



Growing
ideas
through
networks

Promoting and Spreading Excellence – introduction to the COST Programme

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COST - 45 years proven track record in research collaboration

- 38 COST Members

Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, The Netherlands, The Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and United Kingdom

- 1 Cooperating Member

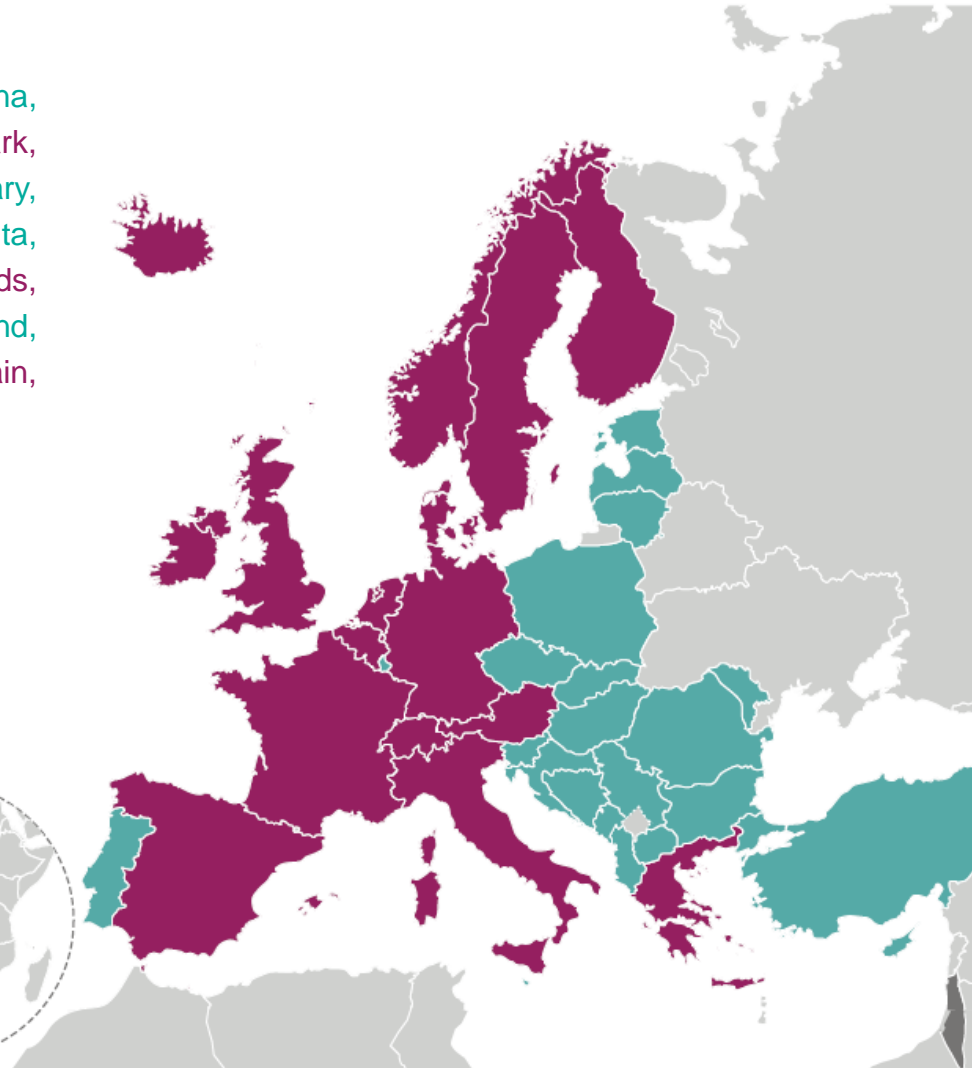
Israel

- 1 Partner Member

South Africa

- Near Neighbour Countries participation

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo*, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine**, Russia, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine



*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

**This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

- COST Members
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- Other Countries
- COST Cooperating Member
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COST key figures of 2019

292 
Running Actions

204 
Training schools

 €134,500
Average annual budget
of a COST Action

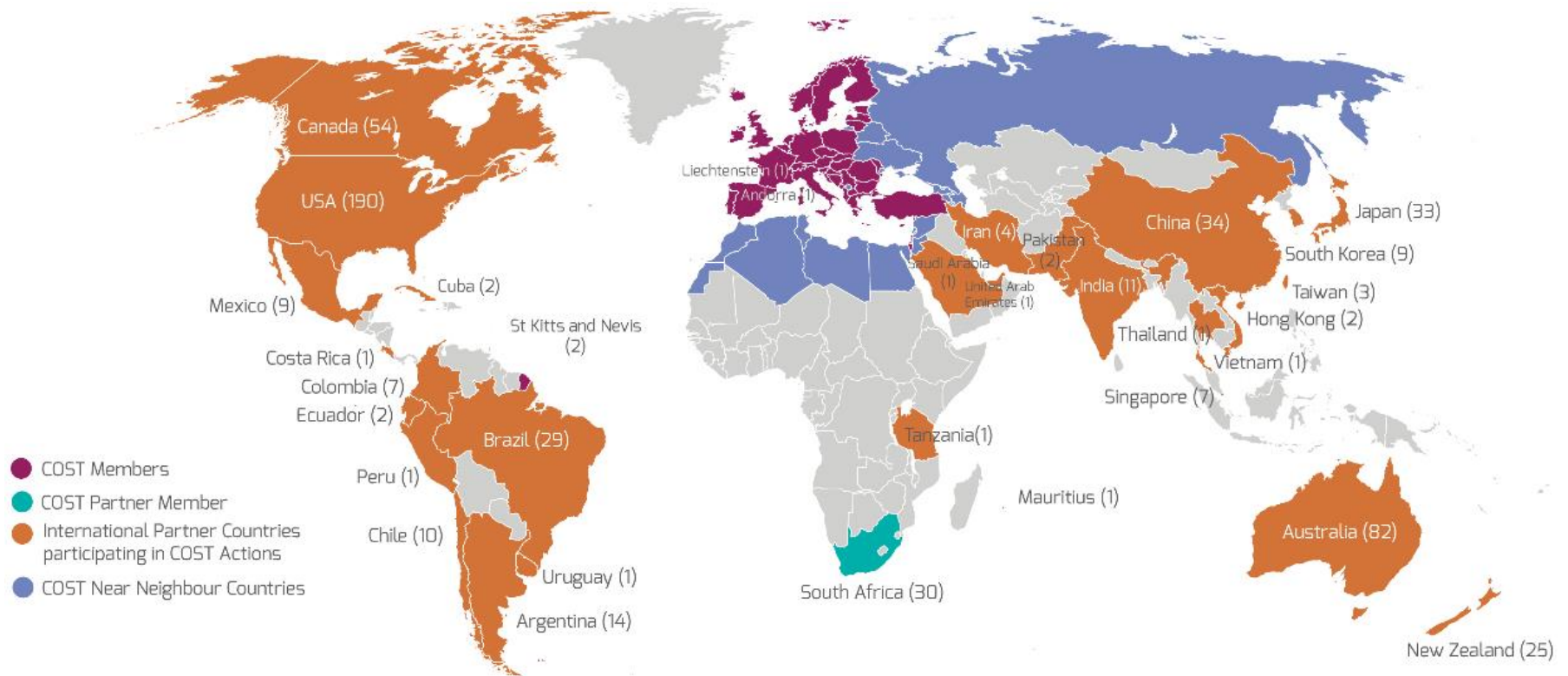
 2,130
Short-term scientific missions


45,000
Researchers involved
in COST Actions

 €300 million
COST budget (from Horizon
2020 for a 7 year period)

COST: The networking tool in the ERA and the pre-portal to other ERA funding schemes

Global networking



COST Action - Composing of global networks (mutual benefit)

COST Action participants
nominated by COST National Coordinators



Main proposer



Secondary proposers





Benefit of participation in a COST Action

- Be a recognised member of leading scientific networks
- Career advancement opportunities
- International mobility and visibility

- 29 COST Actions, 10% of the running ones, affiliated to 23 different institutions, i.e. Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), the Rio de Janeiro Federal University and University of Campinas

COST Acting as a pre-portal for FP funding

Horizon 2020 applications reported by finished COST Actions

Total Actions with
finished Final Action
Report

233

Submitted H2020
proposals reported

798

Approved H2020
projects reported

296

Success rate

37%


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 COST Association

 COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)

“ The opportunity for science lies in creating an unlimited space where crossovers between ideas and people can change the world for the better. ”