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.

Proposal completion
Complete your proposal via e-COST, the online submission tool. Guidelines available on www.cost.eu/opencall

Proposal collection
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.

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 29 April 2020 (12:00 CET).

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 consensus report.

Review Panel
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.

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

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).

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

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

Current actions
COST Actions are active from 2020 to 2023. The number of actions per year is highly variable.

What are COST Actions?
A COST Action is an interdisciplinary research network dedicated to scientific collaboration. Through the COST Programme, COST Actions receive funds for four years to organise meetings, workshops, conferences, short-term scientific exchanges and other dissemination activities.

Main characteristics
Openness
- All fields of science, including interdisciplinary, new and emerging 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?
Openness
• Solely science and technology driven
• Focus on excellence

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

Who can submit?
Openness
• Open to all scientific and technological fields
• User-friendly IT tools

Inclusiveness
• Straightforward process
• Independent peer review

Benefits

Key dates
Collection date
29 April

2020
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TIPS
- Identify your research challenge and explain how tackling it could lead to breakthroughs
- 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

Idea and team
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Your way to a COST Action

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