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# COST

## European Cooperation in Science and Technology

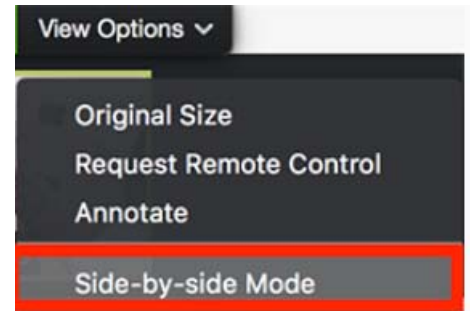
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Q&A session at the end

# Welcome

## COST Association Director

Dr Ronald de Bruin

# Agenda

## Introduction

Dr Ronald de Bruin, Director of the COST Association

**SESSION I** : What is COST and how to participate in a COST Action?

Dr Deniz Karaca, Science Officer at COST Association

**SESSION II** : What activities are reimbursed by COST

Ms Svetlana Voinova, Administrative Officer at COST Association

**SESSION III** : How can I submit an application, tips and tricks

Dr Dominique Vandekerchove, Science Officer at COST Association

**What are the benefits from participating in COST?** An Action Chair's experience

Prof Giovanni Tarantino, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy – Chair of COST Action CA18140 (People in Motion: Entangled Histories of Displacement across the Mediterranean (1492-1923))

## Q&A





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# Session I : What is COST and how to participate in a COST Action?

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# What is COST (CO-operation in Science & Technology)?


- Set up in 1971
- Longest-running pan-European intergovernmental framework
- dedicated to networking activities for European researchers across all scientific disciplines
- 38 (+1) COST Countries (from 19 COST Countries in 1971) and beyond
- Bottom-up approach
- Open



## COST Strengths and Key Features

COST supports the networking of researchers through science and technology networks - '**COST Actions**' - open to:

- **All fields of S&T** (trans-, multi-, interdisciplinary, new and emergent fields)
- **All partners** (academia, public organisations, SME, industry, NGO, International Organisations)
- **All career stages** (young and experienced researchers)
  - Capacity building, Early Career Investigators
- **All countries**
  - COST Countries (COST Member Countries + Cooperating State (Israel))
  - Global cooperation on the basis of mutual interest (NNC, IPC)
  - Geographical balance



# **COST – European Cooperation in Science and Technology**

- **COST mission: Enabling breakthrough scientific developments** leading to new concepts and products and thereby contributing to strengthening Europe's research and innovation capacities
- **EUR 300 million budget** for 7 years drawn from two Horizon 2020 priorities:
  - Challenge 6 “Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies”
  - “Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation”
- **COST role in scientific excellence- equal access**

# Role of COST in the ERA – 3 Strategic Priorities

- 1 Promoting and spreading excellence
- 2 Fostering interdisciplinary research for breakthrough science
- 3 Boosting careers young researchers

# COST Member Countries

- 38 COST Members

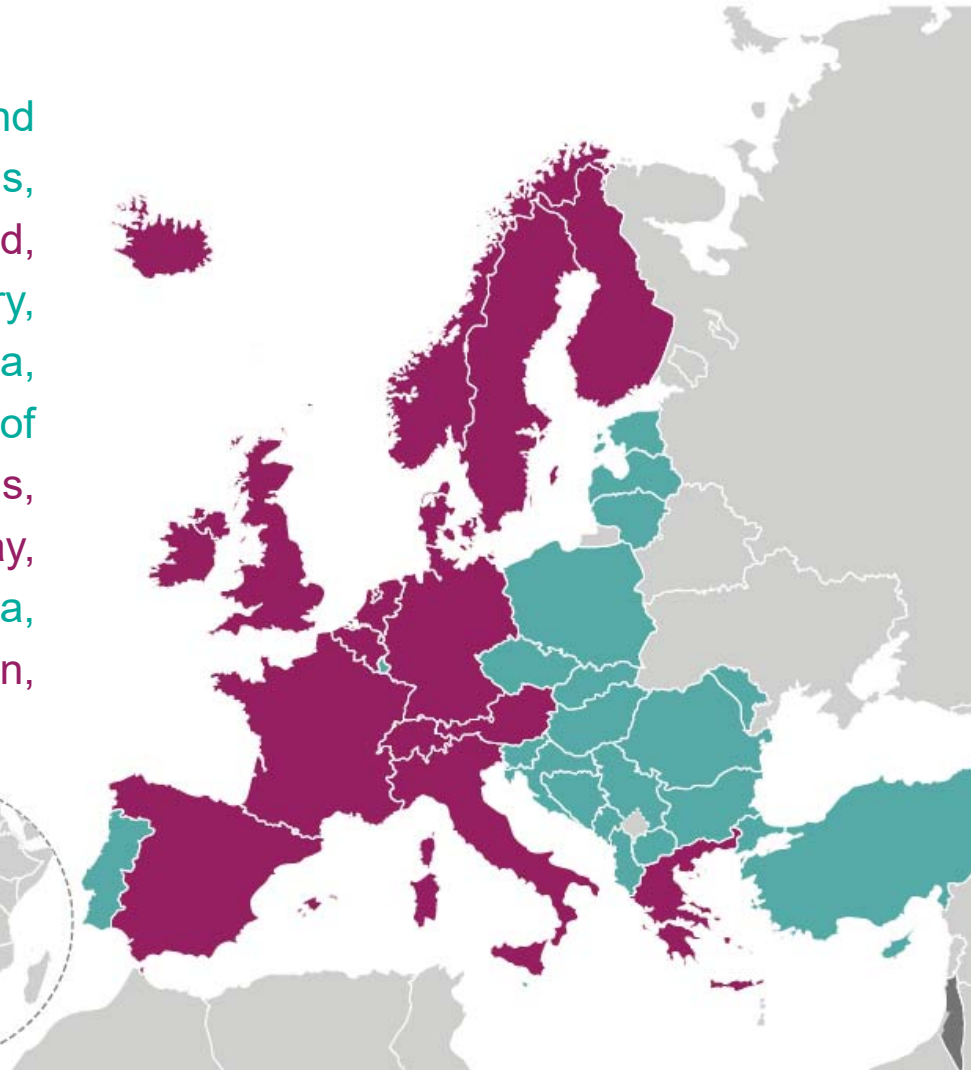
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- 1 Cooperating Member

Israel

- 1 Partner Member

South Africa



- COST Members
- COST Members ITCs
- Other Countries
- COST Cooperating Member
- COST Partner Member

# COST key figures

292   
Running Actions

203   
Training schools

 €134,500  
Average annual budget  
of a COST Action

 2320  
Short-term scientific missions

 45,000  
Researchers involved  
in COST Actions

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

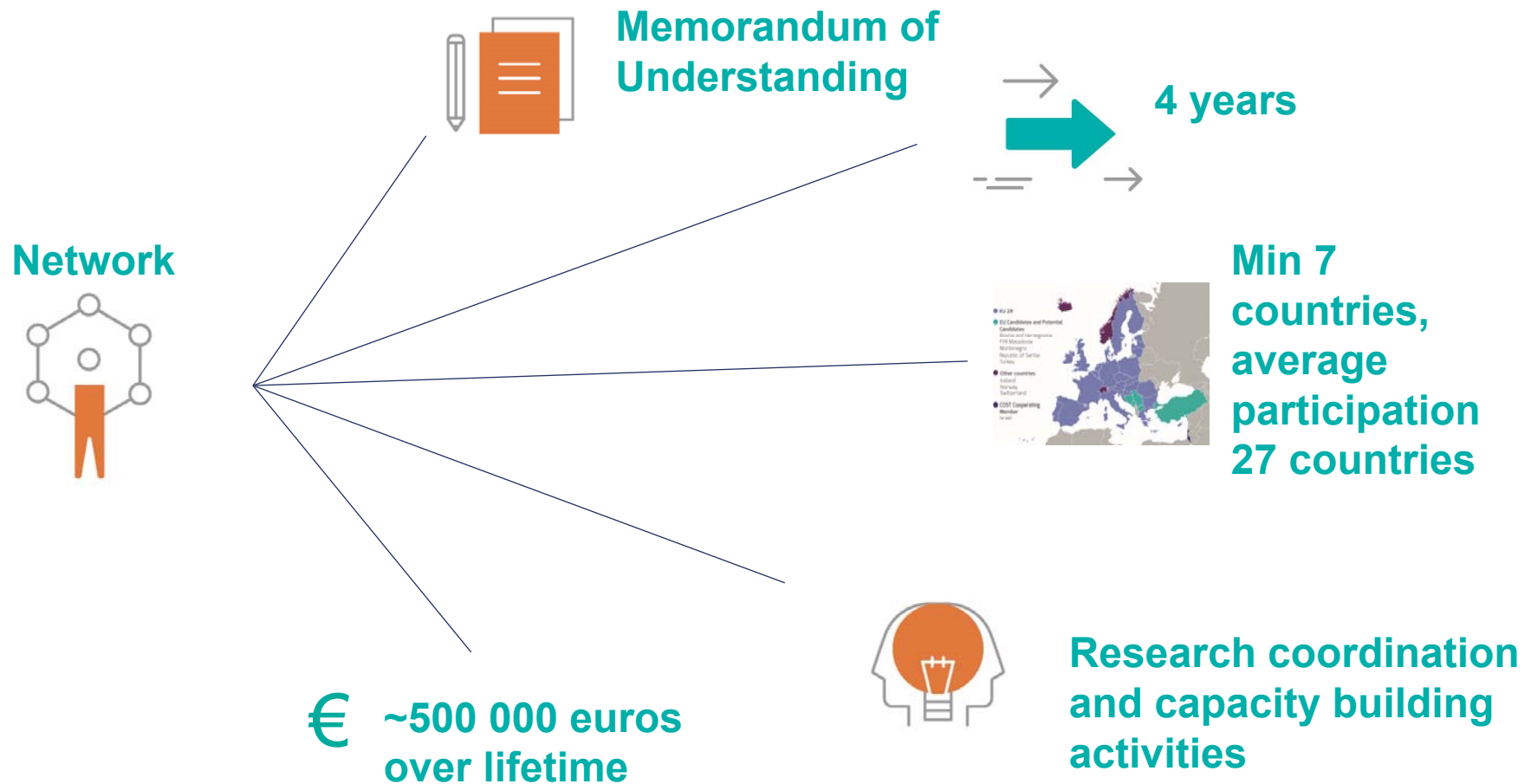
*COST: The networking tool in the ERA and the pre-portal to other ERA funding schemes*

# How it works?





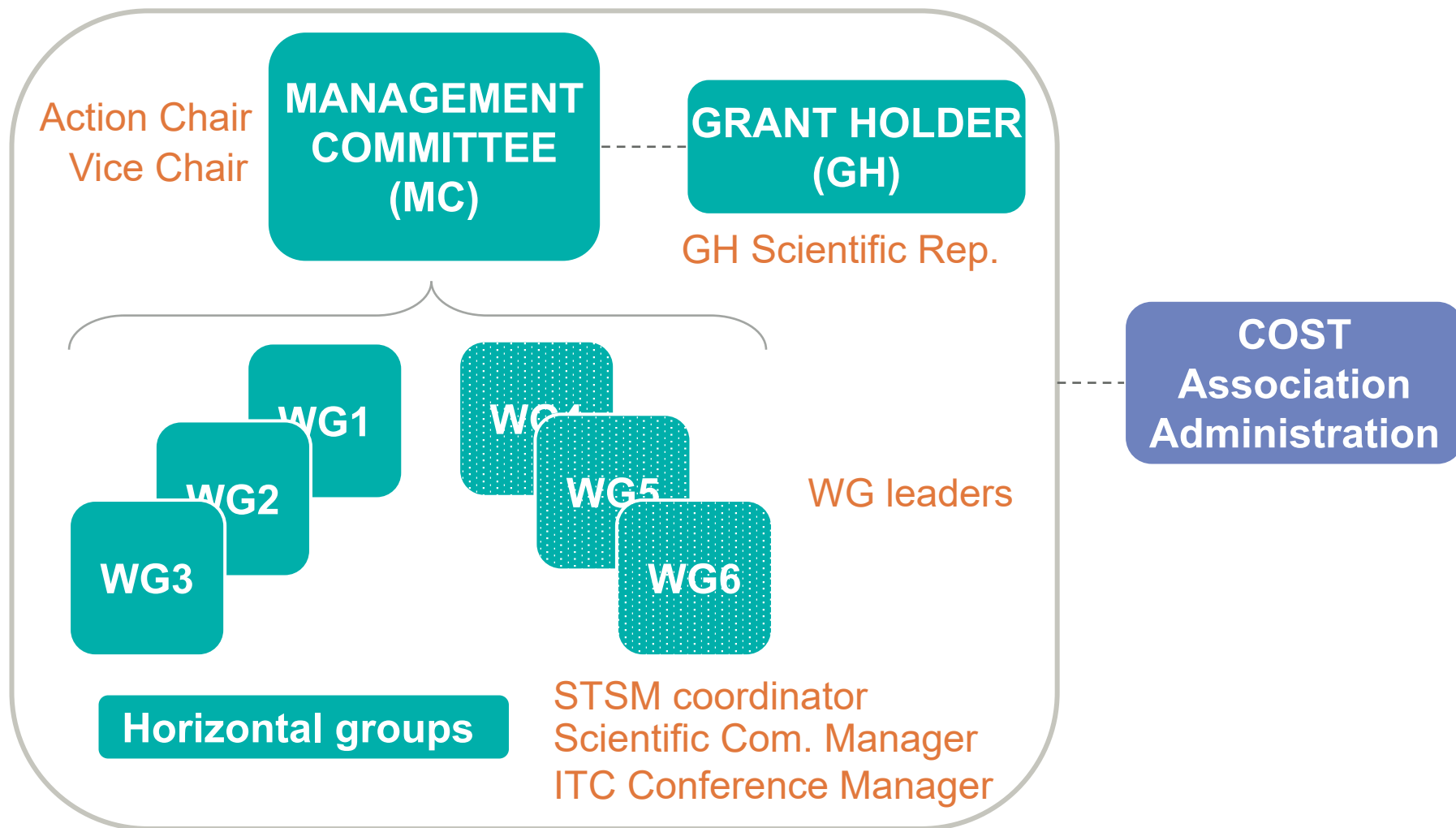
# COST Actions



# COST Action Structure



## Leadership Positions



# Management Committee

- DECISION MAKING BODY**

Coordination, Implementation, and Management of an Action

Supervising the appropriate allocation and use of funds

Achieving the Action's MoU objectives

**COMPOSED OF:**

Delegates nominated by their respective COST National Coordinator (CNC)

Up to 2 representatives per Participating COST Country

# Management Committee

## MAIN TASKS TO BE PERFORMED by the MC

Action Strategy

Work & Budget Plan

Dissemination & Exploitation Strategy

Memberships

Implementation of COST Policies

Approval of new Countries and Organizations

Reporting

Supervising the appropriate use of funds

# Action Features

- Bottom-up approach
- Open and expandable participation

Open to all stakeholders, type of institutions, career levels, countries, at any time

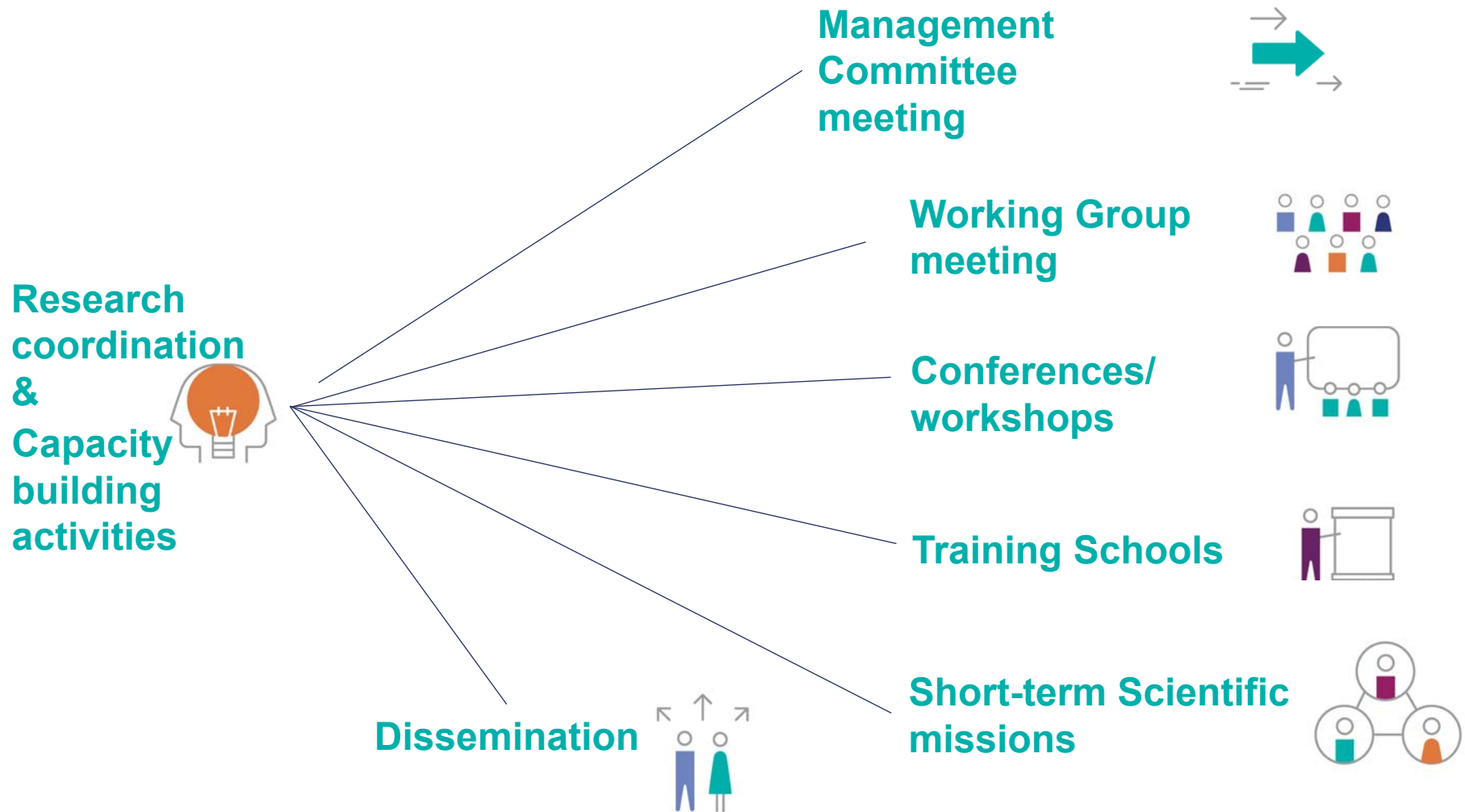
- Flexible and light administration

Adaptable research and activities, light reporting

- Output and impact oriented

Open science, wide sharing of knowledge and results, open access, open innovation

# Networking tools



# How to engage with COST?



1. As **participant** of a running COST Action
2. As **proposer** of a COST Action
3. As **expert** to evaluate submitted proposals
4. As **rapporteur** to monitor the Actions

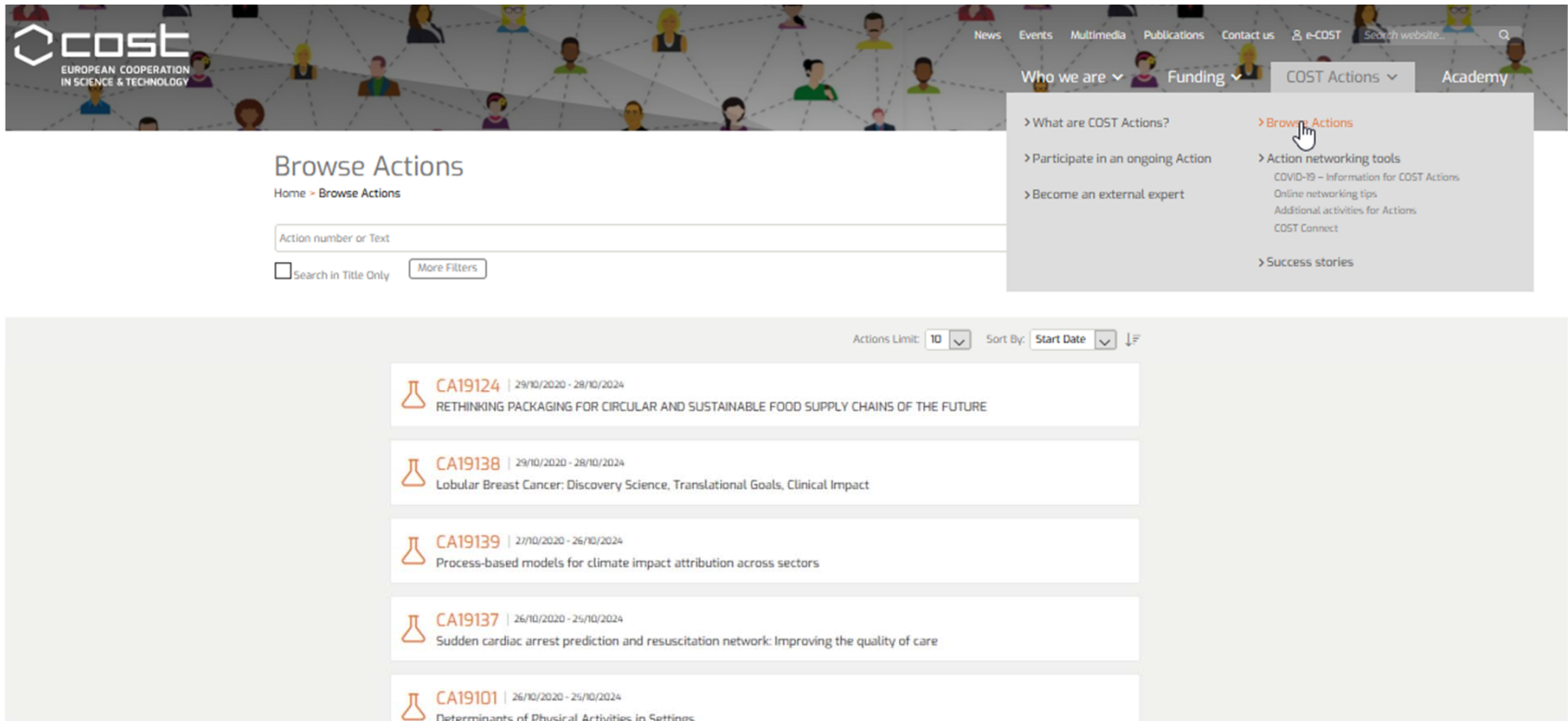
## Engaging as participant of a running COST Action

- Find the Action in your field of interest on the COST website
- Read the project plan (MoU) – identify your potential contribution
- Browse the Action's own website – check their activities
- Identify the opportunities to join the Action and your contact person



# How to find the relevant COST Action?

www.cost.eu



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Action number or Text

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Actions Limit: 10 Sort By: Start Date

- CA19124** | 29/10/2020 - 28/10/2024  
RETHINKING PACKAGING FOR CIRCULAR AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS OF THE FUTURE
- CA19138** | 29/10/2020 - 28/10/2024  
Lobular Breast Cancer: Discovery Science, Translational Goals, Clinical Impact
- CA19139** | 27/10/2020 - 26/10/2024  
Process-based models for climate impact attribution across sectors
- CA19137** | 26/10/2020 - 25/10/2024  
Sudden cardiac arrest prediction and resuscitation network: Improving the quality of care
- CA19101** | 26/10/2020 - 25/10/2024  
Determinants of Physical Activities in Settings



# Find the relevant Action

Description	Parties	Management Structure
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## Description

Unpleasant taste and odor (T&O) of water can indicate quality problems or possible risks for human health and can make water unacceptable by consumers. A plethora of water T&O of natural or anthropogenic origin can enter water at the source, during water treatment or in distribution networks. Resolution of water T&O problems requires integration of a) sensory analysis to describe the problem, b) chemical analysis to determine the identity and concentration of T&O c) assessment of associated risks and d) suitable water treatment to control T&O. Expertise in Europe across those dimensions are yet scattered and fragmented. The main aim of the proposed Action (TOPWATER) is to increase capabilities and capacities in Europe for solving water T&O, by creating the first European network of multi-disciplinary experts, end-users and stakeholders in the field. An "innovation by integration" approach is adopted, incorporating novel cross-sector knowledge transfer from the food sector, new international collaborations, vertical "source to tap" risk assessment strategies and horizontal integration with overlapping sectors, i.e. aquaculture, manufacturers of materials in contact with water, sensors and analytical technologies. TOPWATER will have strong impact in improving protection of public health and water resources, quality of life, use of tap water, consumer's awareness and involvement in water quality issues and professional development of young researchers in the field. It will largely contribute to the implementation of the new (recast) EU Drinking Water Directive and to the development of European leadership in the science and technology of water quality.

## Action Documents

-  Action fact sheet
-  Memorandum of Understanding

## Main Contacts



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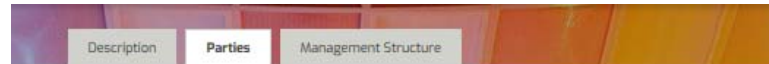
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# Find the relevant Action



## Parties

### Action Details

MoU - 04/2/19

CSO Approval date - 04/06/2019

Start of Action - 28/08/2019

End of Action - 27/08/2023

### Participations

Country	Date	Status
Albania	29/07/2019	Confirmed
Austria	01/08/2019	Confirmed
Bosnia and Herzegovina	18/09/2019	Confirmed
Bulgaria	26/06/2019	Confirmed
Croatia	23/07/2019	Confirmed
Cyprus	02/07/2019	Confirmed
Czech Republic	10/07/2019	Confirmed
Denmark	04/07/2019	Confirmed
Estonia	02/07/2019	Confirmed
Finland	25/06/2019	Confirmed
France	25/06/2019	Confirmed
Germany	25/07/2019	Confirmed
Greece	25/06/2019	Confirmed
Hungary	02/08/2019	Confirmed
Ireland	18/07/2019	Confirmed
Israel	11/08/2019	Confirmed
Italy	18/07/2019	Confirmed
Malta	09/07/2019	Confirmed
Netherlands	29/07/2019	Confirmed
North Macedonia	17/09/2019	Confirmed
Norway	04/07/2019	Confirmed
Poland	25/06/2019	Confirmed

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## Action Leadership Positions

Action Chair	Dr Triantafyllos KALOUDIS ▼
Action Vice Chair	Dr Reyhan AKCAALAN ▼
WG 1 - Advances in sensory analysis of water T&O.	Dr Ricard DEVESA-GARRIGA ▼
WG 2 - Advances in chemical analysis of water T&O.	Dr Martin STEINHAUS ▼
WG 3 - Risk assessment/management of water T&O.	Dr Emanuela TESTAI ▼
WG 4 - Advances in water treatment for removal of T&O.	Dr Anastasia HISKIA ▼
Grant Holder Scientific Representative	Dr Theodoros TRIANTIS ▼
Science Communication Manager	Prof Galina DIMOVA-BOYKINOVA ▼
STSM Coordinator	Dr Popi KARADOLIA ▼
ITC Conference Manager	Mr Radoslav TONEV ▼

## Management Committee

Country	MC Member
Albania	Dr Aurel NURO ▼
Albania	Prof Elda MARKU ▼
Austria	Dr Rainer KURMAYER ▼
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Dr Sveltiana LOLIC ▼
Bulgaria	Mr Radoslav TONEV ▼
Bulgaria	Prof Galina DIMOVA-BOYKINOVA ▼
Croatia	Prof Danijela ASPERGER ▼
Croatia	Prof Kristina FIŠTER ▼
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Cyprus	Mr Socrates METAXAS ▼
Czech Republic	Dr Ludek BLAHA ▼
Czech Republic	Ms Kateřina NOVOTNÁ ▼
Denmark	Prof Henrik Rasmus ANDERSEN ▼
Estonia	Mr Sven MILLER ▼
Estonia	Ms Kristel PANKSEPP ▼
Finland	Dr Jussi MERILUOTO ▼
Finland	Mr Christian NORDAS ▼



## Join an Action as...

- As a Management Committee (MC) member (contact the COST National Coordinator)
- As a Working Group (WG) participant (contact the WG leader)
- As a participant in Action activities: Short Term Scientific Mission, ITC Conference grant, Training school, Workshop/Conference,... (Check the Action's website, contact the national MC member)

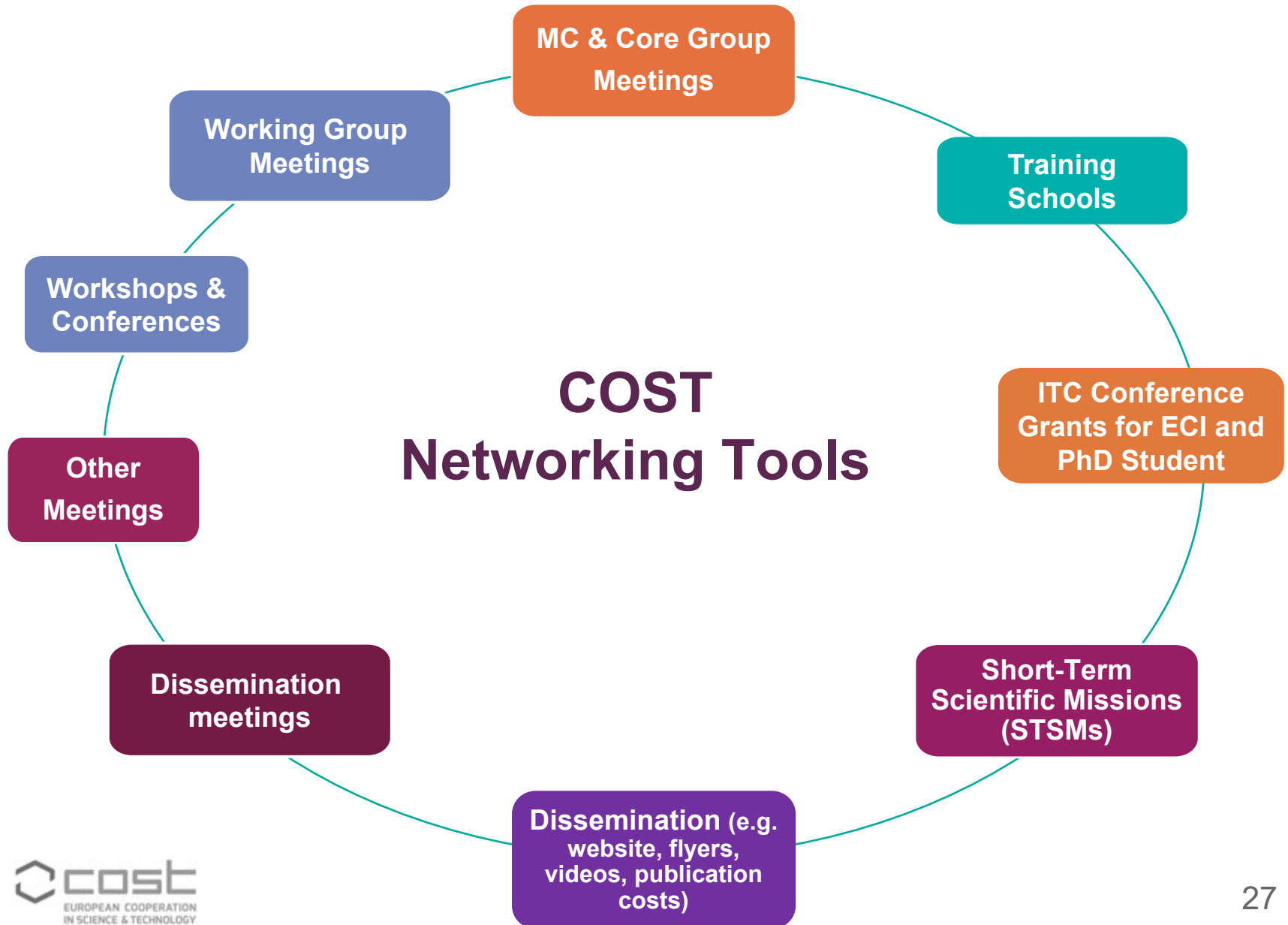


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## **Session II : What activities are funded by COST?**

Ms Svetlana Voinova, Administrative Officer at  
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# COST Networking Tools



# Financial Support

MC & Core Group Meetings

Training Schools

Working Group Meetings

Workshops & Conferences

Dissemination meetings

**Daily Allowance + travel**

**Dissemination Meetings:** *conference fee up to 500 EUR*



## Daily Allowance (DA) covers:

- Hotel
- Meals
- Local travel in meeting country

### Based on:

- Meeting country 160-200 EUR
- Travel times
- Meals offered by Local Organiser  
(-10% deducted per provided meal)



**The MC can lower DA**

**Training Schools: trainers and trainees can have different DA**

# Reimbursement

**Local organiser Support  
(LOS)**

**Two Modalities:**

**1. Up to 5000 €: Lump sum (no receipts) of 20 EUR per person per day, based on signed attendance list**

**OR**

**2. Up to 10 000 €: Receipts and invoices;  
VAT is ineligible**

## LOS for Virtual meetings

- Technician for technical support, attendees management, configuration and setup, communication
- Customer support for attendees, live-stream technical support via email and/or chat
- Pre-recording of keynotes/teaching sessions for training schools
- Post-event process management: video editing, recording management

# Financial Support Fixed Grants

## Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)

**STSM: maximum grant 3500 EUR**  
*up to 160 EUR/day for subsistence*

*for ITC: 50% pre-payment*

## ITC Conference Grants

**ITC CG: maximum grant 2500 EUR**  
*up to 160 EUR/day for subsistence*  
*conference fee up to 500 EUR*

**Virtual ITC CG:** *conference fee up to 500 EUR based on invoice*

# Financial Support upon invoices

Brochures, flyers, posters, videos, animations  
and multimedia presentations, proofreading,  
editing and layout...

One Action website max 9000 EUR

<https://www.cost.eu/visualidentity>

Graphic design (e.g. Action logo) max 1000 EUR

Scientific publications (Open Access licences)  
co-authored by 3 different parties

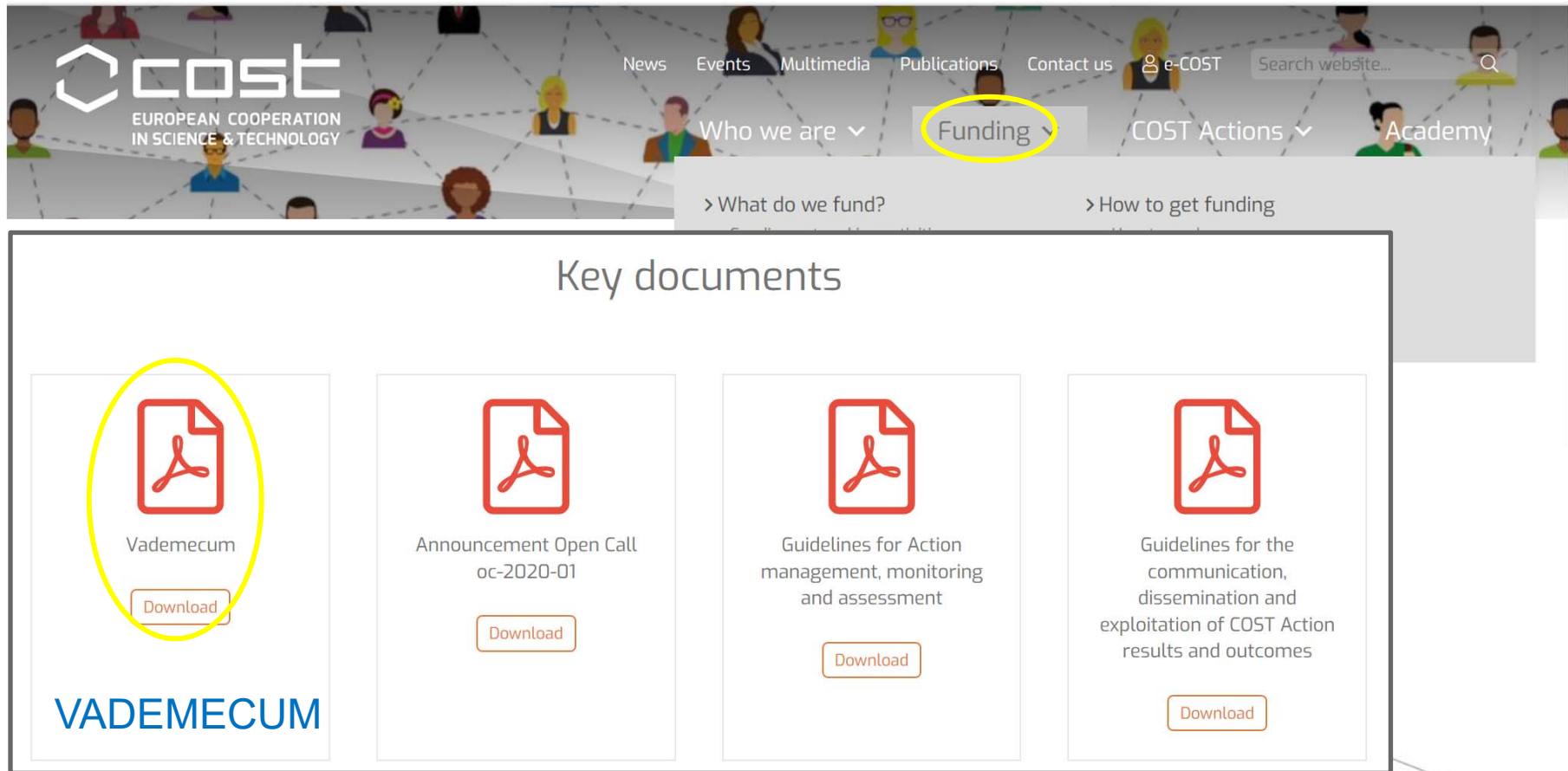
Dissemination (e.g.  
website, flyers,  
videos, publication  
costs)

# Adapting networking tools to virtual setting

- ✓ Up to 500 EUR for licences
- ✓ Cancellation insurance  
*travel and local organiser*
- ✓ ITC Conference Grants and Dissemination meetings  
*virtual conference fee*
- ✓ LOS for virtual meetings: technical support
- ✓ Dissemination reinforced  
*videos, podcasts, webinars, MOOC, training materials...*

# COST: Important documents

<https://www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/documents-and-guidelines/>



The screenshot shows the COST website's navigation bar with the 'Funding' menu item highlighted. Below the navigation bar, a dropdown menu is visible with options for 'What do we fund?' and 'How to get funding?'. The main content area is titled 'Key documents' and features four document cards, each with a PDF icon and a 'Download' button. The first card, 'Vademecum', is circled in yellow. The other three cards are 'Announcement Open Call oc-2020-01', 'Guidelines for Action management, monitoring and assessment', and 'Guidelines for the communication, dissemination and exploitation of COST Action results and outcomes'.


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## Key documents



Vademecum


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**VADEMECUM**




Announcement Open Call  
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# COST Open Call

- Open to all scientific and technological (S&T) fields (**bottom-up, interdisciplinary**)
- Promote scientific, technological, economic, cultural and societal **innovation** in Europe
- **Reduce the gap** between scientists, policy makers and society in Europe and beyond
- **SESA** procedure :  
Submission – Evaluation – Selection - Approval



## **COST Actions aim at**

- **Promoting** the creation, exchange and application of **scientific knowledge**
- Being **open** and **output oriented**
- Responding to COST **Excellence** and **Inclusiveness** Policy :
  - ✓ **Geographical balance** (ITC)
  - ✓ **Age balance** (experienced researchers and ECI)
  - ✓ **Gender balance**

# **COST** **Open Call**

*When?*

**Next Collection date :  
29 October 2021 – 12:00 CET**

*What?*

**One-stage online submission of proposals  
e-COST account**

*Who?*

**Main proposer  
(and secondary proposers)**

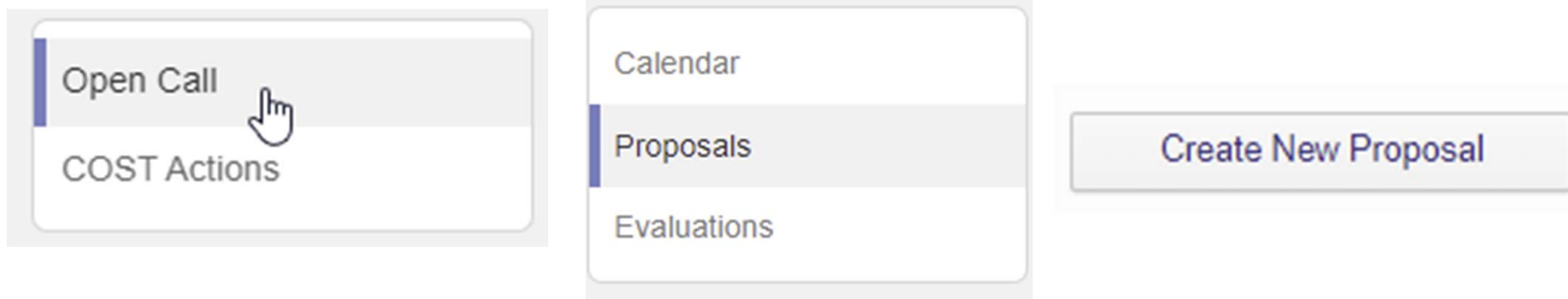
*How many?*

**40 – 45 Actions approved  
per collection**

# Open Call for proposals – how to apply

## e-COST

- Create a COST account : <https://e-services.cost.eu/>
- Open Call > Proposals > Create new proposal



- Online registration and submission :  
General information + Technical Annex

**General features**

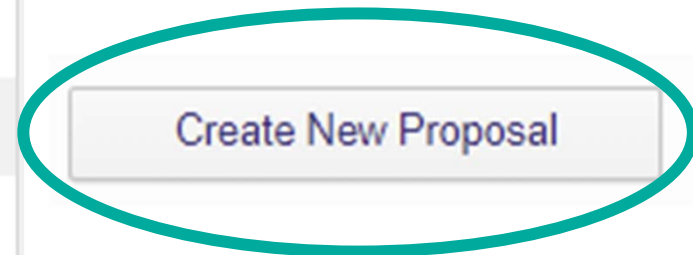
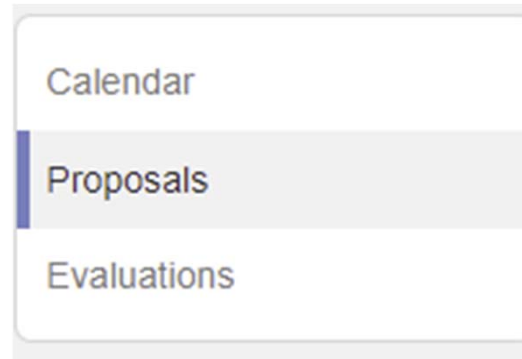
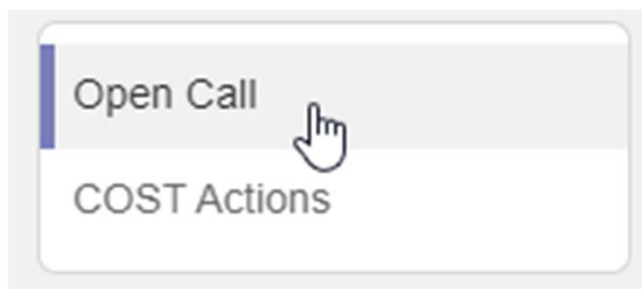
# Proposals



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# Online submission tool (e-COST)\*

Overview

General Features

Technical Annex

References

COST Mission and Policies

Network

Documents

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Main Proposer Institution \*

Brussels Free University - COST Country Institutions

Title (Maximum 12 words) \*

Organ Donor Network

Acronym \*

OrgDonNet

Keyword 1 \*

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Transplantation

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Summary: Maximum 250 words

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About five percent European citizens suffers from organ malfunctioning. Living donor transplantation is often the most effective treatment and the alternative of deceased donor transplantation is severely limited by availability. As approximately 50% of living donors are incompatible with their specified recipient, several European countries have independently developed organ exchange programmes.

Exchange programmes aim to match donors optimally to recipients for organ exchange within the population of recipient-donor pairs.

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Words: 68

AREAS OF EXPERTISE NEEDED FOR EVALUATION

Science Field

Health Sciences

Research Area

Health Services, Health Care Research

Proposal Reference:  
OC-2017-1-21892

Proposal Status:  
Draft

Checklist:  
✓ General Features  
✗ Technical Annex (1 issue)  
✓ COST Policies  
✗ Network (1 issue)

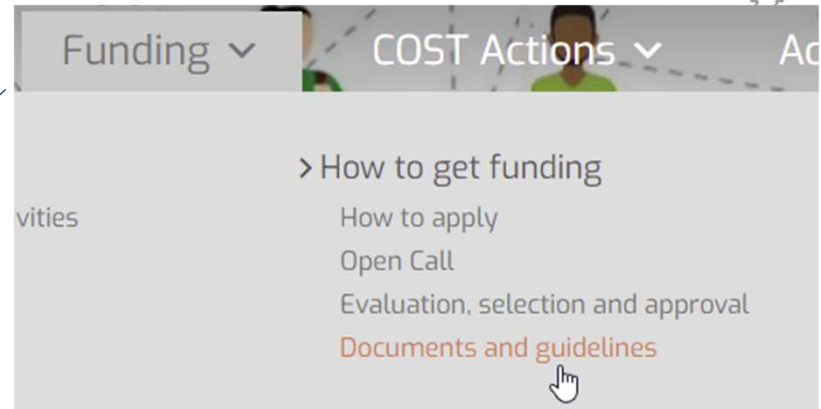
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Ready to submit?

## Technical Annex ([www.cost.eu](http://www.cost.eu))

### General features

## Proposals





# Proposals



## General features

### Technical Annex

1. S&T excellence
2. Networking Excellence
3. Impact
4. Implementation



# Open Call for proposals – 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*

# Proposals



## General features

### Technical Annex

1. S&T excellence
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## COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy & Specific objectives





# COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

1. Strengthening the excellence through the creation of **cross-border networking** of researchers
2. Promoting
  - **geographical balance** (ITC)
  - **age balance** (experienced researchers and young talents)
  - **gender balance** throughout its activities



# COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

## ■ Objectives

- identifying excellence in science and technology across Europe
- increasing research communities' access to funding and infrastructures
- triggering structural changes in COST Member States' national research systems



# COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

- To reach these objectives, COST Action activities will focus on:
  - **leadership** : encouraging researchers and institutions in ITCs to **set up and lead COST Actions**, as well as **manage COST Action grants**
  - **increasing researchers' visibility and connection to leading European science hubs**, no matter their location, age or gender

# Proposals



## General features

### Technical Annex

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## COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy & Specific objectives



## Network of proposers



# Proposals



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## COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy Specific objectives



## Network of proposers



## Eligibility!

**Anonymous\***  
**Minimum 50% ITC**  
**Peaceful purpose**  
**Format**  
**English**



# Evaluation - SESA

## Step 1: External remote evaluation



3 Independent External Experts  
Technical Annex

## Step 2: Revision and quality check by Review Panels

## Step 3: Selection by the Scientific Committee

COST policy and objectives

## Step 4: Approval by COST Committee of Senior Officials - Results 7-8 months after submission

# Step 1: External Remote Evaluation

- Proposals are evaluated **only** on the basis of the **evaluation criteria**

S&T EXCELLENCE	NETWORKING EXCELLENCE	IMPACT	IMPLEMENTATION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soundness of the Challenge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added value of networking in S&amp;T Excellence</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/break-throughs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress beyond the state-of-the-art</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added value of networking in Impact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures to maximise impact</li> </ul>	
Total marks for the section = <b>15 points</b>	Total marks for the section = <b>15 points</b>	Total marks for the section = <b>15 points</b>	Total marks for the section = <b>5 points</b>
<b>TOTAL MARKS AWARDED = 0 - 50 points</b> <b>OVERALL THRESHOLD = 34 points</b>			

# Open Call for proposals – 10 questions

## SESA Guidelines

- 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?

# Open Call for proposals – 10 questions

## SESA Guidelines

- 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?

# Open Call for proposals – 10 questions

## SESA Guidelines

- 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?

# Open Call for proposals – 10 questions SESA Guidelines

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

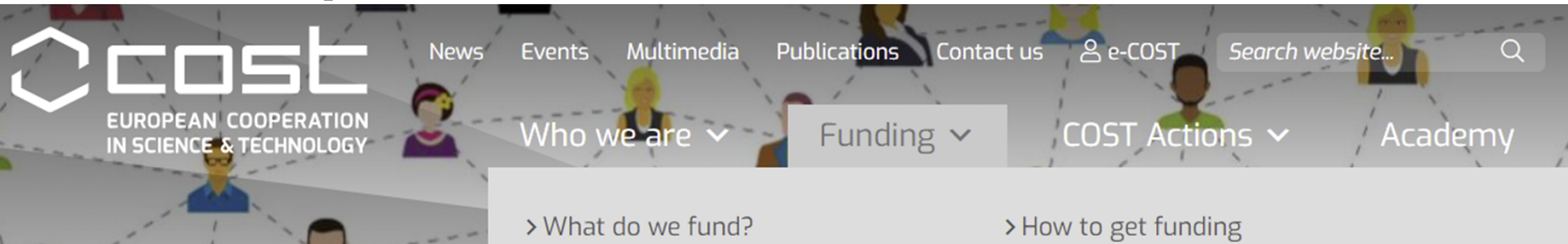
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**[www.cost.eu](http://www.cost.eu)**

- Read the official announcement
- Read the SESA Guidelines
- Technical Annex template

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# COST Open Call



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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-driven and will ensure a simple, transparent and competitive proposal evaluation and selection process, reflecting the bottom-up, open and inclusive principles of COST.

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



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## The COST Open Call – Applicant's Guidelines (Submission, Evaluation, Selection and Approval - SESA)

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### ***Scientific evaluation***

*Read very carefully  
the 10 evaluation  
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# Open Call for proposals – how to apply

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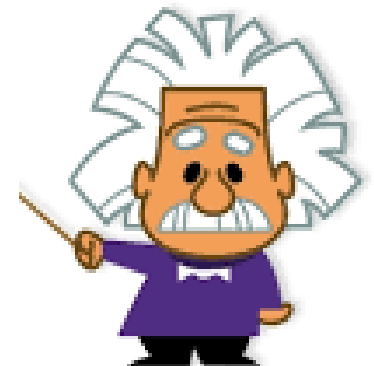
Growing  
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# Engage as external expert

**As a COST Expert, you will have the opportunity to:**

- **contribute to the evaluation of COST Open Call proposals**
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“ *The opportunity for science lies in creating an unlimited space where crossovers between ideas and people can change the world for the better.* ”





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# What are the benefits from participating in **COST**? An Action Chair's experience

Prof Giovanni Tarantino – Chair of COST Action CA18140



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The main aim and objective of the **PIMo COST Action** is to explore the entangled histories of **movement of people** within and beyond the **Mediterranean** from the medieval to modern period.

Understanding **emotion** as both a driver and effect of historical change, PIMo investigates how **displacement** and **dispossession** shape people's lives.



## Research Stream



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## Convenors



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## Entangled Histories of Emotions in the Mediterranean World

The cluster aims to apply new methodological lenses to the complex and entangled history of the geo-cultural space of the Mediterranean.



*Image: Johannes (or Johann) Lingelbach, Harbour on the Mediterranean (1670), Royal Picture Gallery Mauritshuis, The Hague. This is a faithful photographic reproduction of a two-dimensional, public domain work of art.*

Entangled histories (Espagne, Kocka, Werner, Zimmermann) have explored 'mutual influencing', 'reciprocal or asymmetric perceptions', and the intertwined 'processes of constituting one another'. In his highly informed interdisciplinary work *Mediterranean Crossings: The Politics of an Interrupted Modernity* (Duke University Press, 2008), Iain Chambers has provided a timely reminder that the Mediterranean is a fusion of European, African and Asian influences. He explores what he calls the 'liquid materiality' of the area: the ways in which 'overlapping territories and intertwined histories' suggest 'the making of a more multiple Mediterranean', where borders are 'both transitory and zones of transit'. The Mediterranean is an extensive geopolitical space which has long acted as a flexible locus of exchange for a multitude of cultural transactions. In it, North, South, East and West are all 'entangled in a cultural and historical net cast over centuries, even millennia'.



## SEMINAR SERIES

Entangled Histories of  
Emotions in the  
Mediterranean World



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EMOTIONS**



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**SEMINAR SERIES**  
Entangled Histories of  
Emotions in the  
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## Mediterranean Encounters: People in Motion

**Date:** 5 February 2018

**Venue:** European University Institute  
(Florence), Villa Salviati, Sala degli  
Stemmi

**Time:** 9am–5.30pm

**Convenors:** Ann Thomson (EUI),  
Giovanni Tarantino (CHE/UWA & KHK/  
Ruhr University Bochum)

**Free event but booking essential**

**Contact:** Francesca Parenti at  
francesca.parenti@eui.eu

This workshop will examine people on the move and contacts between different cultures in the Mediterranean world. On the one hand, travel accounts provide a rich source for exploring the emotions involved in intercultural encounters, but the contacts of various types of travellers (diplomats, merchants, as well as others travelling professionally or forced into exile) can also be explored through their private correspondence. The trajectories of individuals who changed both culture and religion, whether by force or choice, can also be fruitfully explored through the prism of emotions. The emotions involved in intercultural encounters are more varied than is often assumed in studies of 'Orientalism', and can thus help to shed new light on Mediterranean history. This workshop will provide an opportunity to reflect on how studying the great variety of Mediterranean encounters through the lens of emotions can enrich our understanding of them.

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EMOTIONS  
MAKE  
HISTORY



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## Entangled Histories of Gender in the Medieval Mediterranean World

**DATE:** Saturday 5 May 2018

**VENUE:** Sir Llew Edwards Building (the Terrace Room)  
The University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus  
Brisbane, Queensland

**TIME:** 9am–5.30pm

**CONVENORS:** Megan Cassidy-Welch (UQ)  
Giovanni Tarantino (CHE/UWA)

**FREE EVENT BUT BOOKING ESSENTIAL**  
<https://survey.its.uq.edu.au/checkbox/Entangled-Histories-of-Gender-in-the-Medieval-Mediterranean-World.aspx>

**CONTACT:** Giovanni Tarantino  
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This workshop will focus on gender as a product and driver of interactions in the medieval Mediterranean, especially France, Spain, Italy, North Africa and the Holy Land. Through a number of case studies, the workshop asks how gender and emotion both inform and are reflected in historical relationships between people, places and things. It will also broadly interrogate whether the well-worn idea of gender as a category of analysis can still serve as a fruitful framework/paradigm for the transnational, multi-valent and deeply relational histories – or entangled histories – of the medieval Mediterranean.

Image: Le receuil des histoires de Troyes, London, British Library, MS Royal 17 E.I. 1.349 (Arrival of the Amazons), c.1475. Courtesy of the British Library.



**SEMINAR SERIES**  
Entangled Histories of  
Emotions in the  
Mediterranean World



**DATE:** 18 June 2018

**VENUE:** IAS, Central European  
University (CEU), Budapest,  
Nador 15, Room 101 (Quantum)

**TIME:** 9am–5pm

**CONVENORS:** Nadia Al-Bagdadi and  
Giovanni Tarantino in cooperation with  
Tolga U. Esmer

**FREE EVENT BUT RSVP requested by  
Monday 11 June for catering purposes**

**CONTACT:** Andrey Demidov  
(demidova@ceu.edu)

This workshop will look at the relations between religion, religious sentiments and emotions across Central and Eastern Europe, Southeastern Europe and the Eastern Arab Mediterranean. The workshop will integrate two perspectives in terms of contact zones, by relating cross-imperial boundaries, contacts and transfers as well as religious boundaries within given multi-confessional societies. The central question will be what role religion played in shaping emotions and repertoires of emotion and perceptions thereof, including how to make sense of irrational emotions. How are similarities and differences of regimes of body language and emotional registers and economy explained in religious terms? How are religious traditions and formations in multi-confessional contexts inscribed in non-religious practices? When do such perceptions change and how do we as historians measure such change? To this end, the workshop will address issues of methodology and historical case studies, in which Islam will play a special, though not exclusive role. Methodologically, the focus will be on the tangibility of religious sentiments in given materials and practices (Muslim, Jewish, Orthodox, Catholic, and rejections thereof). As for empirical studies, the workshop will focus on case studies involving the complex relationship of body, religious practice and emotion, including sentiments disavowing the impact of religion on the economy of emotion and religious sentiments.





PIMo Proposers: **8 countries**  
(% ITC: **50**; % ECI: **24**; % Female: **52**)





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Genome editing in plants - a technology with transformative potential



CA18105 | 06/12/2018 - 12/11/2022  
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# CA18140 - People in Motion: Entangled Histories of Displacement across the Mediterranean (1492-1923)

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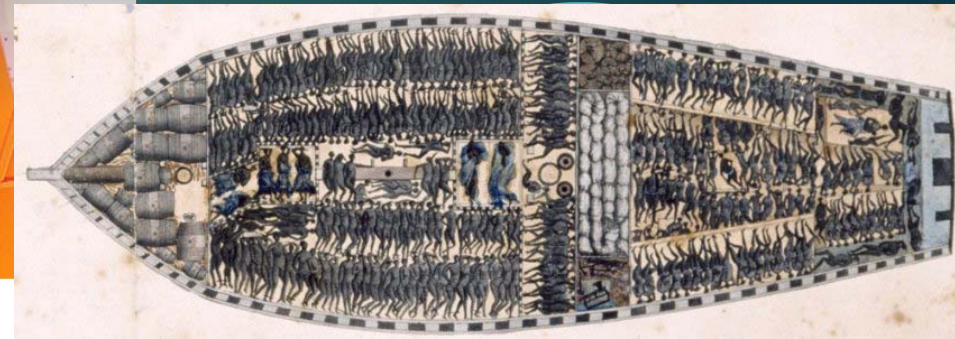
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## Description

**PIMo** is a four-year global research project undertaken by scholars from the humanities and social sciences, including historians, scholars of literary, visual, and material culture, philosophers, mathematicians, and maritime, biological, and bio-behavioral sciences. It addresses the entangled histories of displacement of human subjects within and from the Mediterranean from the fifteenth to twentieth centuries. The project provides a critical historical context and understanding for the current migration crisis in Europe in terms of the intensity of emotional responses of displaced peoples and the communities they orbit and join. It investigates multiple historical case studies of the movement of people through religious persecution, slavery and indentured labour, trade, exploration, and imperialism, curiosity, and environmental and social catastrophe. Within the deeply entangled or intertwined history and cultures of the Mediterranean, the project introduces the term 'displacement' as a way to reconceptualise the movement of people with awareness, historical acuity, and compassion. Attending to the phenomenon of displacement as a connective tissue of human experience does not presume (or judge) the conditions of movement (voluntary or involuntary), but seeks to recover and understand individuals and communities in light of their particular experiences of re/location. By tracing the entangled movement of people—and the objects, writing, and ideas that accompany them—this project understands displacement and dislocation as shared human experience, while remaining attentive to its geographical, political, and historical specificities.





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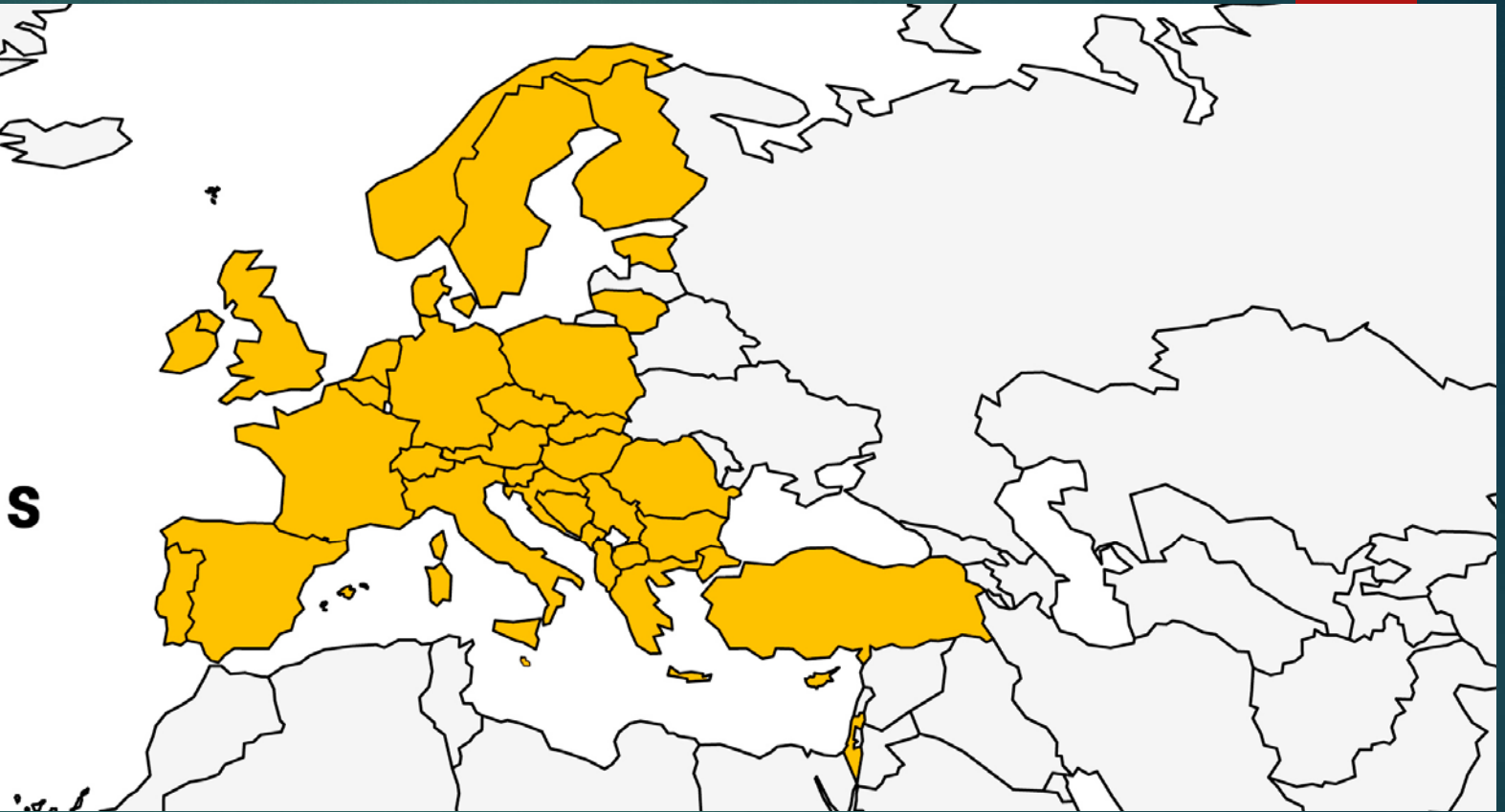
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PIMo Participating Countries: **35 countries**  
(% ITC: **51**)



**The 35  
member  
countries  
of PIMo**



**7 International Observers**  
(from: Africa; Australia; EUI; USA)

# PIMo CORE GROUP



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- ▶ VICE CHAIR: **Katrina O'Loughlin (London)**
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  - WG2 (PAPER IN MOTION): **José María Perez Fernandez (Granada)**
  - WG3 (IDEAS IN MOTION): **Luisa Simonutti (Milan)**
  - WG4 (PEOPLE IN MOTION): **Cátia Antunes (Leiden)**
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# PIMo 1<sup>st</sup> MC Meeting (Lecce, Italy)



## *Emotions make history*



**Emotions are part and parcel of all aspects of daily life**, and as such are being increasingly debated across the social sciences and humanities. This also holds true for migration studies: mixed and contrasting emotions and feelings such as hope and nostalgia, guilt and ambition, affection and disaffection (to name but a few) are **an integral part of migrants' life experiences**.

The emotional side of the migrant condition still seems relatively understudied. This is partly due to the dominance of economic and political analyses of migration, which tend to downplay emotional factors or overlook them altogether. But **the decision to migrate entails both economic motivations and social and emotional constraints**.

**Some of the most emotive issues of our times concern not so much the migrant condition as the politics of the migrant phenomenon**: the plight of asylum seekers and refugees tests the limits of trust and compassion; the capacity of societies to integrate multiethnic and multifaith denominations in the face of extremism and acts of terror have put multicultural social policy on trial.



# PIMo Workgroups



## WG1 - THINGS IN MOTION



Rosita D'Amora

## WG2 - IDEAS IN MOTION



Luisa Simonutti

## WG3 - PAPER IN MOTION



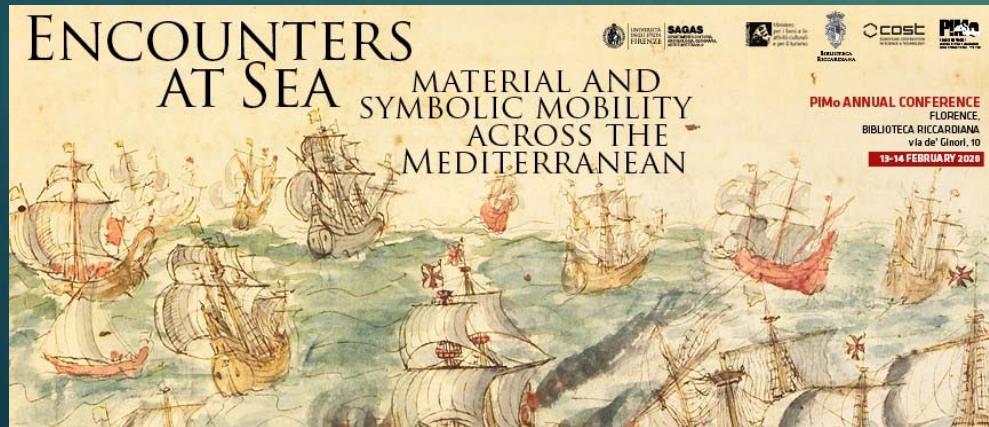
José María Perez Fernandez

## WG4 - PEOPLE IN MOTION



Cátia Antunes

# PIMo 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference(Florence, Italy)



*(the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, to be originally held in Spain at the University of Granada, was finally delivered online, due to Covid-19)*



# PIMo deliverables and timeline

- ▶ A series of regular **WG Workshops** (up to three per WG each year)
- ▶ **Training Schools** for Graduate Students and ECIs
- ▶ Four **Annual Conferences**
- ▶ Four **MC Meetings**
- ▶ **Visual essays** and **videos** to appear on PIMo's website
- ▶ **Exhibitions and performances**
- ▶ Scholarly **publications** (OA journal articles; journal themed issues; collective volumes; exhibition catalogues)

# PIMo Conversations

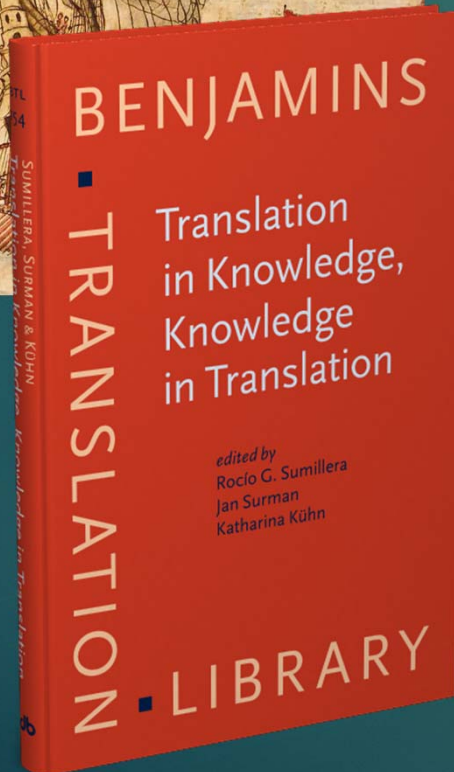
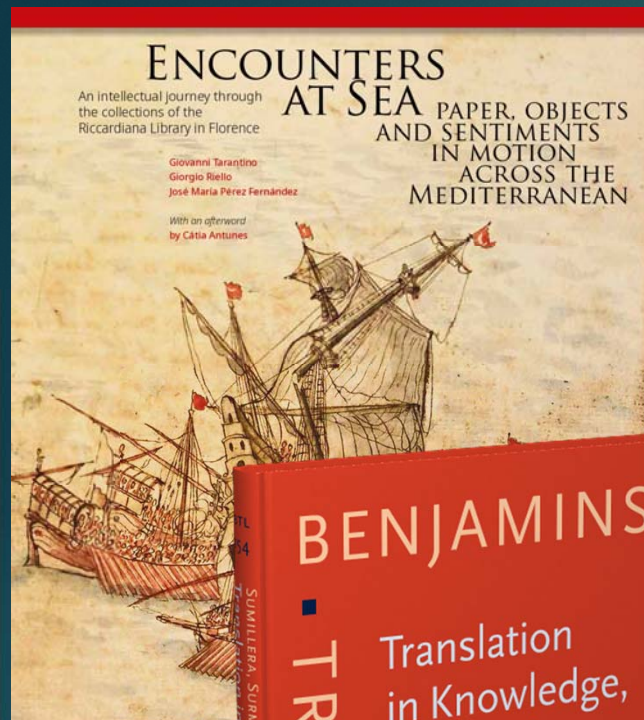


*Circulation and Pandemic Threats Throughout History*

PIMo ECI David do Paço (Sciences Po, Paris)



# PIMo Research



**The Habsburg Mediterranean, 1500–1800**



## THE MUSLIM MEMORIES OF EUROPE CIRCULATION & POLITICS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Sciences Po seminar in European History & Cost-Action (18340) 'People in motion' working group 4 joint-workshop

organized by  
DAVID DO PAÇO  
SCIENCES PO, CHSP

**5 March 2021**

Centre d'Histoire de Sciences Po  
Zoom meeting

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## PiMo Workgroup 3 PAPER IN MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> Workshop

**12 February 2021**  
1<sup>ST</sup> Session 9:30–12:30  
2<sup>ND</sup> Session 14:00–17:30



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# Get Involved



- ▶ **PIMo ITC Conference Grants** are offered, on a competitive basis, to PhD Candidates or Early Career investigators (up to 8 years after PhD) affiliated with an institution of an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) in the PIMo Action.
- ▶ **Short Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)** provide support for institutional visits, and are aimed at supporting individual mobility, and fostering collaboration between individual scholars located in Participating COST Full member / COST Cooperating Member countries.
- ▶ Applications for both schemes are evaluated by the PIMo Core Team **twice a year**.



# Contact

For any further information on *PIMo*, including opportunities to be involved we invite interested scholars to contact:

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