

# 2017 COST OPEN CALL FOR COST ACTIONS

## WHAT ARE COST ACTIONS?

Pan-European science and technology networks of researchers, engineers and scholars. These networks allow them to grow their ideas by sharing them with their peers, which gives impetus to their research and career, and triggers innovative products and services.

## MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

### OPENNESS

- All fields of S&T, including interdisciplinary, new, emergent fields
- Any novel or original idea
- The chance to join ongoing COST Actions

### INCLUSIVENESS

Actively engaging the whole research community across countries, generations and gender



## WHO CAN SUBMIT?



## BENEFITS



### SOLELY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN

- Open to all scientific and technological fields
- Focus on excellence



### SIMPLE

- One submission stage
- User-friendly IT tools



### TRANSPARENT

- Straightforward process
- Independent peer review

## KEY DATES

The COST open call is open all year round. Collection dates are organised every year, when proposal enter the evaluation process.

The next collection date is 7 September 2017 (12:00 CET).



## 1 IDEA AND TEAM

You propose an innovative idea linked to a specific challenge in your field of expertise, potentially leading to a scientific or technological breakthrough. You need to have at least seven (7) peers interested in the idea, from at least seven (7) COST Members.



TIPS

- Identify your research challenge and explain how tackling it could lead to breakthroughs
- Demonstrate how networking helps tackle the challenge
- Present a detailed plan to reach your objectives in 4 years
- Show you are able to engage the right stakeholders, having a balanced European participation, gender representation and various career stages
- Explain how you will maximise the impact of your idea

## 9 COST ACTION STARTS

With the first meeting of its decision making body (Management Committee).

## 8 DECISION COMMUNICATION

If approved, you are now informed about the CSO decision.

## 7 CSO DECISION

The Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), the governing board of COST, approves the shortlisted Actions to receive funding.

## 6 SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Intergovernmental committee of independent, high-level experts selecting the proposals best reflecting the COST mission and policies. They set up a final list of proposals for the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO).

## 5 REVIEW PANEL

Ad hoc group of experts set up a proposal ranking based on previous input. You will now be informed if your proposal has been shortlisted for the next step.

## 4 EXTERNAL EXPERTS

Three independent external experts evaluate each proposal's focus on excellence in science and technology, on impact and implementation, and draw up a report.

## 2 PROPOSAL COMPLETION

Complete your proposal via e-COST, the online submission tool, before 7 September 2017 (12:00 CET). Guidelines available on [www.cost.eu/opencall](http://www.cost.eu/opencall)

## 3 PROPOSAL COLLECTION

Proposals are collected on 7 September 2017.



## Growing ideas through networks