Growing
**ideas**
through
**networks**

# COST - European Cooperation in Science and Technology

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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".*

# COST - 45 years proven track record in research collaboration

**38 COST Countries:**

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, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, the Netherlands, the Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom

The countries in blue are the less research-intensive COST countries, also know as inclusiveness target countries (ITCs)

**1 Cooperating State:**
Israel

**Partner Member**
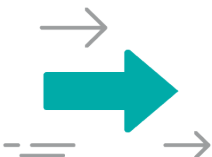South Africa

**Near Neighbour Countries:**
Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo*, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the Palestine**, Russia, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine

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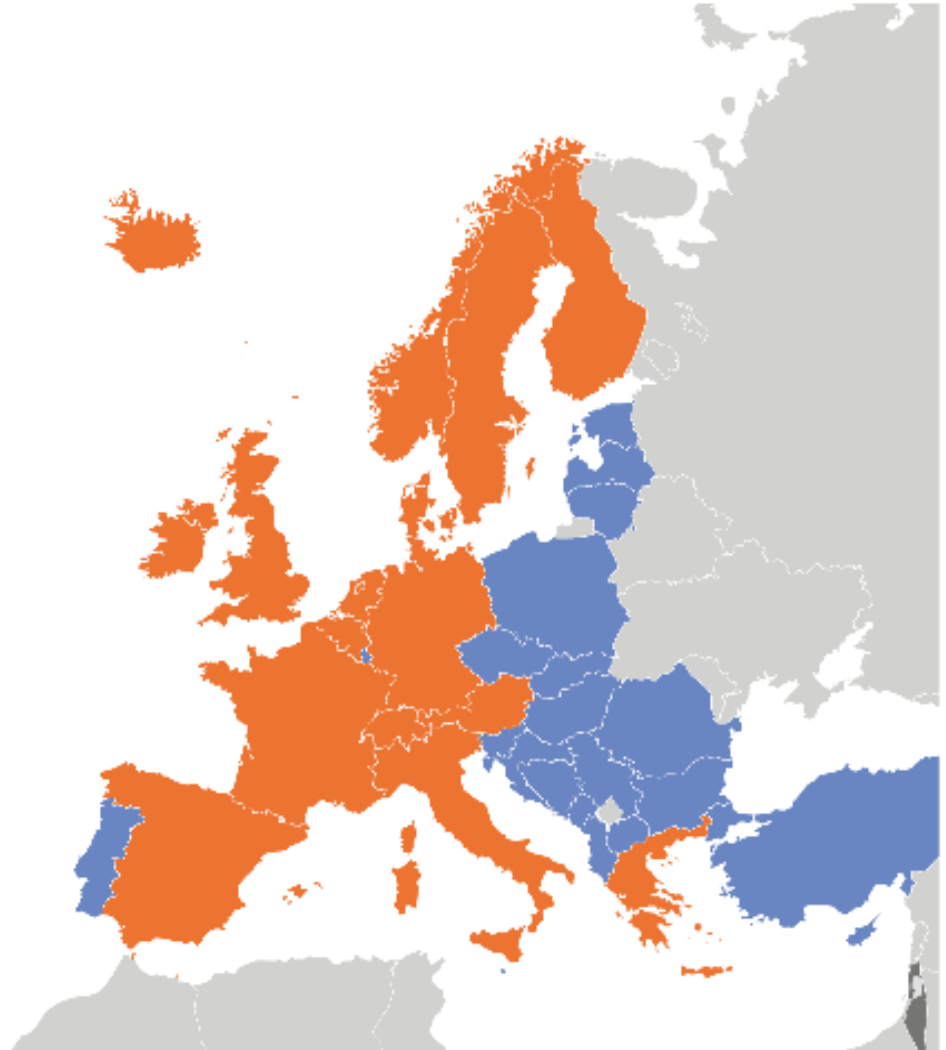
# COST key figures of 2018

**291** Running Actions

**213** Training schools

**€134,500** Average annual budget of a COST Action

**2,457** Short-term scientific missions

**45,000** Researchers involved in COST Actions

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

COST: The networking tool in the ERA and the pre-portal to other ERA funding schemes

# Pre-portal for European R&D funding

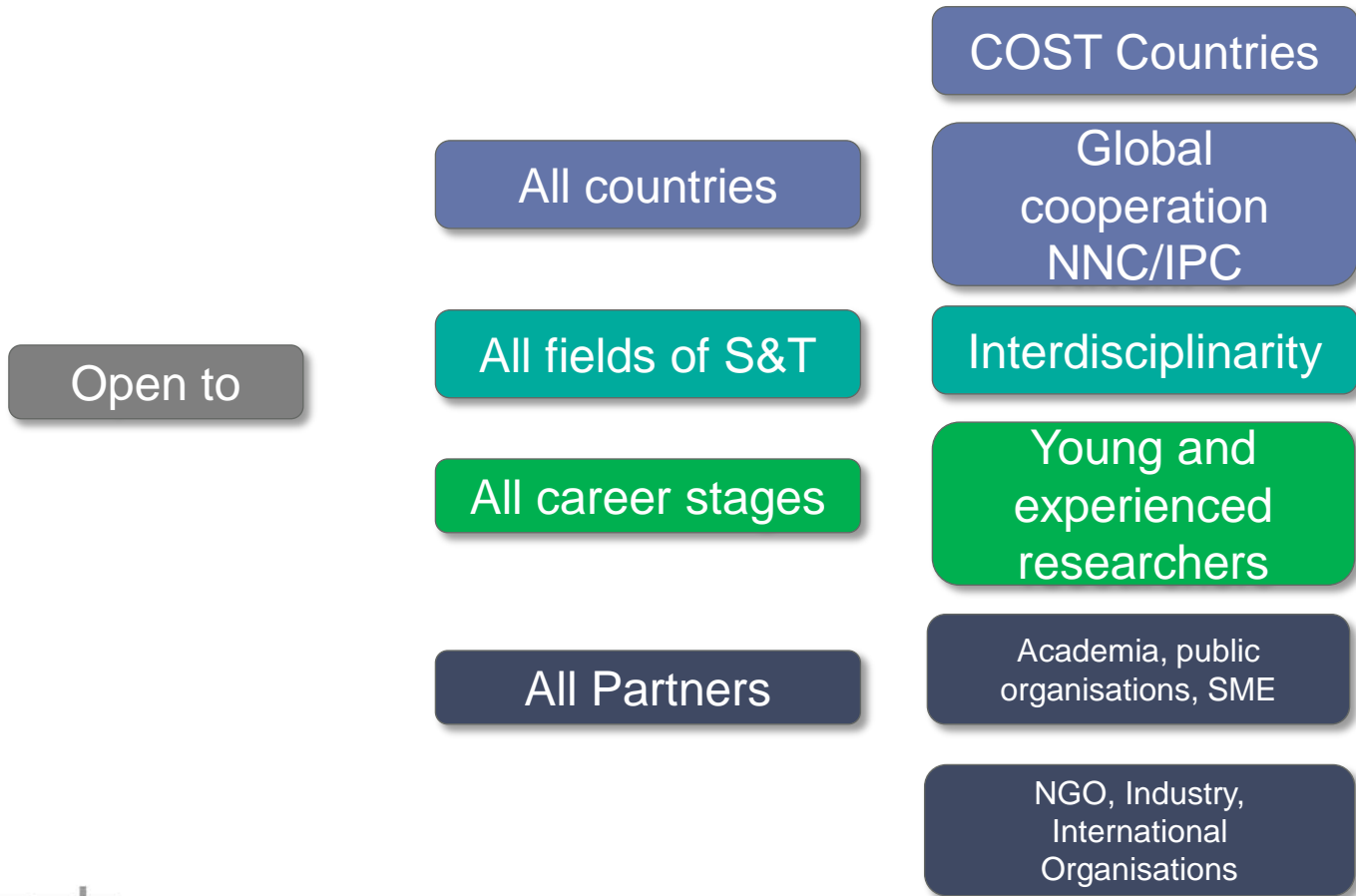| Horizon 2020 applications reported by finished COST Actions | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Actions with finished Final Action Report | Submitted H2020 proposals reported | Approved H2020 projects reported | Success rate |
| 114 | 392 | 131 | 33 % |

# Focused cooperation with COST NNCs

- Dedicated COST Awareness Day, Brussels, 03/04/2019

- COST national correspondents being nominated – request sent 23/05/2019

- COST Awareness Days

# How it works?



COST Action participants
nominated by COST National Coordinators

Main proposer

Secondary proposers

non-COST Countries

non-COST Countries

# COST Actions

| Open to | | |
|---|---|---|
| | | COST Countries |
| | All countries | Global cooperation NNC/IPC |
| | All fields of S&T | Interdisciplinarity |
| | All career stages | Young and experienced researchers |
| | All Partners | Academia, public organisations, SME |
| | | NGO, Industry, International Organisations |

# COST Actions

Memorandum of Understanding

4 years

Network

Min 7 COST Full Members

€ ~500 000 euros over lifetime

Research coordination and capacity building activities

# What are the networking tools of a COST Action?

**Research coordination & Capacity building activities**

**Management Committee meeting**

**Working Group meeting**

**Conferences**

**Training Schools**

**Dissemination**

**Scientific missions**
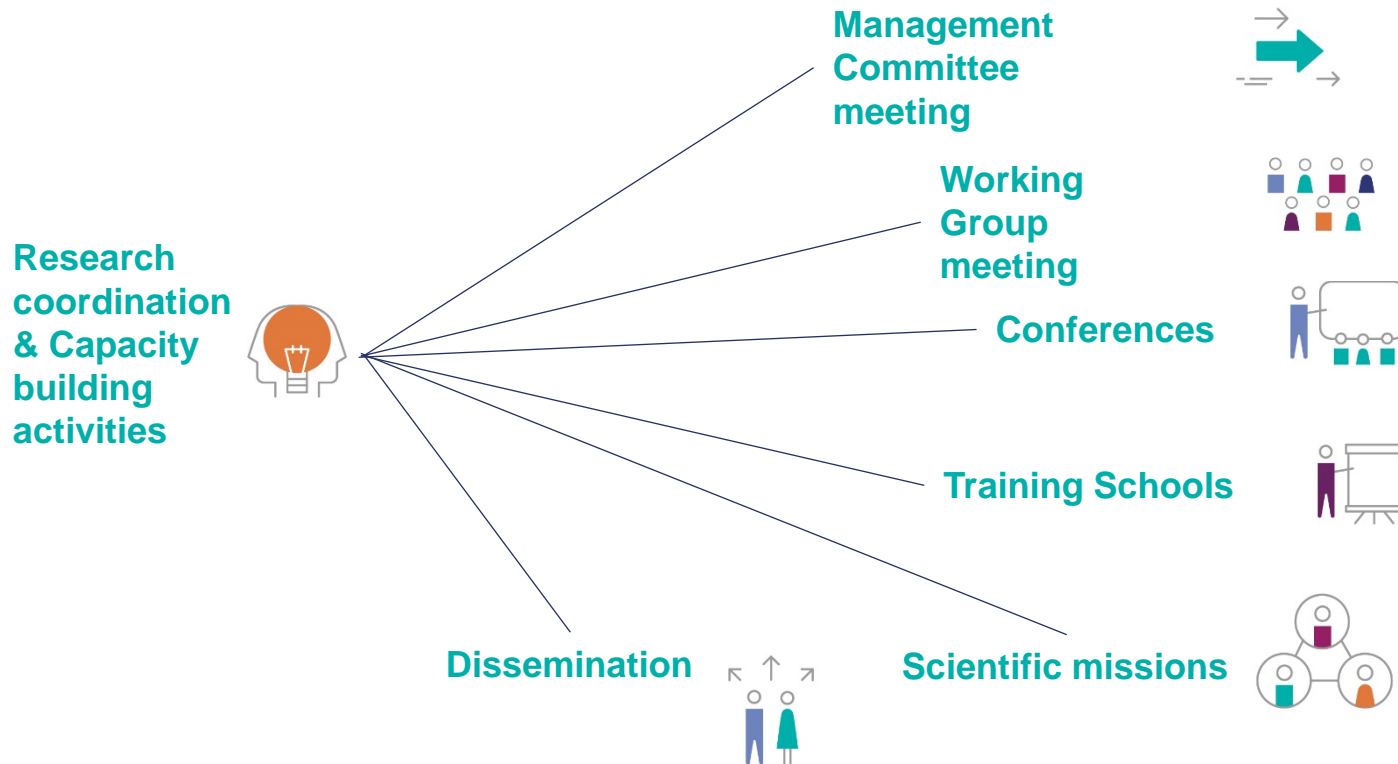
**How to engage with COST?**

1. Join a running COST Action as **participant**
2. Be among proposers of a COST Action (**secondary proposer**) – next collection date 05/09/2019
3. Become an **external expert** https://www.cost.eu/who-we-are/working-with-us/participate-external-expert/

# Near Neighbour Countries, NNCs, participation

- COST Actions are open to welcome non-COST country participants
- Participation is based on ascertained mutual benefit
- Engaging with COST: secondary proposer, joining an existing Action, become external expert
- Funding conditions: researchers from NNCs are eligible for reimbursement, COST Actions with NNC participants receive a top-up to their allocated budget
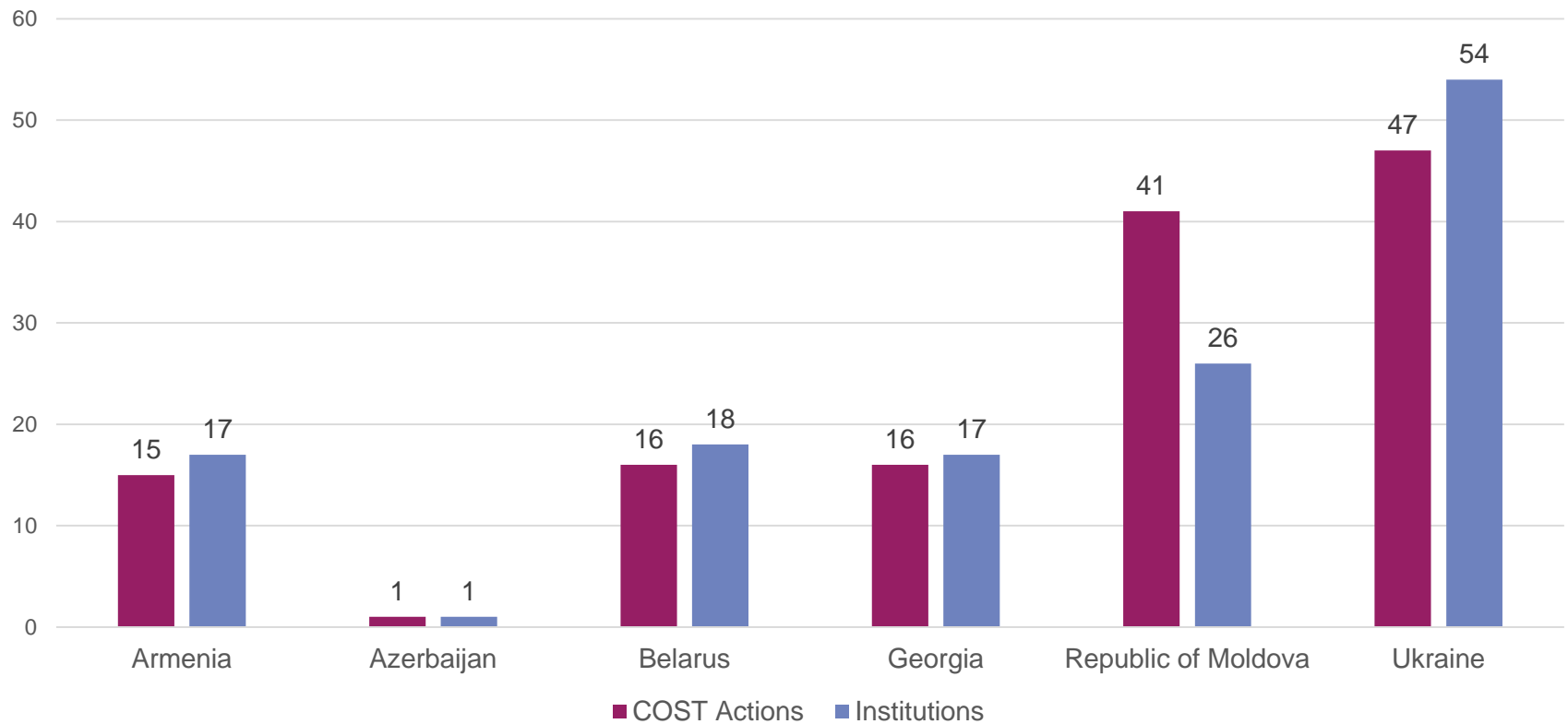
**Approval process for non-COST country participants**

- Letter of intent, based on mutual benefit, to the COST Action Chair

- Internal approval procedure, appr. 15 days (including Action Chair, Action MC, Head of Science Operations approval)

The request for joining an Action is made by the institution of the researcher assigning the individual scientist to the Action.

# EaP countries in running COST Actions, May 2019



Bar chart comparing COST Actions and Institutions across EaP countries:

| Country | COST Actions | Institutions |
|---|---|---|
| Armenia | 15 | 17 |
| Azerbaijan | 1 | 1 |
| Belarus | 16 | 18 |
| Georgia | 16 | 17 |
| Republic of Moldova | 41 | 26 |
| Ukraine | 47 | 54 |

- New batch of 40 new COST Actions to on 04 June 2019

https://www.cost.eu/news/40-new-actions-starting-in-autumn-2019/

- 40 COST Actions approved on 13/11/2018

https://www.cost.eu/news/get_involve_in_the_40_brand_new_actions_starting_in_spring_2019/

- Researchers coming to Brussels are welcome to contact COST and to pay COST a visit

# Thank you!

## Contact and engage with us!

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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.