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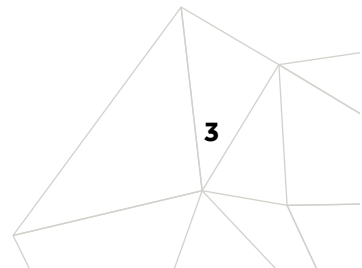
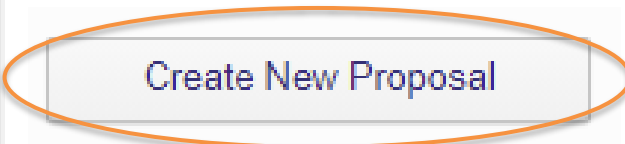
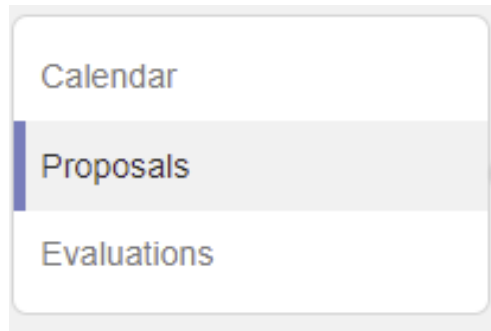
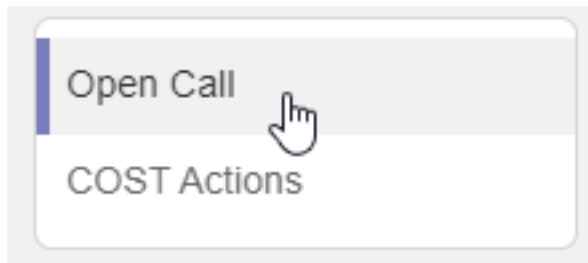
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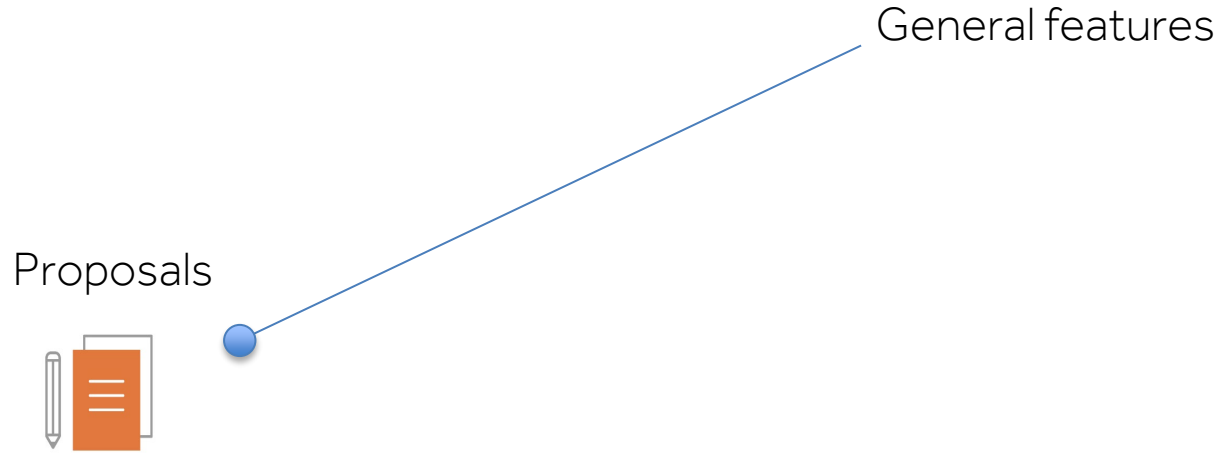
Open Call for proposals – how to apply

- Create an account e-COST: <https://www.cost.eu/ecost>
- Open Call > Proposals > Create new proposal





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Science Field	Health Sciences
Research Area	Health Services, Health Care Research



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Proposals



a. General features

b. Technical Annex

1. S&T excellence

2. Networking Excellence

3. Impact

4. Implementation



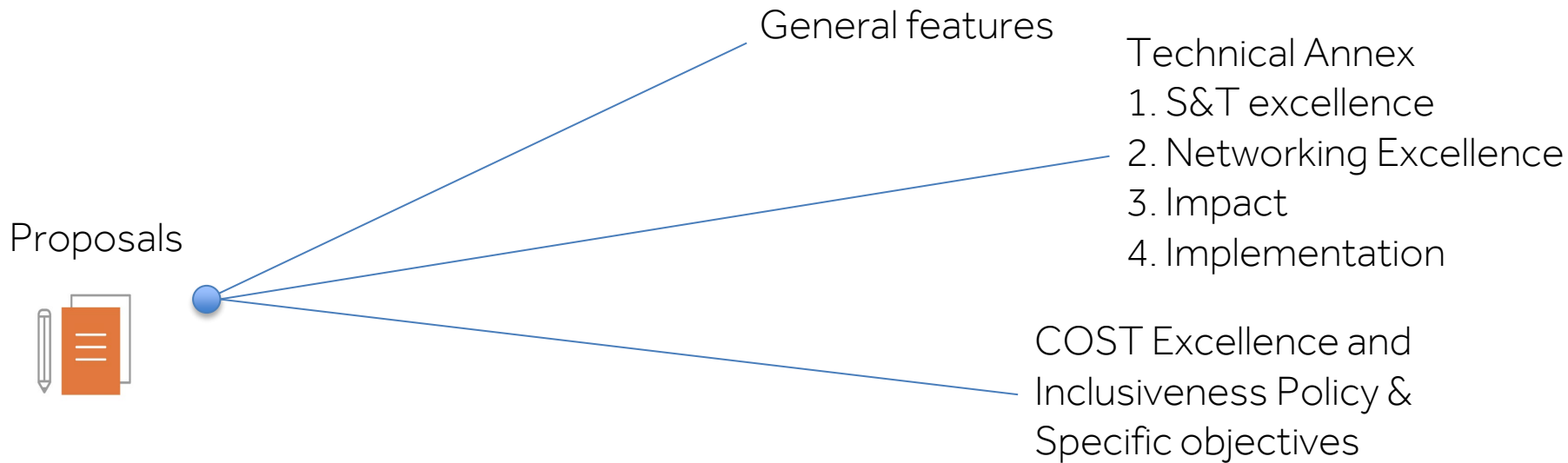
Section Technical Annex

Sections	Sub-sections
1. S&T EXCELLENCE	1.1 soundness of the challenge 1.2 progress beyond the state-of-the-art
2. NETWORKING EXCELLENCE	2.1 added value of networking in S&T excellence 2.2 added value of networking in impact
3. IMPACT	3.1 impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/breakthroughs 3.2 measures to maximise impact
4. IMPLEMENTATION	4.1 coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

- Downloadable Word template
- Max. 15 pages
- Diagrams and figures accepted



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COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

Promoting

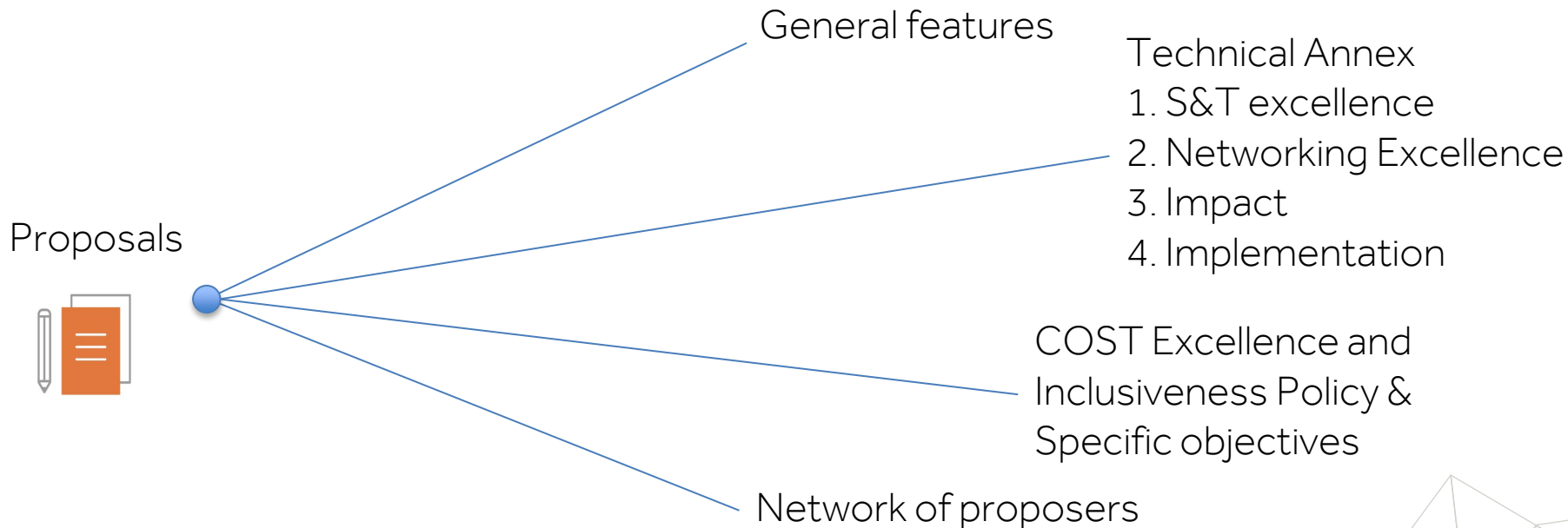
- **geographical balance** (ITC)
- **age balance** (young researchers)
- **gender balance** throughout its activities

Objectives

- identifying excellence in science and technology across Europe
- increasing research communities' access to funding and infrastructures

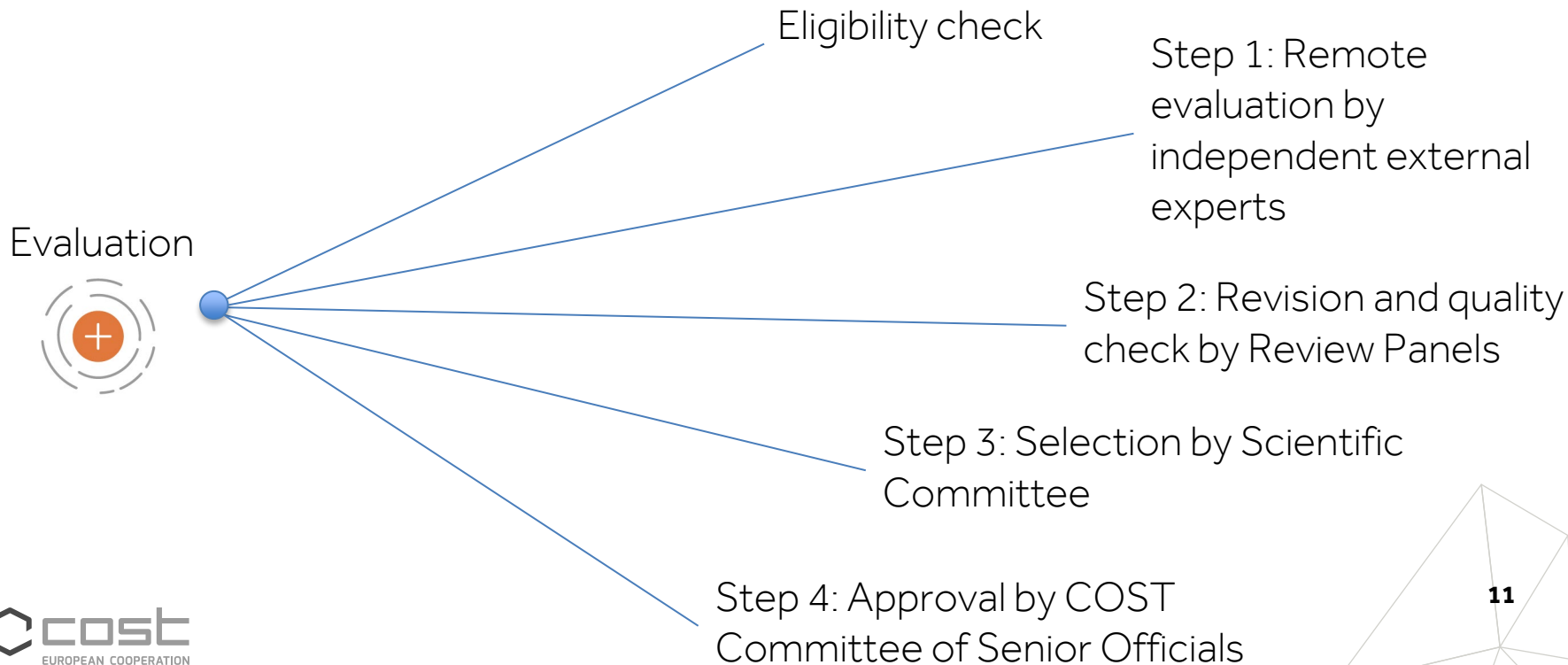


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Open Call for proposals – Evaluation





Evaluation criteria

S&T EXCELLENCE	NETWORKING EXCELLENCE	IMPACT	IMPLEMENTATION
▪ Soundness of the Challenge ▪ Progress beyond the state-of-the-art	▪ Added value of networking in S&T Excellence ▪ Added value of networking in Impact	▪ Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/break-throughs ▪ Measures to maximise impact	▪ Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan
3 questions	3 questions	3 questions	1 question
Total marks for the section = 15 points	Total marks for the section = 15 points	Total marks for the section = 15 points	Total marks for the section = 5 points
TOTAL MARKS AWARDED = 50 points - OVERALL THRESHOLD = 34 points			



S&T Excellence (15 pnts)

- Q1. Does the proposal demonstrate a comprehensive command of the state of the art in the field and present a relevant and timely challenge?
- Q2. Does the proposal describe an innovative approach to the challenge that advances the state of the art in the field?
- Q3. Are the objectives presented relevant to the challenge, clear and ambitious?



Networking Excellence (15 pnts)

- Q4. Does networking bring added value in tackling the challenge in relation to existing efforts at the European and/or international level?
- Q5. Does the proposed network contain, or present a credible plan for securing, the critical mass and expertise for achieving the objectives and thus addressing the challenge?
- Q6. Does the proposal identify the most relevant stakeholders and present a clear plan to involve them as Action's participants?



Impact (15 pnts)

- Q7. Does the proposal clearly identify relevant and realistic impacts for science, society and/or competitiveness (including potential innovations and/or breakthroughs)?
- Q8. Does the proposed networking clearly contribute to knowledge creation, transfer of knowledge and career development?
- Q9. Is the plan for dissemination and/or exploitation of results clear and attainable and does it contribute to the dialogue between science and the general public or policy?



Implementation (5 pnts)

- Q10. Is the work plan (WGs, tasks, activities, timeframe, deliverables and risk analysis) appropriate to ensure the achievement of the objectives?

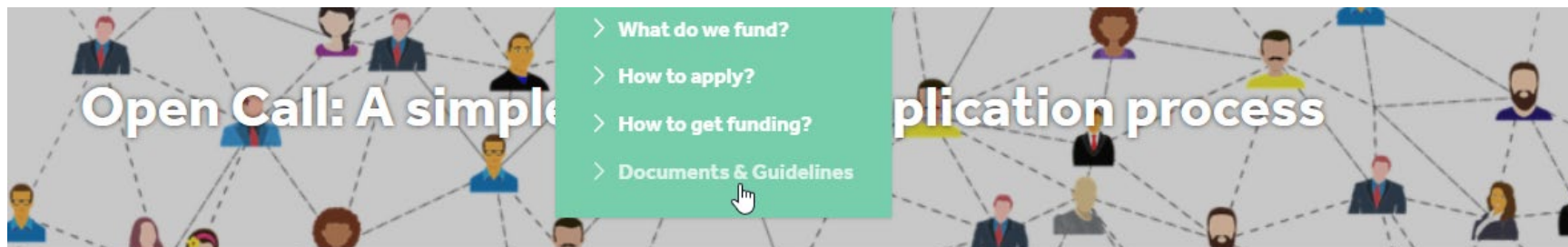
How to apply – in short

- Read the official announcement
- Read the SESA Guidelines
- Online registration and submission (e-COST)
- Technical Annex template
- Helpdesk: opencall@cost.eu





Documents repository



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The next collection date is **29 October 2021 at 12:00 noon (CET)**.

Participants are invited to submit COST Action proposals contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal knowledge advancement and development of Europe. Multi- and interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged.

The Open Call Action proposal submission, evaluation, selection and approval (SESA) procedure is fully science and technology-



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