

Overview

Intergovernmental framework for European Cooperation in Science and Technology, allowing the coordination of nationally funded research on a European level and beyond.

- Programme duration: unlimited
- Total budget: EUR 350 M
- Funded by the European Commission (Horizon 2020: 2014-2020)

Goal

To reduce the fragmentation in European research investments and to open the European Research Area to a worldwide cooperation, COST Actions should

- support networking of fundamental and pre-competitive research
- recognize and take up recent scientific developments
- allow for broad, multidisciplinary research activities to strike across several scientific domains ('Trans-Domain COST Actions')

Topics of COST Actions are defined by the applicant consortium („bottom-up“).

Eligibility

Application for new COST Actions:

Any researcher from a legal entity (universities, universities of applied science, research institutions, NGO as well as – to a smaller extent – industry or SME) based in a COST Member State.

CH is a COST Member State. Switzerland-based scientists are fully eligible to all COST activities.

Collaboration within a running COST Action:

Individual scientists from any country (also outside COST Member States) but without being funded (except in special cases).

Project Partners

The application for a COST Action requires a minimum participation of 5 researchers from 5 different COST Member States.

Typical size of a consortium for a COST Action: around 20 countries

Financial Support

Funding for networking activities: Management committee meetings, working group meetings, conferences, exchange of people, training schools, etc.

- EUR ~ 0.13 M per COST Action per year

Except for special cases, only researchers based in a COST Member State can receive funding.

The actual research carried out within a COST Action is not funded by COST, but has to be funded nationally (CH: SNF, CTI, SERI, etc.). Please check www.h2020.ch.

Time Frame

- Applications for COST Actions: 2 deadlines per year
- Funding decision: ~ 6 months
- Duration of a COST Action: 4 years

Further Details

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