

# COST Action 2018



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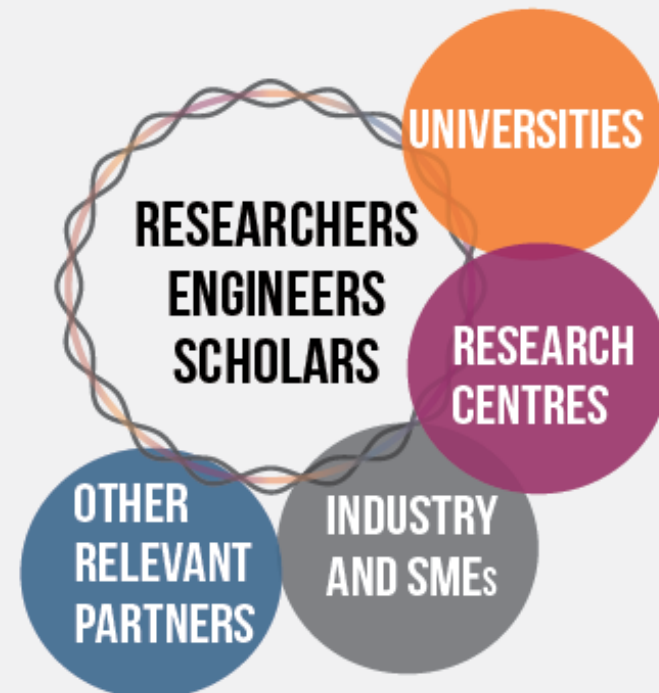
## 2018 COST OPEN CALL FOR COST ACTIONS

### WHAT ARE COST ACTIONS?

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Pan-European science and technology networks of researchers, engineers and scholars. These networks allow them to grow their ideas by sharing them with their peers, which gives impetus to their research and career, and triggers innovative products and services.

- All fields of S&T, including interdisciplinary, new, emergent fields
- Any novel or original idea
- The chance to join ongoing COST Actions





**APRIL**

**20**

**12:00 CET**

The COST open call is open all year round. Collection dates are organised every year, when proposals enter the evaluation process.

The next collection date is 20 April 2018 (12:00 CET).



**SOLELY SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN**



**SIMPLE**



**TRANSPARENT**

# 1 IDEA AND TEAM

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 Member States.



- 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



# 2 PROPOSAL COMPLETION

Complete your proposal via e-COST, the online submission tool, before 20 April 2018 (12:00 CET). Guidelines available on [www.cost.eu/opencall](http://www.cost.eu/opencall)

20 April



# 3 PROPOSAL COLLECTION

Proposals are collected on 20 April 2018.

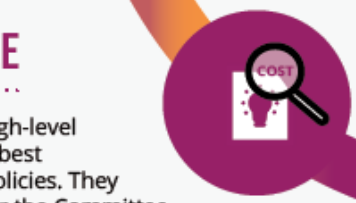


# 4 EXTERNAL EXPERTS

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.



# 5 REVIEW PANEL



November



# 8 DECISION COMMUNICATION

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

# 7 CSO DECISION

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

# 6 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).

# 9 COST ACTION STARTS

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

YOUR WAY TO A COST ACTION

# Who can participate?



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You need to have at least seven (7) peers interested in the idea, from at least seven (7) COST Member States.

Participation is open to researchers:

- in universities, research centres, large and small, public and private organisations from all 36 COST Member States and its Cooperating State
- from any science and technology field
- at any career stage
- having any original, innovative idea

Particular emphasis is placed on the COST “inclusiveness” countries ensuring the aim of widening participation.

Researchers from Near Neighbour Countries and International Partner Countries can also participate in a COST Action on the basis of ascertained mutual benefit.



## COST Action

COST Actions are networks centred around nationally funded research projects in fields that are of interest to at least seven COST Member States. The financial support averages EUR 130 000 per year for a four-year period.

Compliance with COST Excellence and Inclusiveness policy with regard to Inclusiveness issue. A high degree of compliance with it shall be achieved by proposals:

- i. Presenting a high proportion of COST Inclusiveness Target Countries represented in the proposal; and/or
- ii. Having very well defined plans for including COST Inclusiveness Target Countries participants in the implementation of the Action; and/or
- iii. Led by a Main Proposer from an ITC.

### Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC)

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, fYR Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey





## Early Career Investigators and Gender

Compliance with COST Excellence and Inclusiveness policy with regard to Early Career Investigators (ECI). A high degree of compliance with it shall be achieved by proposals:

1. Presenting a high proportion of Early Career Investigators in the Network of Proposers; and/or
2. Having very well defined plans for including Early Career Investigators in the implementation of the Action; and/or
3. Led by a Main Proposer being an Early Career Investigator.

Compliance with COST Excellence and Inclusiveness policy with regard to Gender balance. A high degree of compliance with it shall be achieved by proposals:

1. Presenting a good gender balance; and/ or
2. Having very well defined plans for achieving gender balance in the implementation of the Action; and/or
3. Led by a Main Proposer of the underrepresented gender.

Thank you

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