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Proposal completion
Complete your proposal via e-COST, the online submission tool, before 29 November 2018 (12:00 CET).

Guidelines available on www.cost.eu/opencall

Proposal collection
Proposals are collected on 29 November 2018.

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

An ad hoc group of experts - they take a final decision on proposals where consensus was not reached (step 4). They also set up a proposal ranking.

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

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

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

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

Review panel
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1 Idea and team
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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

Growing ideas through networks