



COST

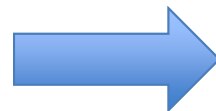
COST: Today's Viewpoint

Dr Ángeles Rodríguez-Peña
COST CSO President



Lessons to be learned from the history of COST

- Since its origins COST has had a troubled existence
- The paradoxical success of COST: an unexpected successful cooperation:
 - Openness
 - Pragmatism
 - Adaptation to a changing background



Stability



COST in figures:

- 1971
- 19 → 36
- 850+ (200+)
- 0.42% (210 MEUR) or 0.49% (250 MEUR)
- 40 000
- 1%
- 4
- 356



Ministerial Messages:

- COST's progress has been successful and should continue
- The CSO to steer COST towards the future
- COST as contributor to the ERA
- The European Union should maintain a strong and active involvement in all aspects of COST

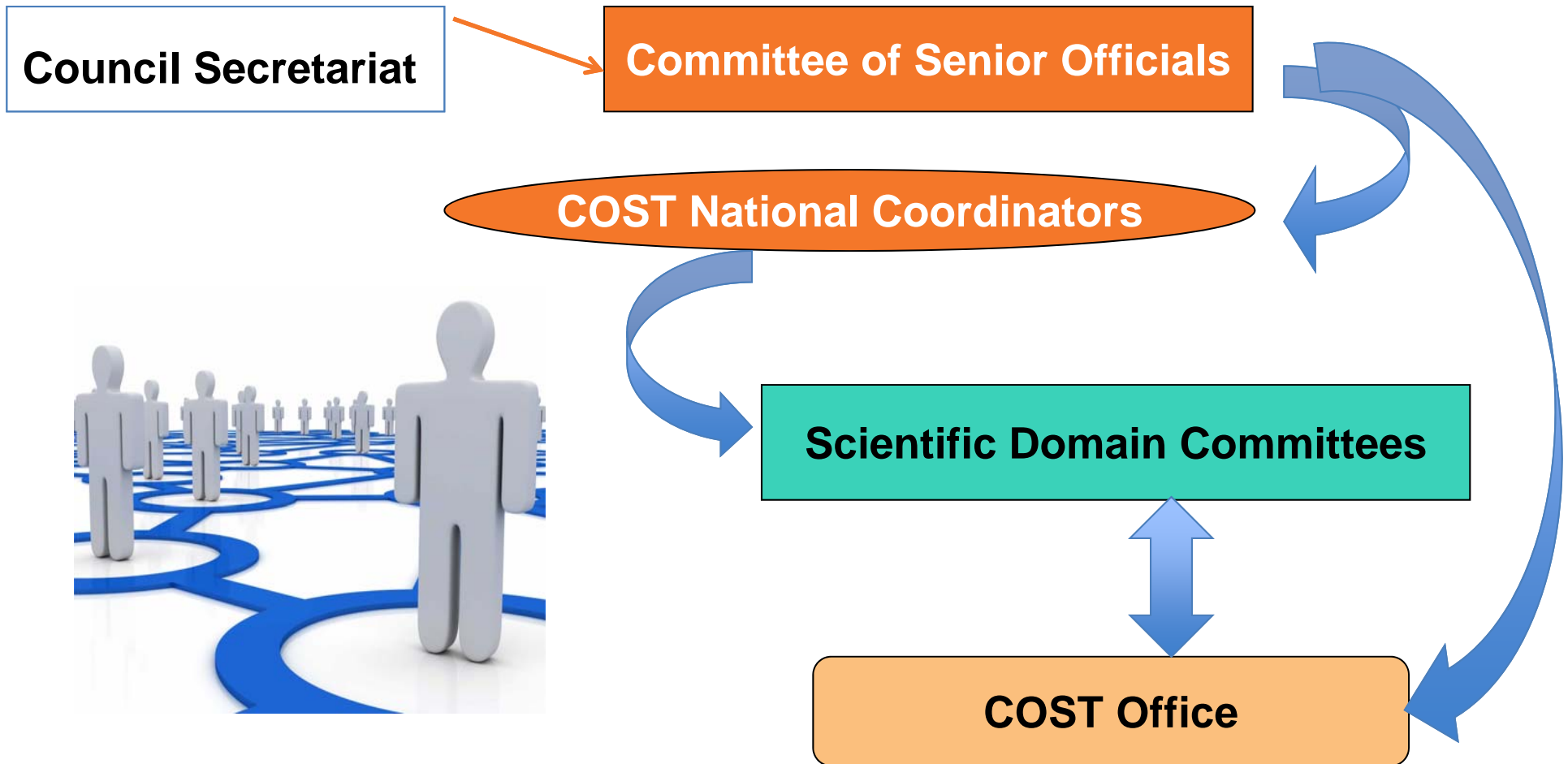


Ministerial Messages:

COST must:

- Maintain an efficient organisation in serving the European scientific community and society at large
- Respond in a flexible manner to any future developments

Building blocks of COST



Who do we work for?



Scientists and researchers, bringing back to the society the benefit of their work



COST's mission



COST enables break-through scientific developments leading to new concepts and products and thereby contributes to strengthen Europe's research and innovation capacities.

COST key features are:



- building capacity by connecting excellence research communities through Europe and worldwide: **Inclusiveness**
- providing networking opportunities for **early career investigators**
- increasing the **impact** of research on policy makers, regulatory bodies and national decision makers as well as the private sector.

COST – Strategic Goals



1. Best performance
2. Output orientation
3. Better cooperation
 - Within COST countries
 - Use of full research potential, strengths & complementarities
 - Beyond, Open to scientist world over:
 - mutual benefit, building trust with partner countries

COST – Strategic Goals



4. Good Governance

- Adapt roles of the different levels in its decision making process
- Methods of the highest quality and efficiency
- Values integrated in the COST code of conduct



CONCLUSION

COST is fully committed to encouraging science-based innovation and to achieve the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy

COST will use its intergovernmental organisation as a forum to support the required coordination and mutually consistent approaches among COST members to respond to major societal questions to respond promptly and competently to future challenges



Thank you.

■ **Mark the date in your calendar!**
18 to 20 October 2011

www.cost.eu

'Networks of Science'
COST Exhibition

European Parliament
Brussels

Dr Ángeles Rodríguez-Peña
President of the COST CSO

C/O COST Office
Avenue Louise 149
1050 Brussels, Belgium
T: +32 (0)2 533 3864
F: +32 (0)2 533 3890
president@cost.eu
www.cost.eu/president