What do I need to apply for a COST Action?

IDEA
- Identify a research challenge and explain how tackling it could lead to scientific and/or technological advancements.
- Propose an innovative idea linked to a specific challenge in your field of expertise.

WHO CAN APPLY?
- Researchers and innovators from academia, public institutions, industry/SMEs, NGOs and European and international organisations.
- All scientific fields: from the most technical research topics to humanities or social sciences.
- Half of the countries in the group of proposers must be COST Inclusiveness Target Countries.
- At least 7 peers from different COST countries.

TEAM
- Anonymous proposal.

SELECTION CRITERIA
- Alignment with COST policies: include Inclusiveness Target Countries, early career investigators and gender balance.
- Impact: Explain how networking maximises the impact of your idea at multiple levels: science, society, etc.
- Scientific excellence: Your proposal should be relevant to the scientific field in question or address a timely challenge. Innovative proposals are highly valued.
- Implementation: Present a detailed plan to reach your objectives in four years.
- Networking excellence: Demonstrate how European or international networking helps tackling the challenge. Show how you will engage with the right stakeholders, ensuring the suitable expertise in the network.

EVALUATION CRITERIA
- What your proposal should have

More information: COST OPEN CALL – SUBMISSION, EVALUATION, SELECTION AND APPROVAL (SESA) GUIDELINES