



# **COST - EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

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# European Cooperation in Science & Technology

COST provides networking opportunities for researchers and innovators to coordinate research activities and build capacity to address scientific, technological and societal challenges



## ALL FIELDS OF S&T

(mono- or interdisciplinary,  
new and emerging fields)



## ALL PARTNERS

(academia, public organisation, industry,  
NGO, International Organisations)



## BOTTOM-UP APPROACH



## ALL CAREER STAGES

(young and experienced researchers)



## ALL COUNTRIES

- 41 COST Full Members  
+ 1 Cooperating Member and +1 Partner Member
- Near Neighbour Countries
- Global cooperation

Brussels, 29 November 2024  
(OR. en)

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RECH 520  
COMPET 1158

#### OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
On: 29 November 2024  
To: Delegations

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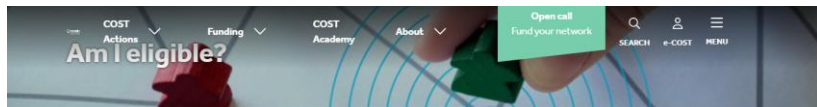
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Subject: Strengthening the competitiveness of the EU, reinforcing the European Research Area and overcoming its fragmentation  
- Council conclusions (29 November 2024)

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*“HIGHLIGHTS the Europe-wide added value and track record of COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) actions in creating inclusive R&I European networks spilling over to generate excellent know-how and R&I collaborations.”*

# Am I eligible?



COST Actions are open to all participants, not only to COST Full Members but also to peers from around the world. Find out what opportunities are available depending on your location.

## AM I ELIGIBLE?

Country of affiliation

Select Your Birth Year

[Check Eligibility](#)

## AM I ELIGIBLE?

Home > Am I eligible? > Palestine\*\* >

### What can I participate in?

COST Actions are open and inclusive. Our research networks are different to many other EU funded projects because it is possible to join and participate in a COST Action once it has started, even if you were not involved at proposal stage.

The country you selected is a COST [Near Neighbour Country](#), you can participate in most COST Action activities.

Participation to a COST Action may take the form of a long-term participation, in which case you can join a network as a Working Group member.

Participation to a COST Action may also take the form of an ad-hoc participation in one of its [networking tools](#), subject to invitation by the Action's Management Committee, that include:

- Meetings, workshops and conferences organised by the Action
- Training Schools
- Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs)
- Virtual Mobility Grants
- ITC Conference Grant\*
- Dissemination Conference Grant

\*ITC conference grants are also extended to Near Neighbour Country participants.

### I'm under 40!

As you are under 40 you can also benefit from one of the Young Researcher and Innovator Conference Grants offered by a COST Action. This is a grant to help you attend beneficial international conferences that are not organised by the COST Action.

# GEP template for COST Actions

- Template provided by COST Association for those COST Actions that wish to develop a GEP for their Action.
- The GEP template is **for guidance only** and published on the [COST website](#).

*COST Actions are invited to address the gender dimension in the design of activities, and to share their gender equality measures during the contract performance*

Visit the [COST web page on gender equality](#) to learn more about COST gender equality activities and events!

[Gender Equality Plan for COST activities](#)



# Open Research Europe

ORE is the EC's Open Access publishing platform for scientific articles for Horizon Europe.

As from 30 September 2022, COST Actions can submit directly to this publishing venue, free of charge.

ORE is a reliable peer-reviewed publishing service of high scientific quality, with swift publication times.

Submitted publications must be **original**, not be submitted anywhere else for publication, and **stem from COST Actions**. ORE accepts articles in all fields of science.

Please note that this is complementary to the existing Open Access expenses covered by the COST rules.

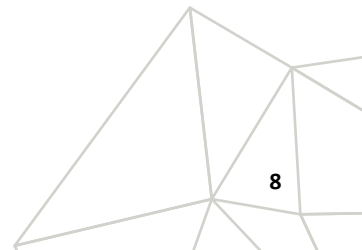
**Tuesday 4 March from 11h-12h30 CET** for an introductory webinar where representatives from the ORE team will present this innovative platform: <https://bit.ly/4avOcyj>

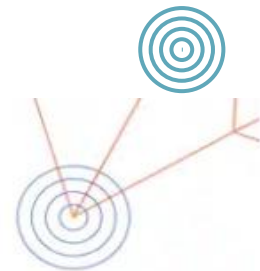




# SIX new COST Innovators Grant approved

 <p>HERITEX-HUB Building a Heritage-Based Knowledge Hub to Empower the Green Transition in Textiles and Fashion (IG19131)</p>	 <p>MET-C: Microbial Electrochemical Technology Commercialisation (IG19123)</p>	 <p>FYI-R: Future Youth Information for Rural Areas (IG18213)</p>
 <p>NanoCatML: Machine learning from computational materials science data for modelling nanocrystal catalysts (IG18234)</p>	 <p>RESCUE: European certification of interventions in support of second victims (IG19113)</p>	 <p>SensAlfood: Artificial intelligence methods for spectral data processing to solve food fraud and authenticity issues (IG19145)</p>





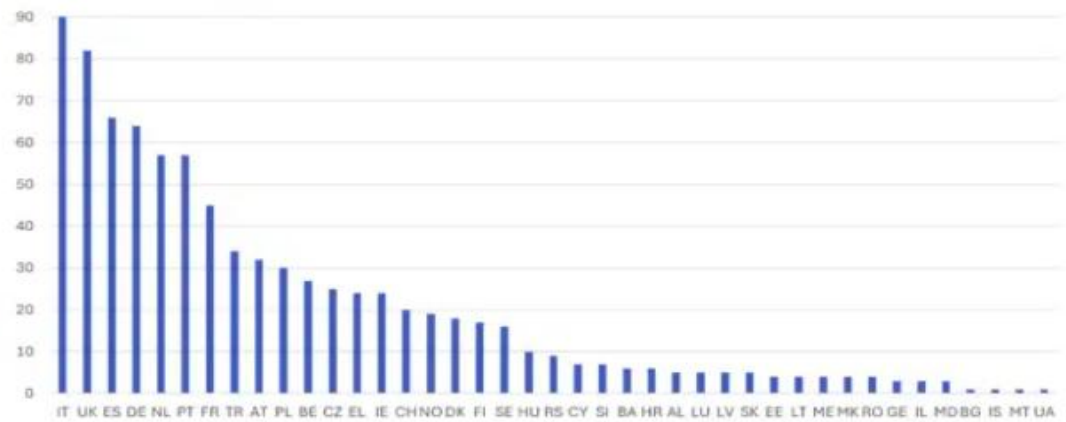
# COST Open Call 2024 (collection oc-2024-1)

**845 submitted proposals\*** before eligibility check

\*62% increase in submissions compared to 2023 and highest number of proposals ever



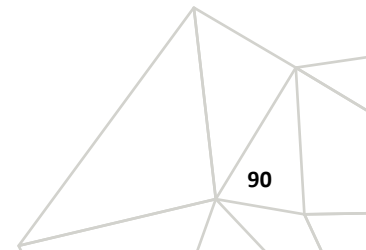
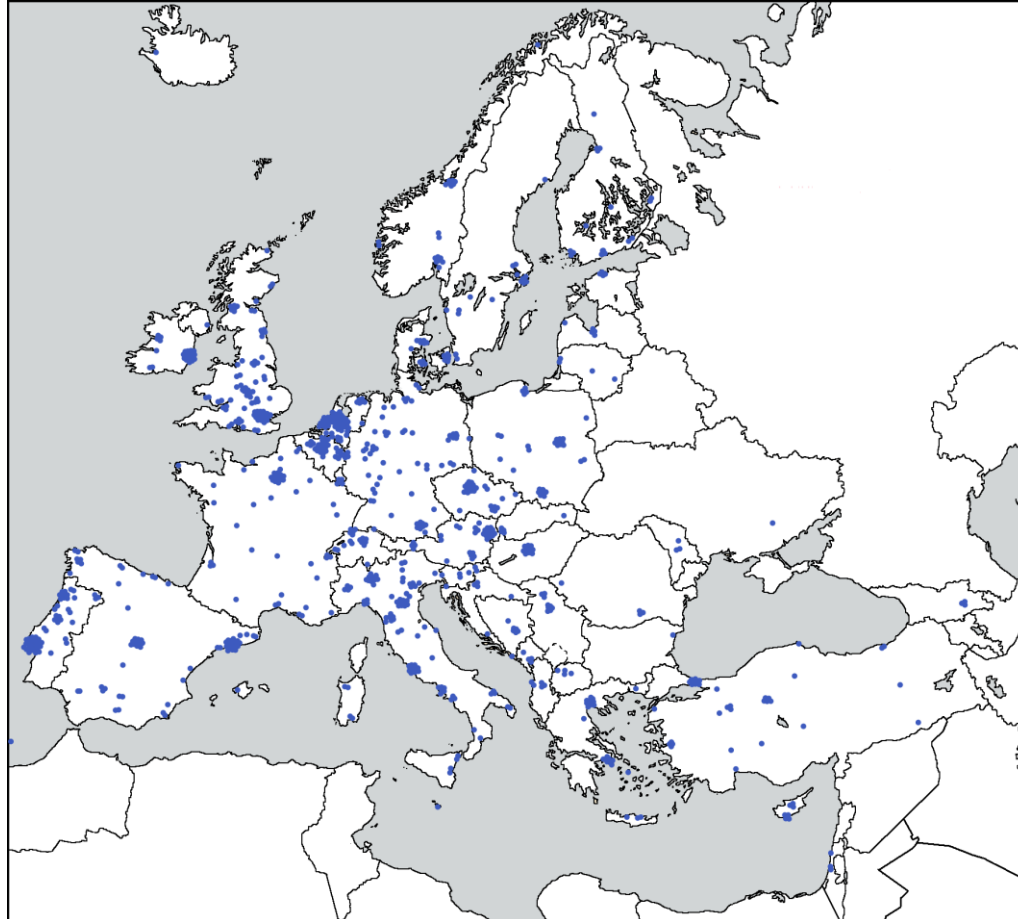
**35,687** main and secondary proposers



Country of main proposer: **41** COST Member Countries submitted



# Main proposers for oc-2024-1



# COST – EUREKA call

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## Western Balkans call for projects 2024

**Deadline: 15 May 2024 17:00 CEST**

**Apply  
from:**

14 February  
2024

**Until:**

15 May 2024 17:00  
CEST

### Countries/regions with funding

 Albania

 Austria

 France

 Hungary

 Montenegro

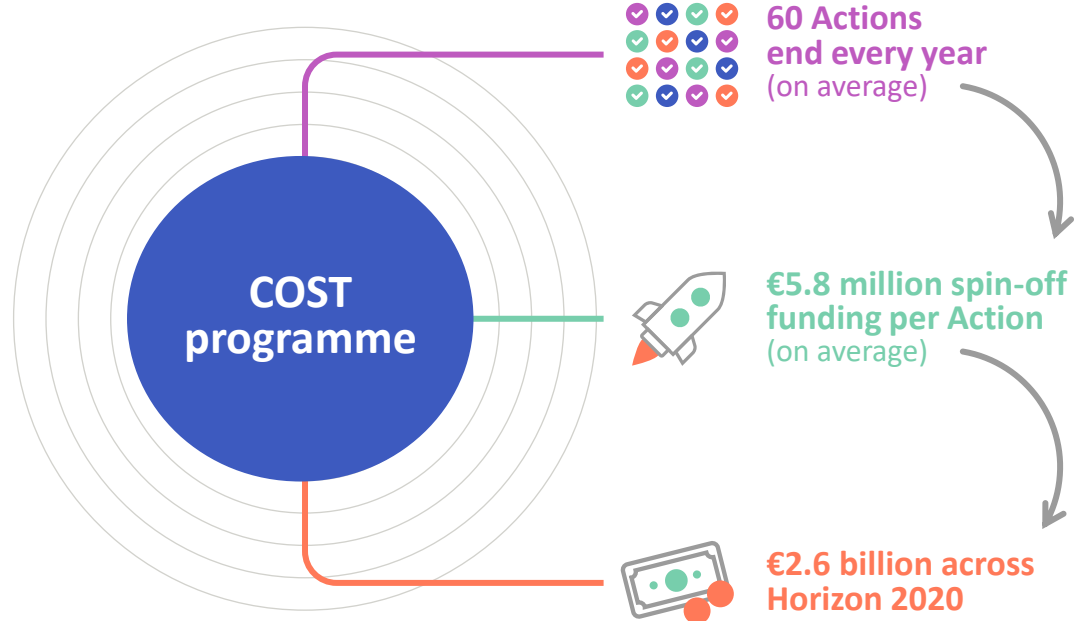
 Serbia

 Türkiye

# The value of networking

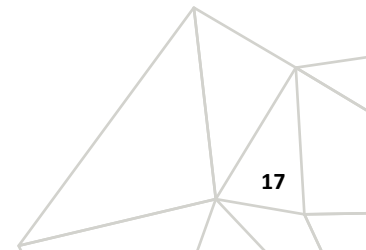
## Participation in COST Actions

Follow-up proposals have a success rate of more than 39%





## Online COST Info Day 2025 - COST



# THANK YOU!

