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# COST – Near Neighbour Countries Awareness Day

11 March 2021, webinar

# Agenda

- **Welcome**

*Ronald de Bruin, COST Director*

- **How the COST Programme operates: the COST Open Call**

*Mickael Pero, Science Officer, COST Association*

- **How the COST Programme operates: COST Action**

*Inga Dadeshidze, Science Officer, COST Association*

- **Benefits of participating in COST activities**

*Svetlana Voinova, Administration Officer, COST Association*

- **Testimonials by COST Action participants**

*Igor Kotsiuba, Ukraine, Mozez Hanin, Tunisia*

- **Q&A Session**

## Some Technical Information

- The webinar will be recorded
- You can ask questions during the webinar, -> Q&A at the bottom of the screen
- You can ask questions anonymously -> check box before sending your question
- Upvote questions that interest you, this way they will get on top of the list
- Questions sent in the YouTube channel are also monitored
- Technical questions will be answered after each presentations and general ones in the Q&A session at the end of the event
- Polls will appear throughout the webinar

# Welcome

Dr Ronald de Bruin, COST Director



**POLL Q1:**  
**Have you heard about COST before today?**

- Yes
- No



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# How the COST Programme operates: Open Call

# COST Full Members and Near Neighbour Countries

## 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

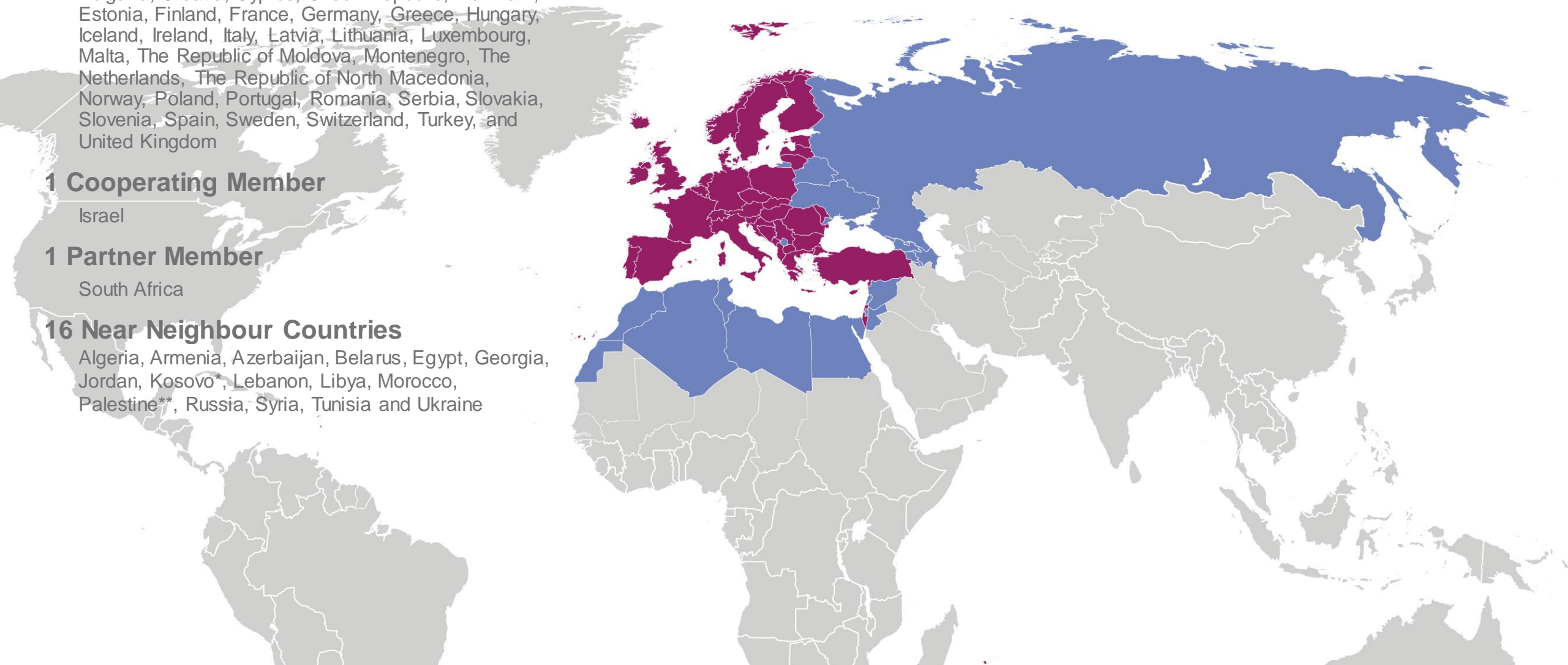
Israel

## 1 Partner Member

South Africa

## 16 Near Neighbour Countries

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo\*, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine\*\*, Russia, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine





## COST Open Call

- Promoting scientific, technological, economic, cultural and societal innovation in Europe
- Open to all scientific and technological (S&T) fields (bottom-up)
- Reducing the gap between scientists, policy makers and society in Europe and beyond
- Leads to COST Actions



## **COST Open Call**

A one-step application process

<https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/open-call/>

The minimum number of countries included at the proposal stage is seven COST Members (+ additional rule)

**Individuals from Near Neighbour Countries can be included as secondary proposers already at the submission stage**

# COST Open Call

*When?*

**Next Collection : 29 October 2021 –  
12:00 CET**

*What?*

**One stage online submission of proposals  
e-COST account**

*Who?*

**Main proposer  
(and secondary proposers  
also from NNCs)**

*How many?*

**40 – 45 Actions approved  
per collection**

# SESA Submission Evaluation Selection Approval

## Step 1: External remote evaluation



3 Independent External Experts (including experts from NNCs)  
Individual Evaluation + Consensus Evaluation

## Step 2: Revision and quality check by Review Panels

## Step 3: Selection by the Scientific Committee COST policy and objectives

## Step 4: Approval by COST Committee of Senior Officials - Results 7-8 months after submission

# Become a COST Expert!

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

For more information

[COST Open Call evaluation – Getting involved as a COST Expert](#)





## Open Call Collections

- Next collection will be **29 October 2021 at 12:00 noon (CET)**
- The last collection date was **13 November 2020 at 12:00 noon (CET)**, with the approved Actions to be started in Sept-Oct 2021



## POLL Q2:

### How can I be involved in the Open Call?

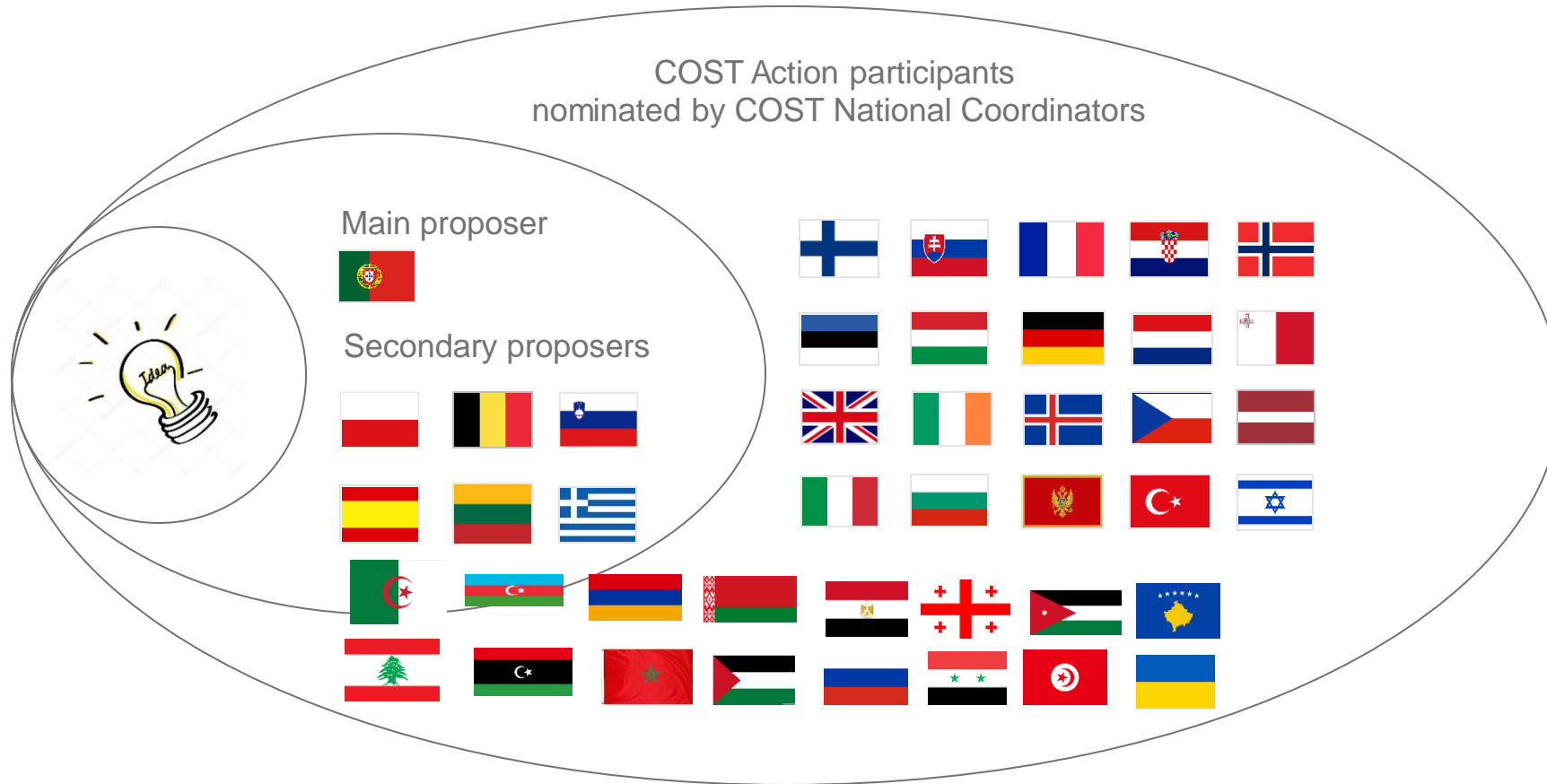
- Main proposer
- Secondary proposer and/ or COST Expert
- I do not know



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## How the COST Programme operates: COST Action

# COST Action - Composing of global networks (mutual benefit)

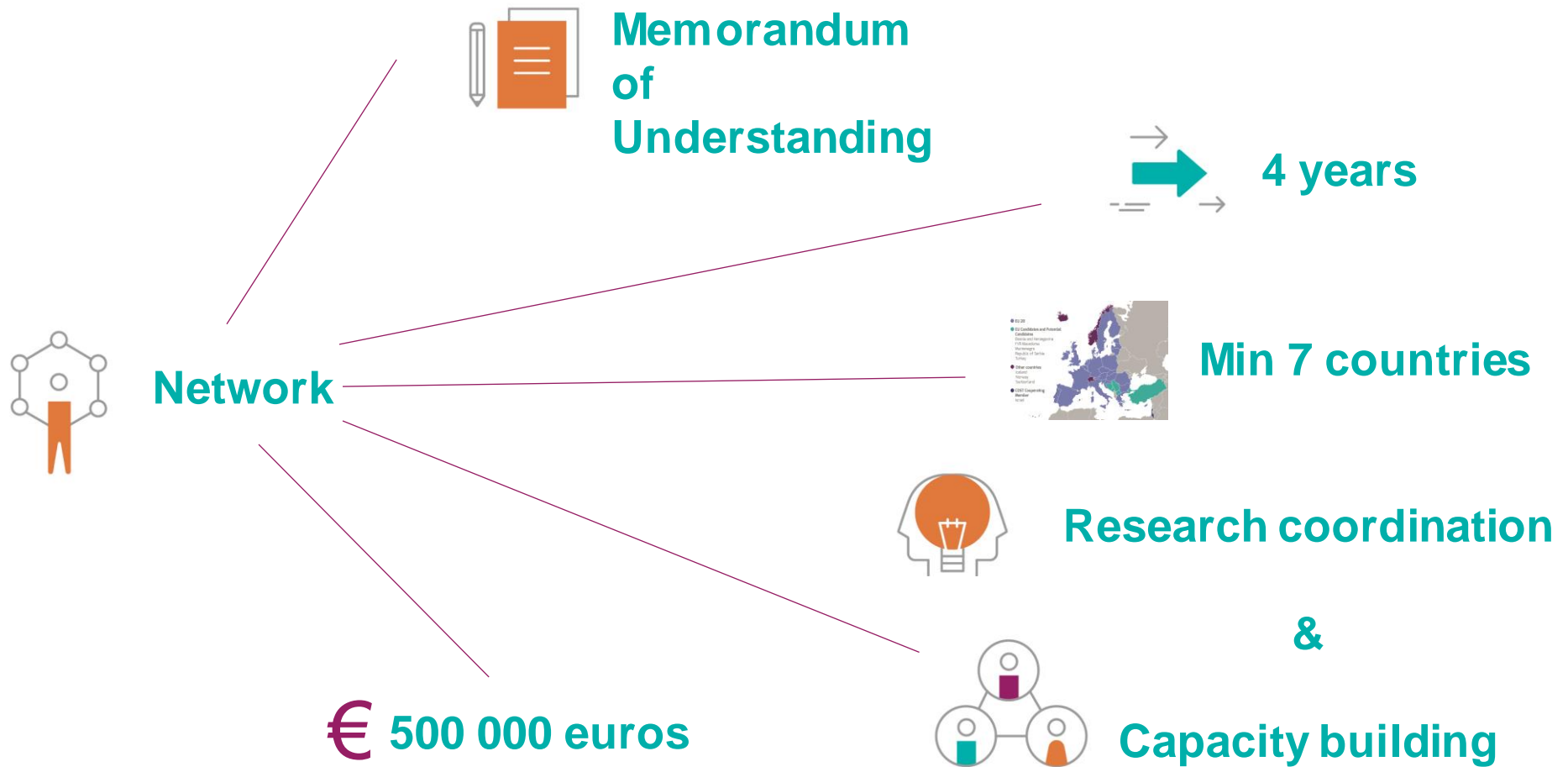




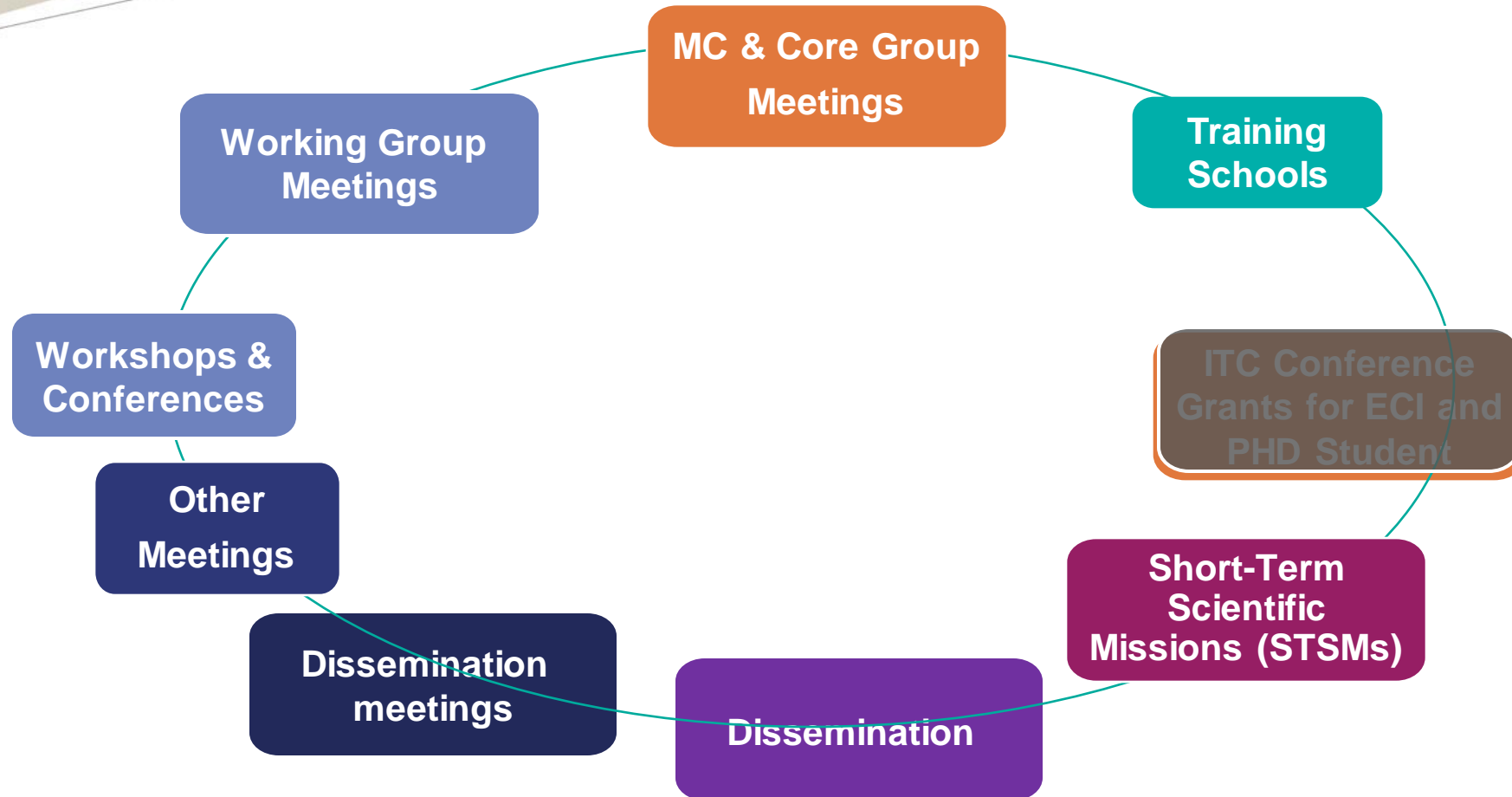
## COST Action

- Open to all scientific and technological (S&T) fields (bottom-up)
- Promoting scientific, technological, economic, cultural and societal innovation in Europe
- Reducing the gap between scientists, policy makers and society in Europe and beyond
- COST Actions aim at:
  - ✓ Promoting the creation, exchange and application of scientific knowledge
  - ✓ Being open and output oriented
  - ✓ Responding to COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

# What is a COST Action?



# COST Action activities – COST Networking tools



# Join a running COST Action

- As a Management Committee (MC) Observer
- As a Working Group (WG) participant
- As grantee of a Short Term Scientific Mission
- As trainer / trainee of a Training school
- As attendee of a Workshop/Conference
- As an invited speaker
- As an External Expert to monitor and assess COST Actions
- ...

# How to join a running COST Action?

- Find an interesting Action 😊 and check the MoU
- Contact the Action Chair and express your interest
- Submit background information (motivation, benefit)
- The Action Chair launches the procedure in e-COST
- Action Management Committee votes
- Approval by the COST Association

## COST Acting as a pre-portal for FP funding

### Horizon 2020 applications reported by finished COST Actions

Total Actions with  
finished Final Action  
Report

233

Submitted H2020  
proposals reported

798

Approved H2020  
projects reported

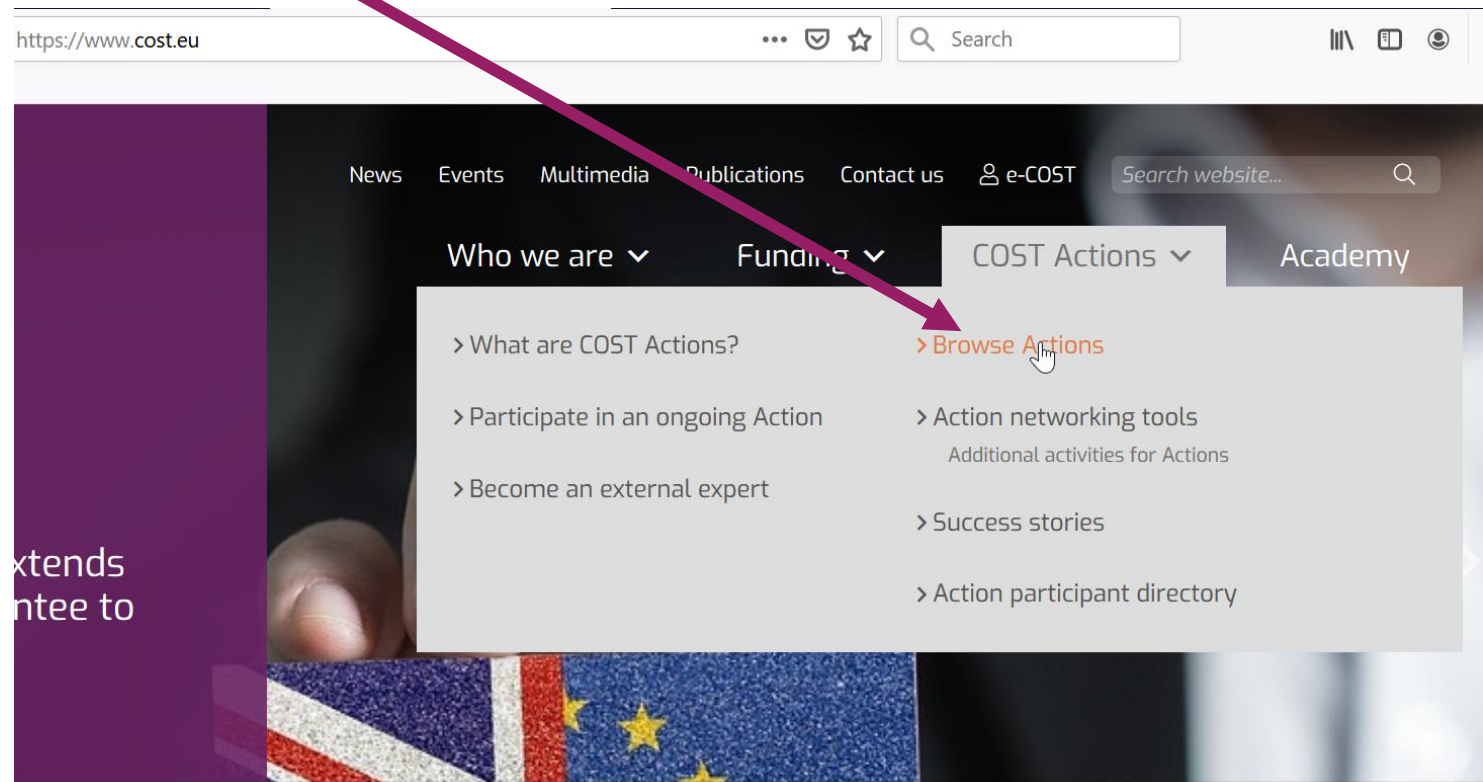
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Success rate

37%

# JOIN running COST Actions/ COST activities

- DO your research of COST Actions  
<https://www.cost.eu/cost-actions/browse-actions/>



# Browse the Actions


## Browse Actions

Home > Browse Actions

Action number or Text

Search in Title Only

Actions Limit:  Sort By:

 **CA18230** | 06/12/2019 - 05/12/2023  
Interactive Narrative Design for Complexity Representations

## Browse Actions

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Action number or Text

Search in Title Only

Start Date  End Date  Approval Year

Country  Science Field  Status  Active  Closed  All



# Identify the relevant Action(s)

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EUROPEAN COOPERATION  
IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

News Events Multimedia Publications Contact us e-COST Search website...

Who we are ▾ Funding ▾ COST Actions ▾ Academy

## CA18227 - The Core Outcome Measures for Food Allergy

Home > Browse Actions > The Core Outcome Measures for Food Allergy

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### Action Documents

- Action fact sheet
- Memorandum of Understanding



## POLL Q3

### How can I be involved in the COST Actions?

- Action Chair
- Joining to a running Action
- Ad-hoc participant, invited speaker
- I do not know

# **BREAK 5min**

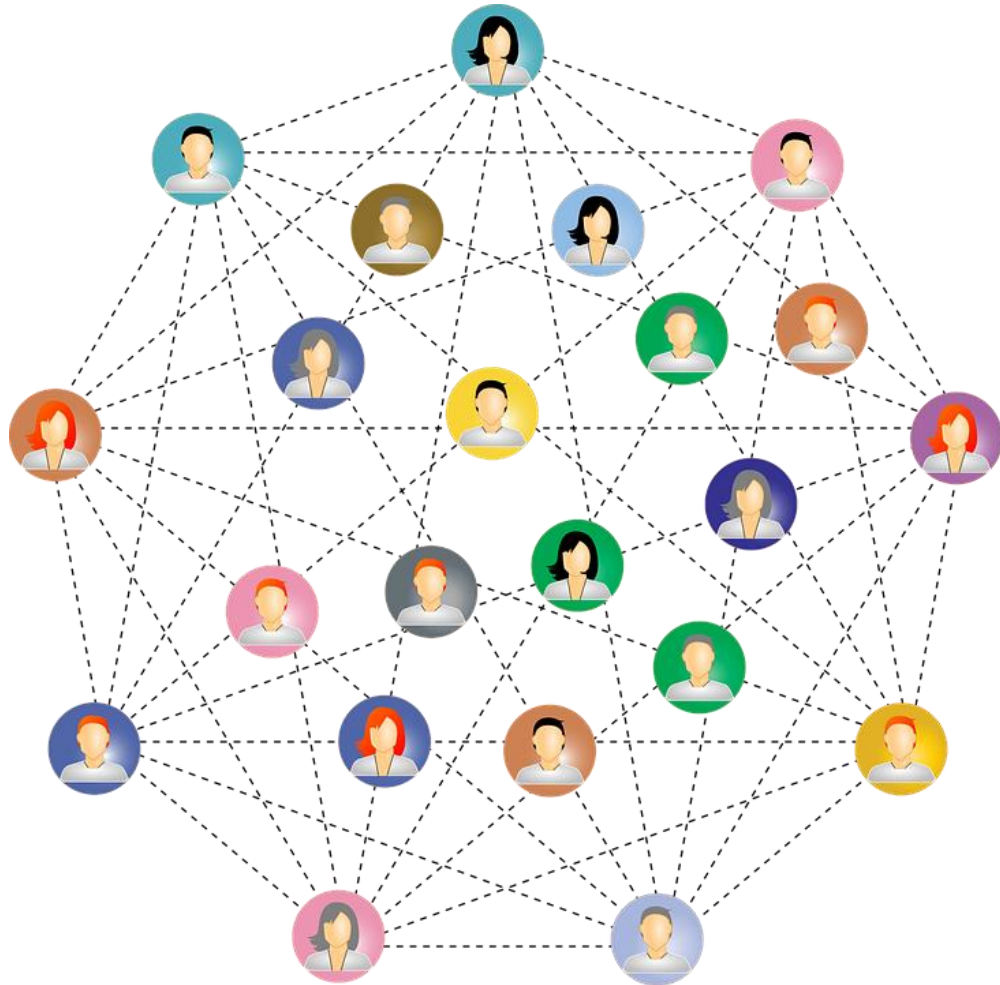
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## Benefits of participating in COST activities



## COST Benefits

- Scientific
- Networking
- Mobility, visibility
- Career opportunities
- Financial support

## COST Meetings and Training Schools:



- Knowledge creation and sharing
- Networking
- Mobility and visibility
- Career opportunities
- Financial support



## **COST Daily Allowance: flexibility**

### **Daily Allowance covers:**

- Hotel
- Meals
- Local travel in meeting country

### **Based on:**

- Meeting country (160-200 EUR)
- Travel times
- Meals offered by Local Organiser (-10% per provided meal)



**Daily Allowance can be adapted for each Meeting or Training School!**

## **COST Meetings' organisation:**



- **Visibility**
- **Networking**
- **Local colleagues and students involved**
- **Financial support**



# COST STSM Grants: advancing science, mobility and visibility



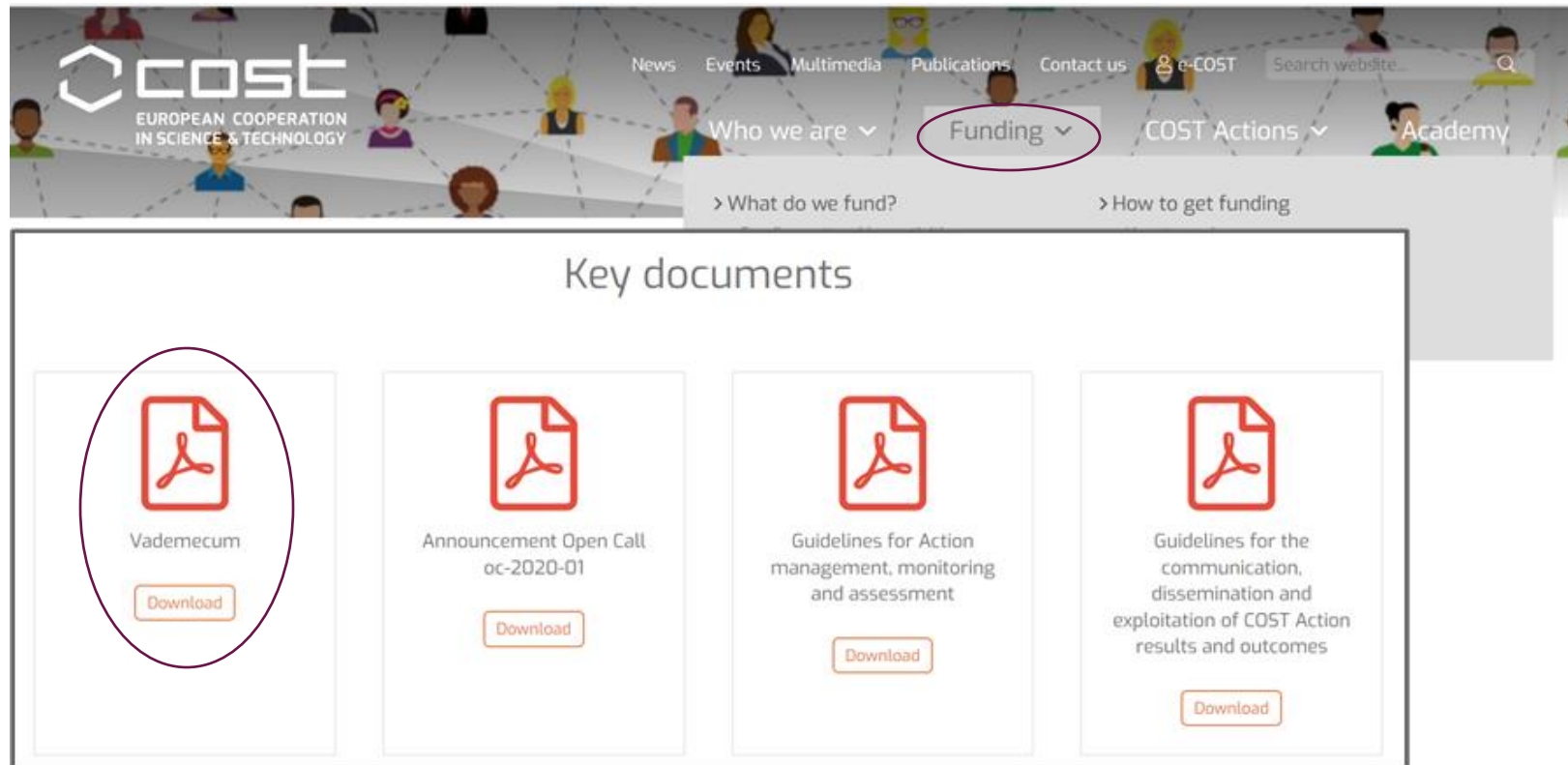
## **COST Dissemination: visibility**

- Website
- Scientific publications (Open Access) co-authored by 3 different parties
- Brochures, flyers, posters, proofreading, editing and layout...
- videos, podcasts, webinars, MOOC, animations and multimedia, training materials...



# COST rules in details: VADEMECUM

<https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-and-guidelines/>



The screenshot shows the COST website navigation menu with 'Funding' circled in red. Below the menu, the 'Key documents' section is displayed, featuring four document cards. The first card, 'Vademecum', has its icon circled in red. Each card includes a 'Download' button.

Document Title	Download Button
Vademecum	Download
Announcement Open Call oc-2020-01	Download
Guidelines for Action management, monitoring and assessment	Download
Guidelines for the communication, dissemination and exploitation of COST Action results and outcomes	Download

# Testimonials

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# Discussion and Q&A

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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.* ”