

HORIZON

EUROPE



COST – OVERVIEW AND NOVELTIES



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COST - COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Promoting research collaboration in Europe
- Establishing and expanding research networks
- Bottom up and highly interdisciplinary
- Complementing national research funds
- Exclusively dedicated to cover collaboration activities
- Funding of scientific events, travel expenses for scientific purposes and promotion of publications

COST – TARGET GROUP

Researchers and innovators from

- Universities
- Public and private institutions
- NGOs
- Industry
- SMEs
- European/International organisations

RULES FOR PARTICIPATION I

- Network of Proposers: network of 7 different COST Full of Cooperating members
- Minimum: 50% of partners from ITC (21 Inclusiveness Target Countries)
- Details described in the SESA guidelines:

Submission

Evaluation

Selection

Approval

[Download SESA Guidelines](#)

RULES FOR PARTICIPATION II

- Particular emphasis: researchers from less-research-intensive COST Member countries (Inclusiveness Target Countries, ITC)
- All career stages, emphasis on actively involving young researchers (ECIs) in networks
- Consider also
 - Researchers from Near Neighbour Countries (NNCs) and International Partner Countries (IPCs)
 - Gender equality
 - Geographical balance
 - Interdisciplinary
 - Intersectoral approach

ROLES, DURATION & BUDGET

- Project Roles:
 - Chair / Vice Chair
 - Grant Holder
 - ITC: leading role
 - NNC/IPC: „clearly beneficial“/“mutual benefit“
- Project duration: 4 years
- Budget: approx. 130,000 EUR / Action / year (Consortium with 25 participants on average)

ACTIVITIES FUNDED

Funding for networking!

- Travel Costs
- Organisation of events
 - workshops
 - conferences
 - working group meetings
 - training schools
 - short-term scientific missions
- Dissemination and communication activities
 - Publications
 - Info-material
 - Website
- Lump sum for admin. personnel

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

SUCCESS RATES

- Last Collection Date: 13 November 2020
- 502 Applications submitted
- 474 were eligible for evaluation
- remote evaluation 18 December – 15 January 2021, Review Panel Meeting 23 -25 March
- Results expected for end of May 2021
- About 40-45 Actions to be funded

→ Success Rate 8-9%

UPDATE BREXIT

No changes until 31 October 2021 (= end of COST in Horizon 2020)!

- COST covers all activities of Action participants from UK
- UK can participate in COST Actions and partners get funding
- Running COST Actions are not affected

COST funding guaranteed for UK affiliated participants until the end of Horizon 2020

- Withdrawal Agreement: between European Union and the UK as of 1 February 2020
- Conclusion of a Trade and Cooperation Agreement on 30 December 2020
- Adoption of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement → UK will participate as an associated country to Horizon Europe

AUSTRIA – PARTICIPATION IN RUNNING ACTIONS

Currently, 292 COST Actions are running

497 AT-Nominations in running projects
(Status Feb 2021):

- 9 Action Chairs
- 7 Vice Chairs
- 180 Suppleants
- 299 Delegates
- 2 MC EC Agency

Thematic fields of Actions

- Natural Sciences: 79
- Engineering and Technology: 52
- Medical and Health Sciences: 53
- Agricultural Sciences: 22
- Social Sciences: 50
- Humanities: 20

AUSTRIA – CHAIRED ACTIONS

CA Number	Title
CA15203	Mitochondrial mapping: Evolution - Age - Gender - Lifestyle - Environment
CA15216	European Network of Bioadhesion Expertise: Fundamental Knowledge to Inspire Advanced Bonding Technologies
CA16124	Brillouin Light Scattering Microspectroscopy for Biological and Biomedical Research and Applications
CA17121	Correlated Multimodal Imaging in Life Sciences
CA17133	Implementing nature based solutions for creating a resourceful circular city
CA18124	European Sexual Medicine Network
CA18205	Worlds of Related Coercions in Work
CA18216	Network for Research in Vascular Ageing
CA18219	Research network for including geothermal technologies into decarbonized heating and cooling grids

INTERESTED IN RUNNING ACTIONS?

- Screen the list of COST Actions with open positions to join → anything that looks interesting to you?

<https://www.ffg.at/europa/cost/bereiche-at-offen>

- Get some more info about a particular running COST Action:

<https://www.cost.eu/cost-actions/browse-actions/>

COST INNOVATORS GRANTS (CIG)

Aim:

- complementing existing initiatives on innovation in H2020 → focus on networking activities, only available to participants from running COST Actions
- Almost seamless implementation of CIG activities after the end of COST-Actions
- CIG: 1 year extension of activities
- CIG funding covers activities required to turn research network outputs into either a commercial or technical proposition
 - Enhancing the success of breakthrough innovations
 - Building bridges between the scientific research performed in COST Actions and marketable applications and/or societal solutions
 - Exploring the innovation potential

Guidelines: [Funding Documents COST Innovators Grant](#)

COST SUCCESS STORIES - EXAMPLE



CHAOS: C-H Activation in Organic Synthesis
Project Lead TU-Vienna, Action with researchers from 32 countries

Duration: March 2016 – March 2020
Funding: appr. 700,000 Euro

Credit: Viktor Savic

CHAOS: <https://www.ffg.at/news/success-story-mit-chaos-zu-einem-praktischen-werkzeug-fuer-die-organische-chemie>

NEXT STEPS

- For new COST Actions:
Next collection date for COST: 29th October 2021
<https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/open-call/>
- One-stage submission via the [e-COST submission tool](#)
- Training for Applicants: September 2021
- What else can you do? Join a running COST Action and screen the list with open positions
<https://www.ffg.at/europa/cost/bereiche-at-offen>

INFORMATION AND LINKS

COST Website:

- <https://www.cost.eu/>
- <https://www.ffg.at/europa/heu/cost>

Documents and guidelines:

- <https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-and-guidelines/>
- [COST Vademecum](#)

Youtube Chanel:

- <https://www.youtube.com/user/COSTOffice>

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