

COST

European Cooperation in Science and Technology

COST Seminar

**COST in Western Balkans and the Activities of the Research,
Innovation and Business Network (RIBN)**

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COST overview

COST and neighbouring countries

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The COST mission

Strengthen Europe in scientific and technological research for peaceful purposes through the support of cooperation and interaction between European researchers

The COST programme, based on an inter-governmental agreement, is a long-running, economical and highly successful way to spread awareness and build networks between Europe's researchers.

It reflects the human dimension of science, helping researchers to share not only the results of their work but also their aims and methods.

COST main characteristics

**“Bottom-up” –
no fixed programmes /
priorities**

**Flexible participation –
join in if you are interested**

**Focus on multidisciplinary
cooperation**

**Enabling agent – Promotion of
Early Stage Researchers**

Pan-European dimension

**Open to global cooperation in
the mutual interest**

**Coordination through
cooperation in networks**

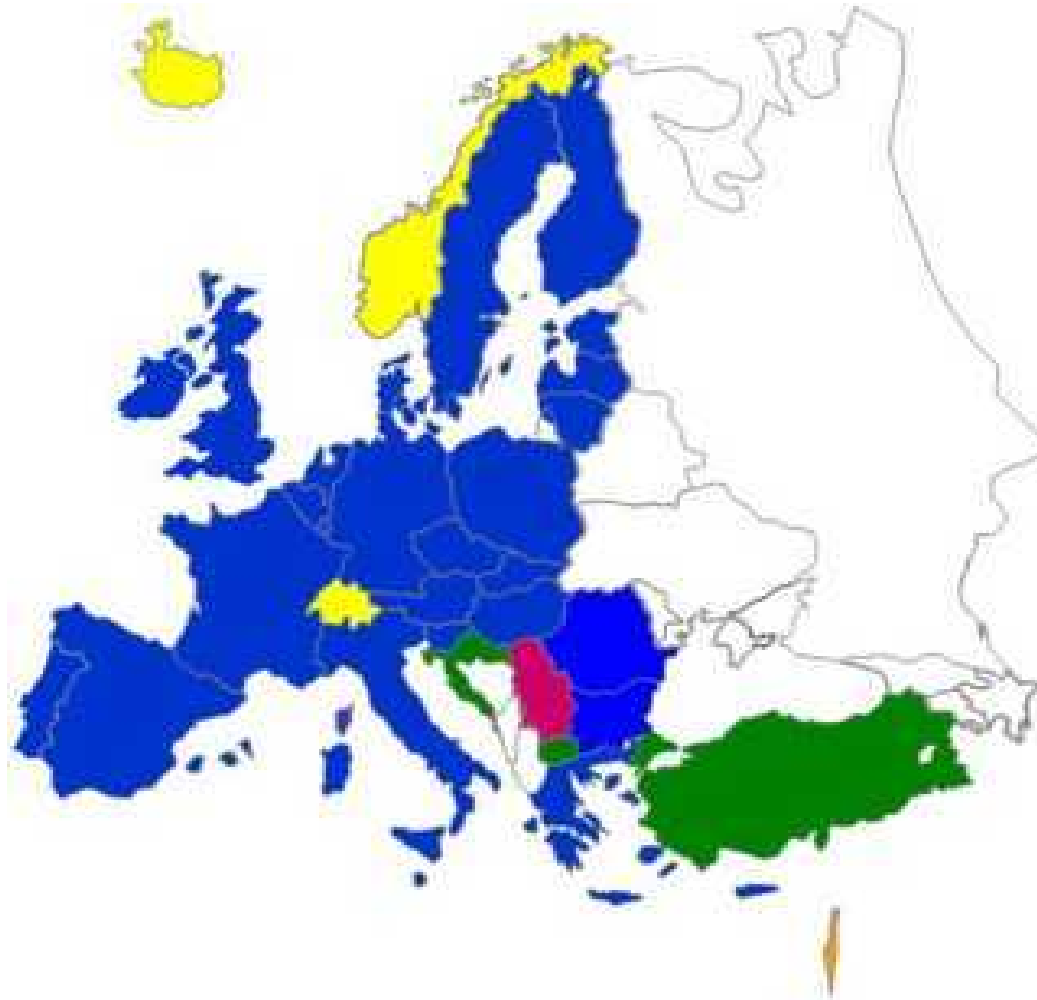
**“Non-competitive”
(pre-normative; public
utility)**

**Networks based on funded
(research) projects
– national responsibility**

Equal access / Open Call

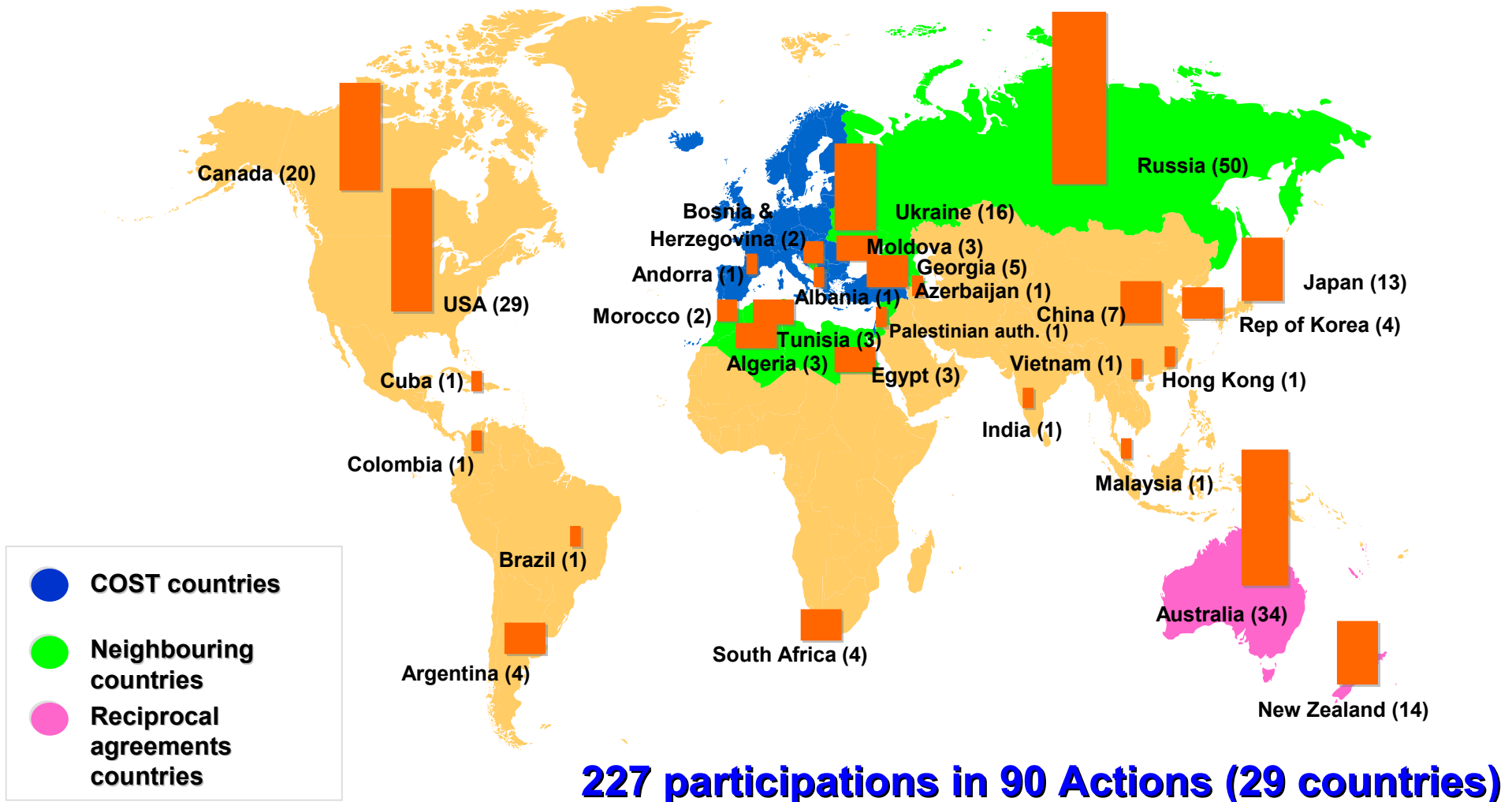
Building bridges

COST Countries



- ◆ The 27 EU Member States
- ◆ EFTA Member States
 - ▶ Iceland
 - ▶ Norway
 - ▶ Switzerland
- ◆ Acceding & Candidate Countries
 - ▶ Croatia
 - ▶ FYR of Macedonia (FYROM)
 - ▶ Turkey
- ◆ Potential Candidate Countries
 - ▶ Republic of Serbia
- ◆ COST Co-operating States
 - ▶ Israel

COST Actions: global participation 2008 (status: November)



- COST countries
- Neighbouring countries
- Reciprocal agreements countries

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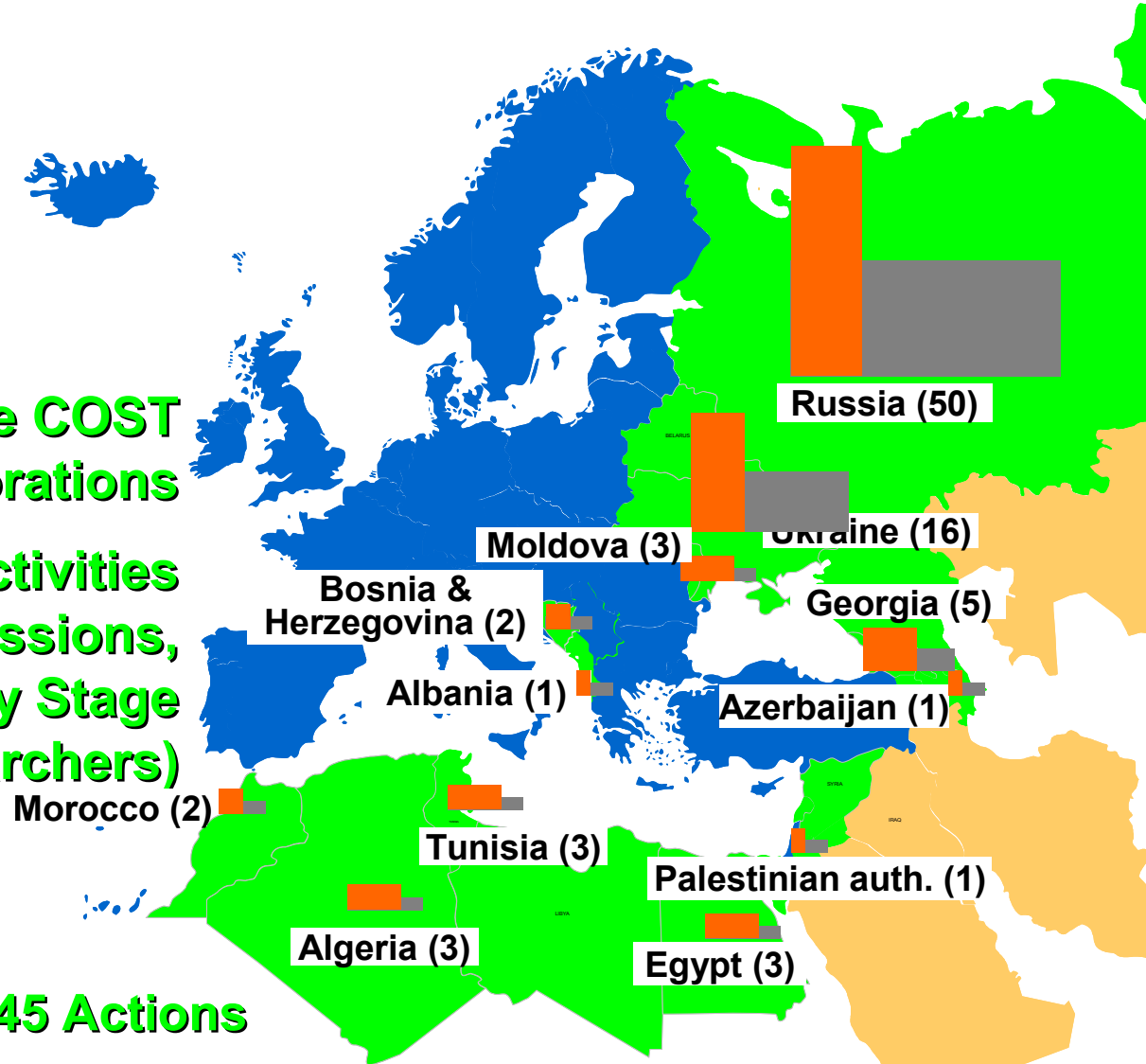
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COST and the Neighbouring Countries

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Special budget line in the COST system to facilitate collaborations

Specific exchange activities (Short Term Scientific Missions, focus on Early Stage Researchers)



In 2008: 90 participations in 45 Actions

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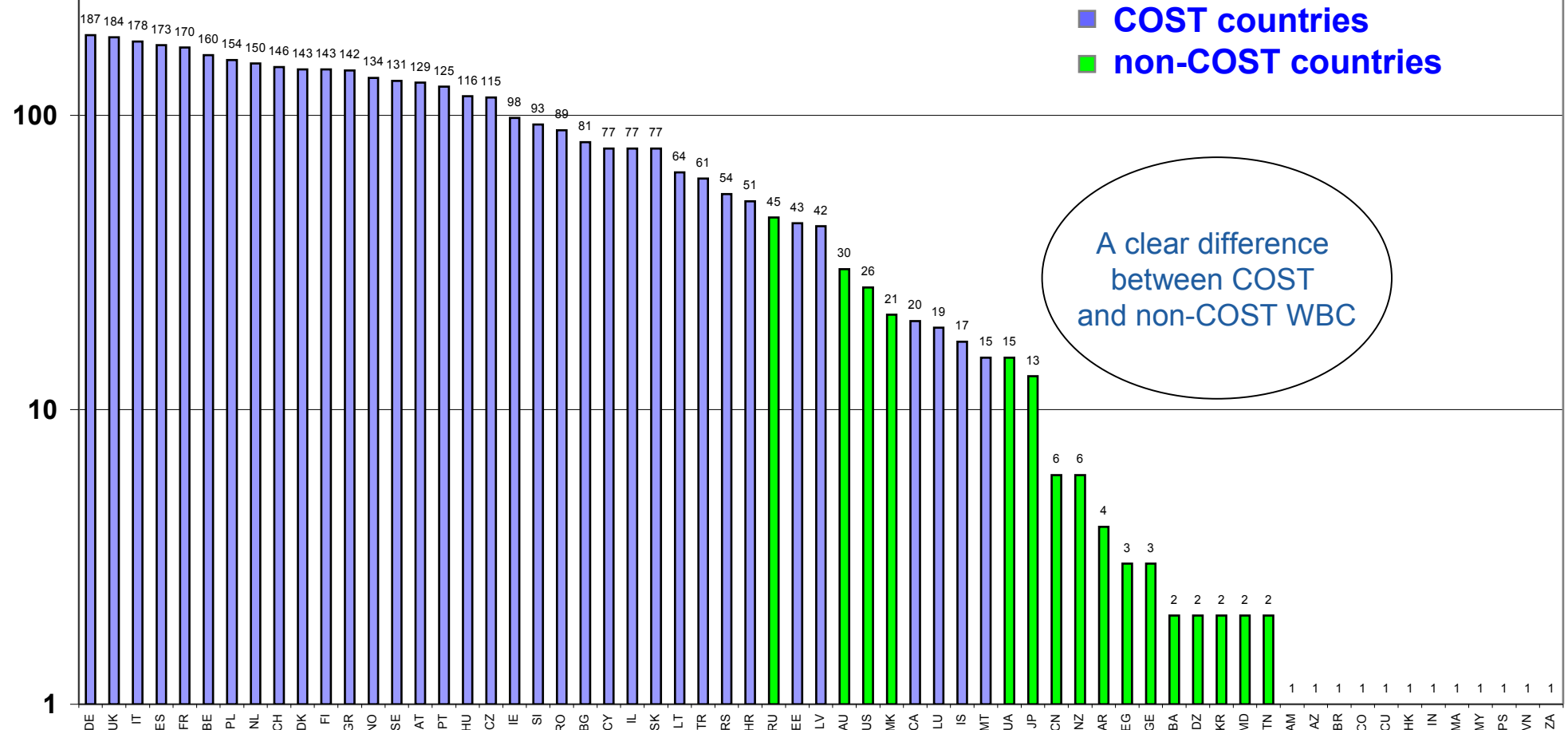
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COST Actions – Participation by country (May 2008)

Max. 187-150 – DE, UK, IT, ES, FR, BE, PL, NL



A clear difference between COST and non-COST WBC

COST activities in the Balkans

Objectives

Increase participation, especially from non-COST WBC
Increase success ratio of received proposals

Action plan: Key dimensions

Awareness spreading: Information Days, promotional events, networking

Education: COST training days

Facilitation.

Key challenges

Insufficient local coordination

National funding

Cultural barriers

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About COST 2008 (PDF, 1 MB)
COST Overview - October 2008

Related Documents

Related Links

EU Research and Innovation - General framework

EU Seventh Framework Programme

Research at the European Commission

European Research Area (ERA)

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