

COST Actions

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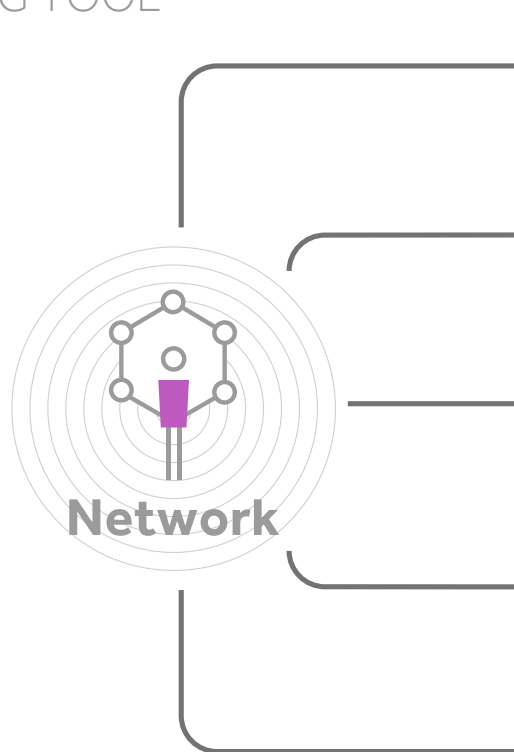


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AN EFFICIENT NETWORKING TOOL

COST provides funding
for research coordination
and capacity building
activities

COST is not funding
research itself,
but pooling resources
and research results
by networking



Memorandum
of Understanding



4 years



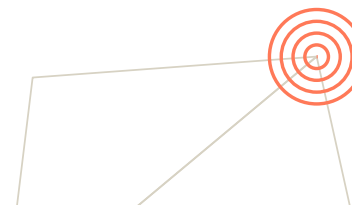
Min 7 countries, average
participation 30 countries



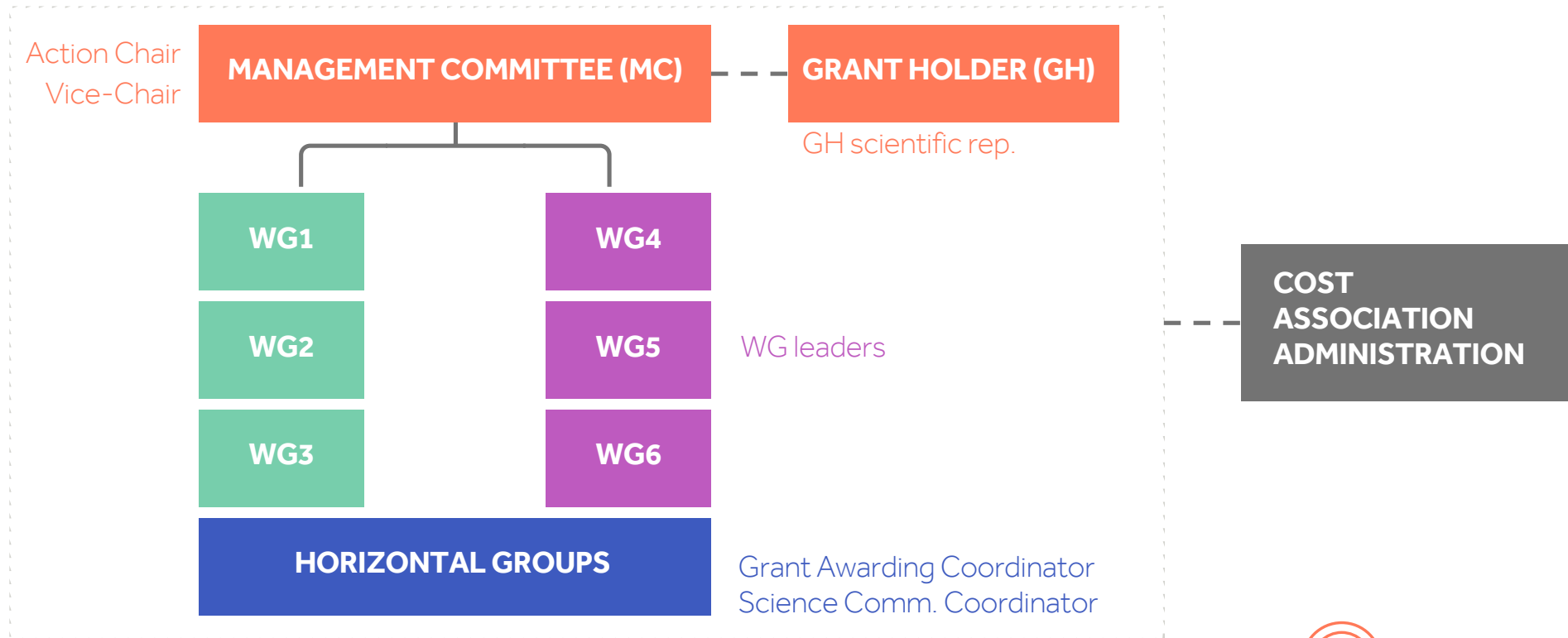
Research coordination
and capacity building activities

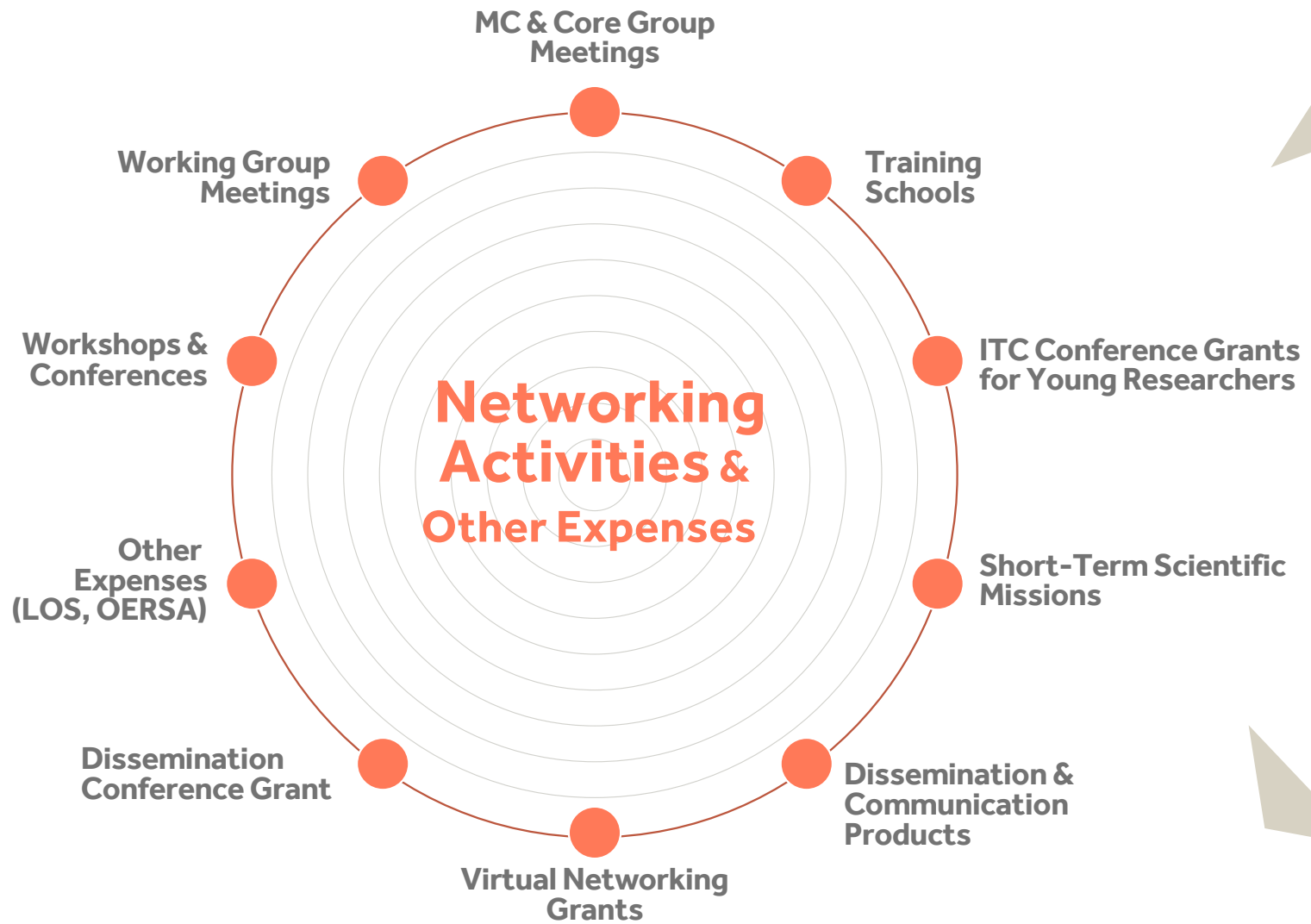


~ €600,000 over lifetime



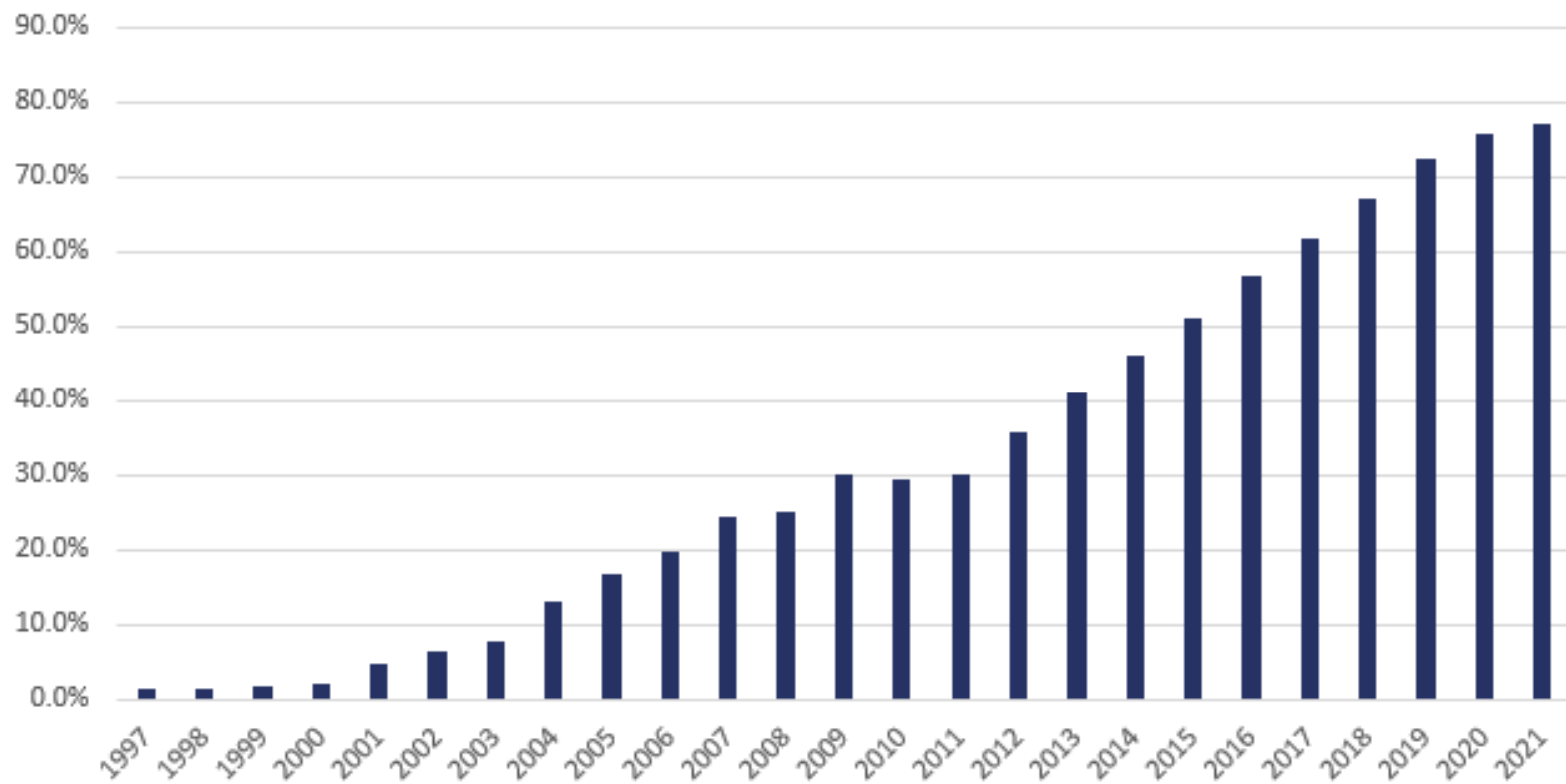
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS







Percentage of Actions with Estonian participation



ESTONIAN PARTICIPATION

Since 2014...

2803 participations in networking activities

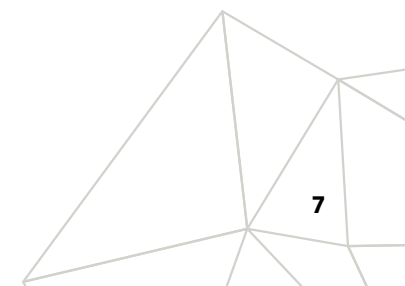
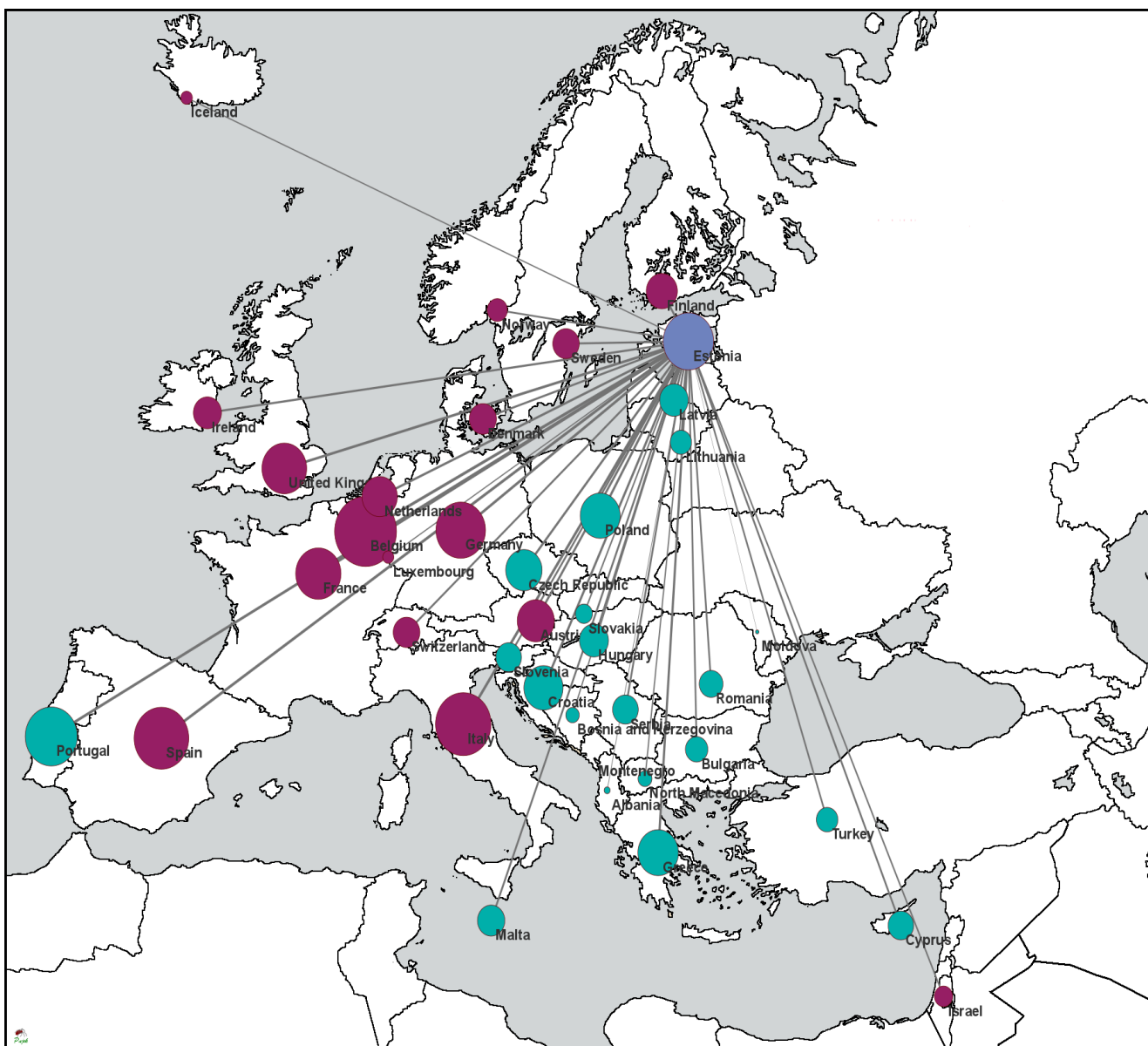
18 training schools

87 meetings

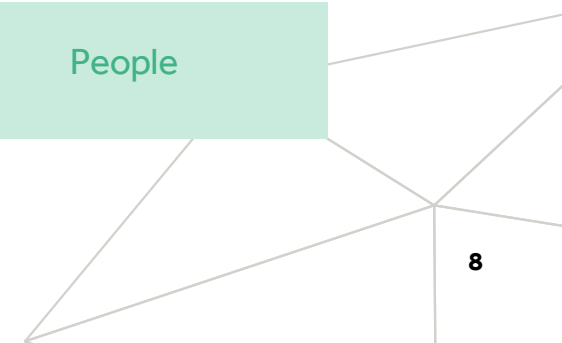
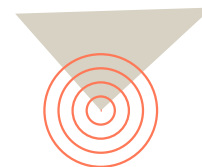
102 short-term scientific missions

... in Estonia





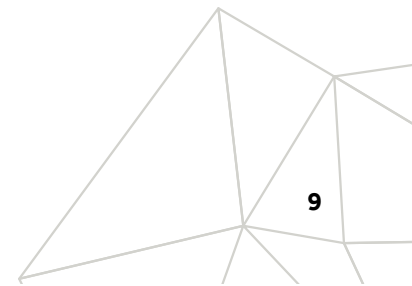
COST Impact Model





COST impact – individual level

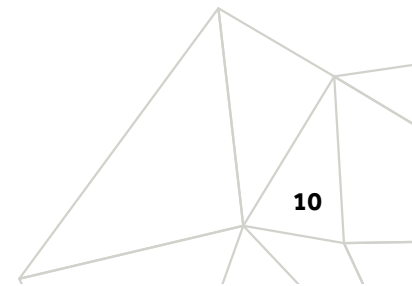
- When you participate in a COST Action, you will meet a wide range of researchers from Europe and beyond – from different disciplines and backgrounds
- Action participation helps in finding the right research collaborators , wherever they are based or from any professional activity
- **95%** of participants state that involvement in Actions led to new professional opportunities
- **88%** of young participants state that participation led to new career opportunities
- Involvement in COST Actions leads to **55%** more publications for active participants





COST impact – network level

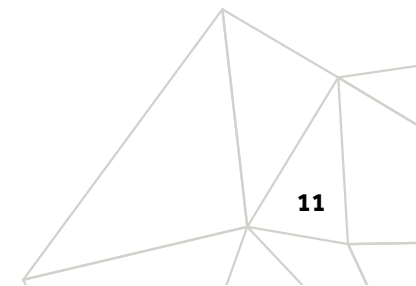
- COST Actions are a great incubator for follow-up consortia and other research collaborations
- On average, an individual COST Action leads to **6M** in spin-off funding (multiplier effect of **10-12X**)
- **37%** of Action spin-off proposals is successful (**3x the H2020 average**)
- **50%** of Action spin-offs include widening partners
- **1 in 3 Actions** has impact on policy-making processes





COST impact - Estonia

- 1 in 16 researchers in Estonia currently mobilised in Actions
- 19 researchers in leadership positions
- 104112 connections made by Estonian researchers over Horizon 2020
- 39 spin-off projects involving Estonian participants
- 17 spin-off projects with Estonian main proposers

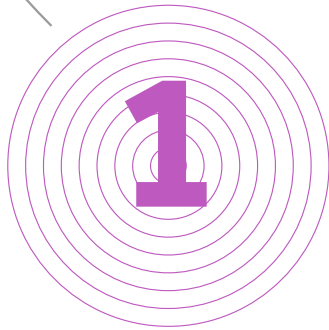


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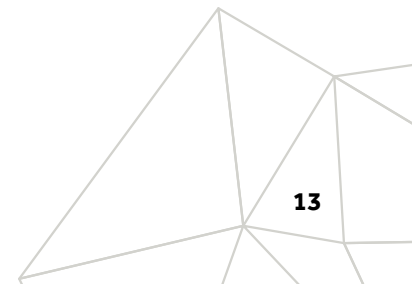
As a **participant**
of a running Action



As a **proposer**
of a new COST Action



As **expert** to evaluate
submitted proposals



1. As a participant in a running Action (1/2)



FIND THE ACTION IN YOUR FIELD

of interest on the
COST website



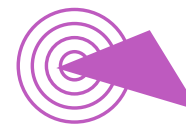
READ THE PROJECT PLAN

(MoU) – identify
your potential
contribution



BROWSE THE ACTION'S OWN WEBSITE

– check their
activities



IDENTIFY THE OPPORTUNITIES

to join the Action
and your contact
person



1. As a participant in a running Action (2/2)



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)



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

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