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Scientists and researchers from the 35 COST Member Countries and the Cooperating State can participate in science and technology networks known as COST Actions by:



- Submitting a proposal for a new COST Action
- Joining an existing COST Action
- Becoming involved in specific COST Action activities
- Becoming a COST Expert

What are COST Actions?

COST Actions are bottom-up **science and technology networks, open to researchers and stakeholders** with a duration of four years. They are active through a range of [networking tools](#), such as workshops, conferences, training schools, short-term scientific missions (STSMs), and dissemination activities. **COST does not fund research itself.**

COST prides in its support for high-risk, innovative and emerging research themes. However, **COST does not set any research priorities.**

COST Actions can also pave the way to or establish synergies with [EU-funded research projects](#). Moreover, collaboration within research projects can also lead to new Actions, thus enhancing the networking potential of such consortia.

Who can participate?

Participation is open to researchers:

- in universities, research centres, large and small, public and private organisations from all 35 COST Member Countries and its Cooperating State
- from any science and technology field
- at any career stage
- having any original, innovative idea

Particular emphasis is placed on the COST ["inclusiveness" countries](#) ensuring the aim of [widening participation](#).

Researchers from [Near Neighbour Countries](#) and [International Partner Countries](#) can also participate in a COST Action on the basis of ascertained mutual benefit.

You may refer to the [Rules for Participation in and Implementation of COST Activities](#) for further details on participation.

COST Action Funding

The average COST Action budget depends on the number of [COST Countries](#) participating in the Action.

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Key Documents

- ▶ [A. Rules for Participation in and Implementation of COST Activities \(132-14\)](#) (PDF, 335 kB)
- ▶ [B.1. COST Action Proposal Submission Evaluation and Approval \(133-14\)](#) (PDF, 267 kB)
- ▶ [B.2. COST Action Management, Monitoring and Final Assessment \(134-14\)](#) (PDF, 341 kB)
- ▶ [B.3. COST International Cooperation and Specific Organisations Participation \(135-14\)](#) (PDF, 214 kB)

