **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



\*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.  
\*\*This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

## COST key figures



292   
Running Actions

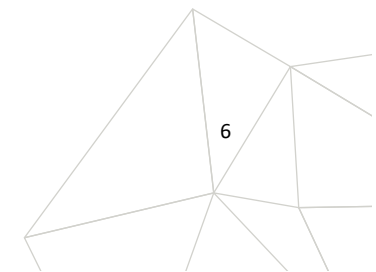
204   
Training schools

 €134,500  
Average annual budget  
of a COST Action

 2,130  
Short-term scientific missions

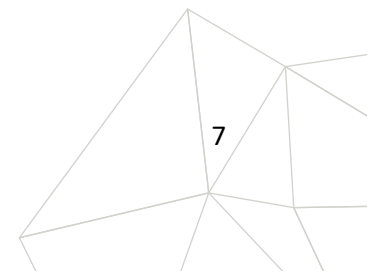
 45,000  
Researchers involved  
in COST Actions

 €300 million  
COST budget (from Horizon  
2020 for a 7 year period)





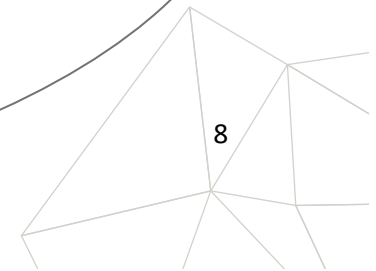
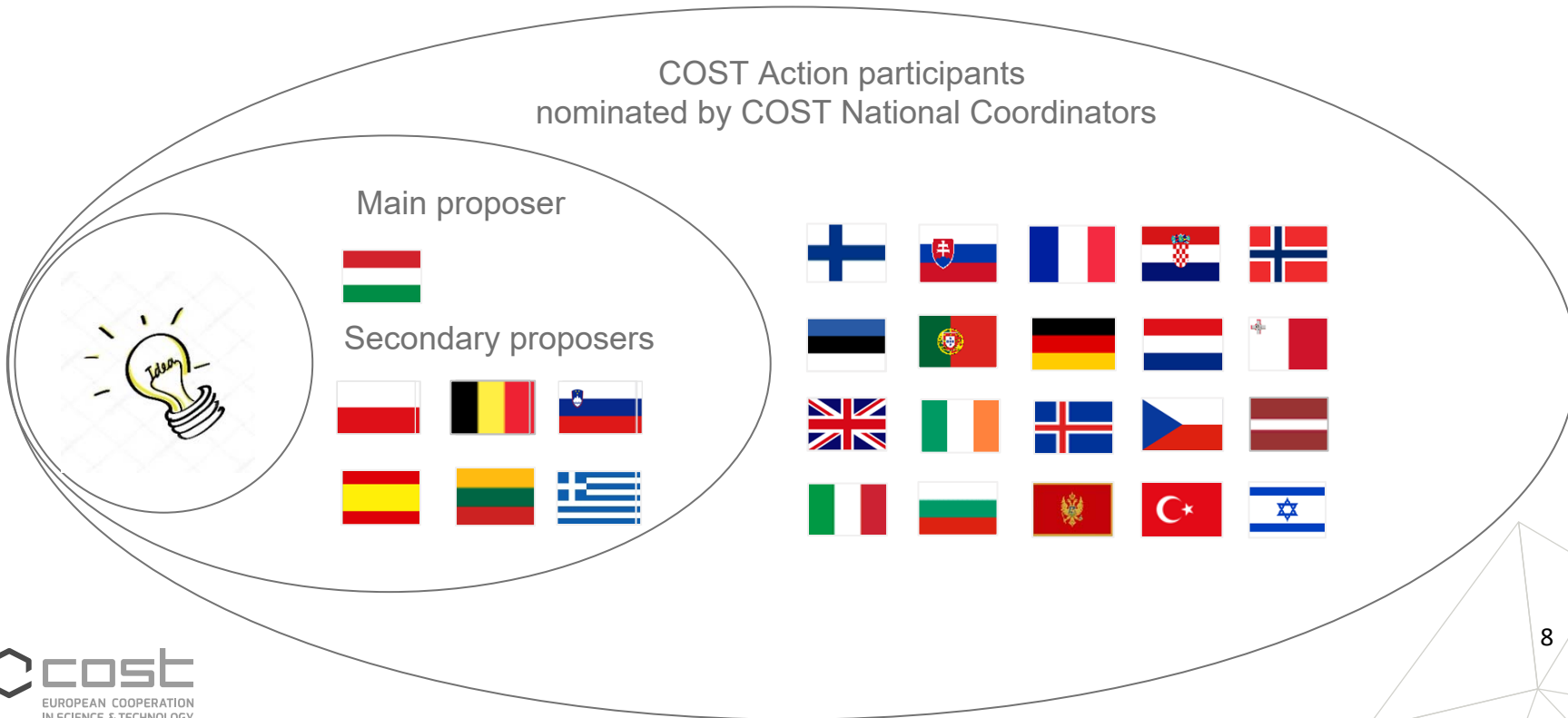
- **How does COST work?**



# How COST Actions are formed?

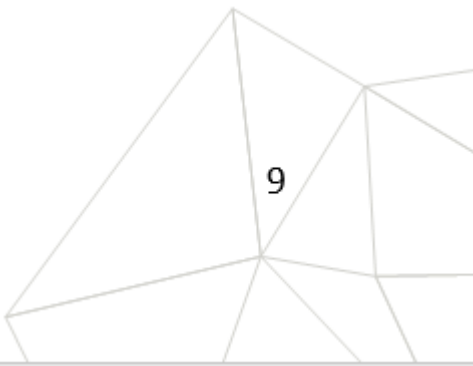
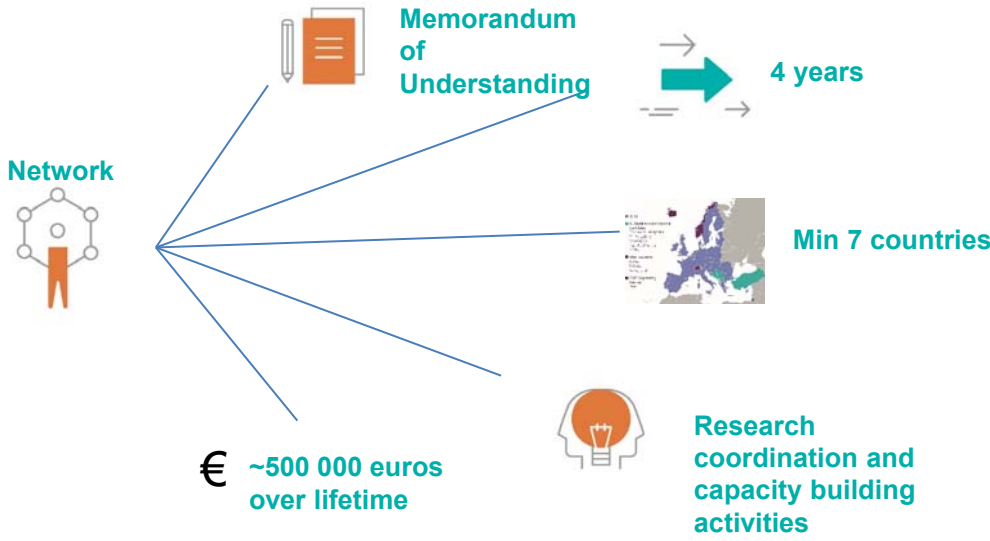


COST Action participants  
nominated by COST National Coordinators

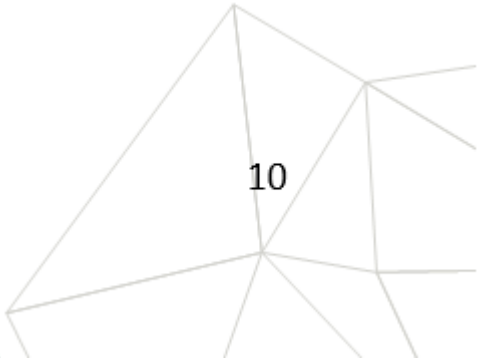
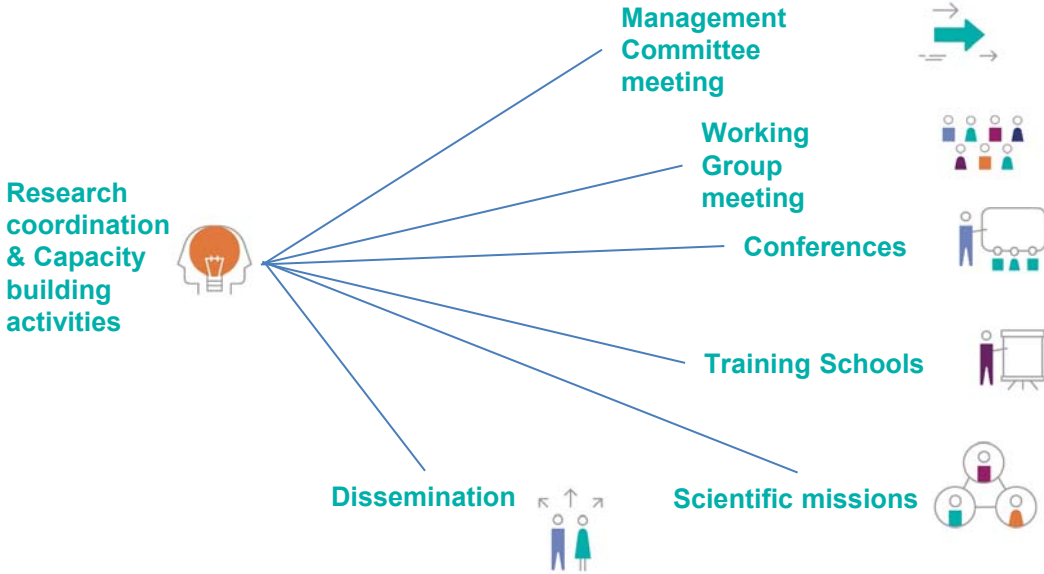




# What are the COST Actions?

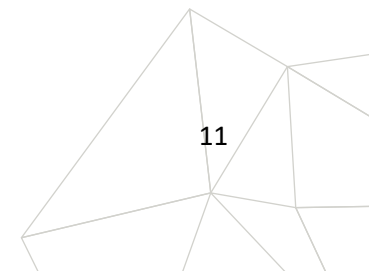


# What are the networking tools of a COST Action?





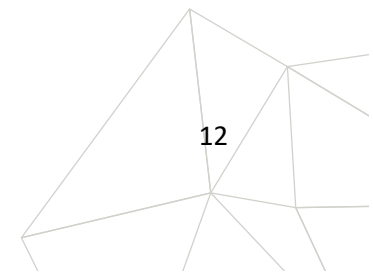
- **Why to participate in COST activities?**





# Benefits of participation in a COST Action

- work on emerging scientific topics
- become recognised member of leading scientific networks
- career advancement opportunities
- international mobility and visibility
- experience in scientific and/ or administrative management

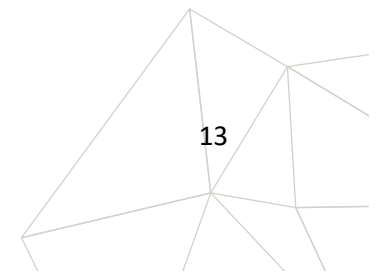


# COST Acting as a pre-portal for other H2020/HE funding



## Horizon 2020 applications reported by finished COST Actions

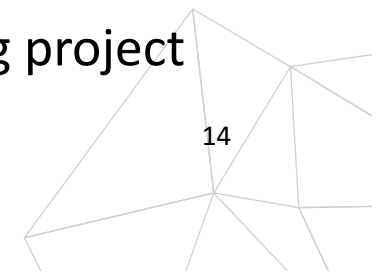
Total Actions with finished Final Action Report	Submitted H2020 proposals reported	Approved H2020 projects reported	Success rate
273	927	296	37%



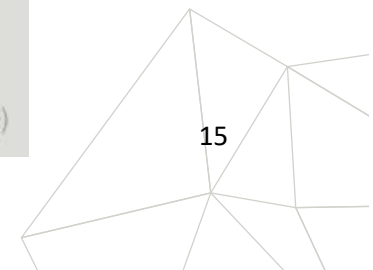
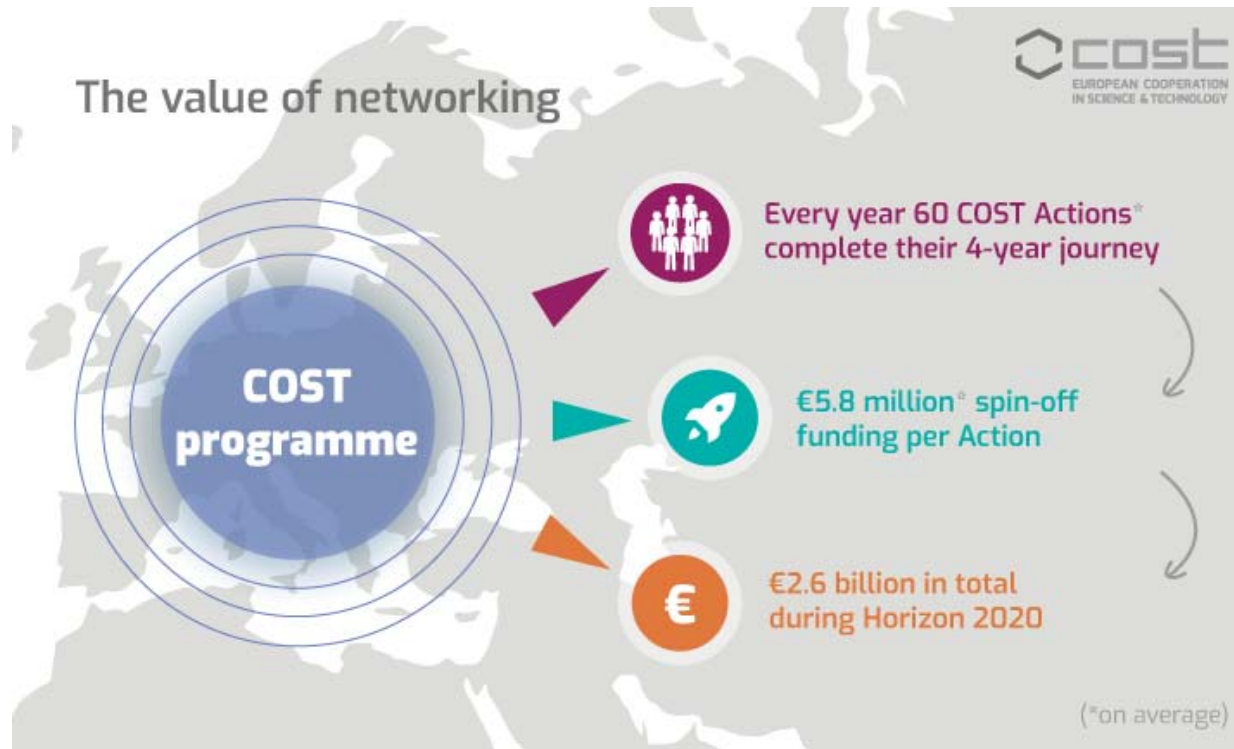


## From COST Action to Teaming & Twinning funding

- Latvian MC member of MP1301 *New Generation Biomimetic and Customized Implants for Bone Engineering* coordinator of **Baltic Biomaterials Centre of excellence - BBCE** grant agreement No. 857287, Teaming Phase 2 project
- Serbian MC member of FA1402 *Improving Allergy Risk Assessment Strategy for new food proteins (ImpARAS)* coordinator of **FoodEnTwin** project, grant agreement No 810752, Twinning project



# COST programme: the value of networking



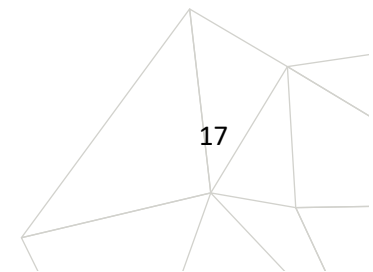


- **How to participate in COST activities?**





1. As **proposer** of a COST Action
2. As **participant** of a COST Action
3. As **expert** to evaluate submitted proposals



# Propose a COST Action



## Proposals



### General features

- Technical Annex**  
1. S&T excellence\*  
2. Impact  
3. Implementation



- COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy**  
Specific objectives



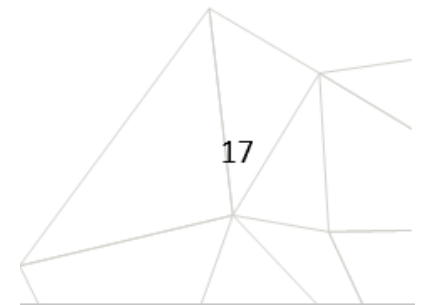
- Network of proposers**



### Eligibility!

- Anonymous\***  
Min ITC  
Format  
Peaceful purpose  
English

Next collection date is 29 October 2021





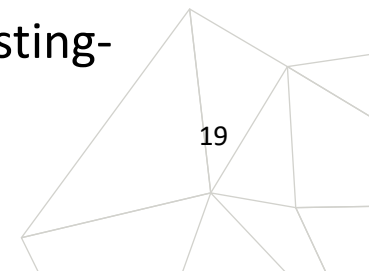
## JOIN running COST Actions/ COST activities

- DO your research of COST Actions

[Browse COST Actions - List of COST Actions past and ongoing | COST](#)

- INVEST your time
- IDENTIFY the COST Actions falling under your interest
- CONTACT the Action(s) and GET INVOLVED
- UNDERSTAND the power of being in the loop
- KEEP COST opportunities on your radar

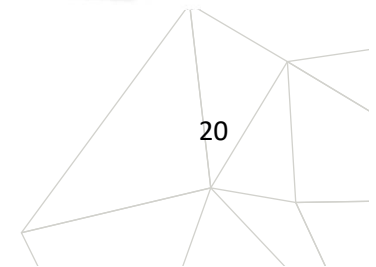
<https://www.cost.eu/cost-actions/how-to-participate/participate-existing-action/>



# Become a COST Expert!



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



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.* ”

