

## **COST – Cooperation in the field of scientific and technological research**

### **Purpose and funding:**

COST is a programme for building scientific networks in Europe. COST brings together research teams from different countries working in specific thematic areas to make effective use of existing capacities of knowledge, technical equipment and financial resources across Europe and to create lasting networks. Funding is provided for networking activities such as working group meetings, conferences, workshops, short scientific exchanges of (early career) scientists, training schools, as well as publications and public relations work. The research measures themselves are not funded. The funding amounts to approx. 124,000 Euro per year (if 24 COST member states participate) for a total funding period of up to 4 years.

### **Application process:**

The application procedure is one-stage. The application must be written anonymously, consists of 15 pages and is divided into a catalogue of 15 questions. Approximately 35-40 new COST Actions are funded per submission deadline. Proposals should include the participation of researchers from at least 7 COST Member States, including at least 50% participants from different so-called COST Inclusiveness Target States (the average size of networks in ongoing Actions is 26 COST Member States). In addition, a work plan must be drawn up that provides for the involvement of expert working groups as well as individual measures (e.g. meetings, public relations work). Participation is open to researchers from universities, research institutions and companies as well as application partners (e.g. public authorities).

### **Participating countries:**

COST currently involves 38 countries: the 27 EU member states plus Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iceland, Republic of Northern Macedonia, Montenegro, Norway, Switzerland, Serbia, Turkey and the United Kingdom. Israel participates as a cooperating member and South Africa is a partner member. In addition, institutions from recognized neighbouring countries and international partner countries can also participate in COST Actions. The "[COST Inclusiveness Targeted Countries](#)" are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, the Republic of North Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey.

### **Application deadline:**

There are one to two submission deadlines each year. Details can be found on the [COST website](#).

### **Overview of the current COST Actions:**

On the [COST homepage](#) you can use a search function to perform a research on all past and current COST Actions. For each Action, further information can be retrieved by activating the link hidden behind it. Here you can find the "Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)" next to the main contacts under "Action Documents" in which the respective content and work plan of the action can be viewed. Under the tab "Management Committee" all persons involved can be viewed. There is the possibility to participate in ongoing [COST Actions](#).

### **Information on the Internet:**

- COST Homepage: <http://www.cost.eu>
- COST Office Germany (in German only): <http://www.cost.dlr.de>
- Reviewer at COST: [http://www.cost.eu/participate/external\\_experts](http://www.cost.eu/participate/external_experts)

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