

Update from the COST Association to the Management Committee

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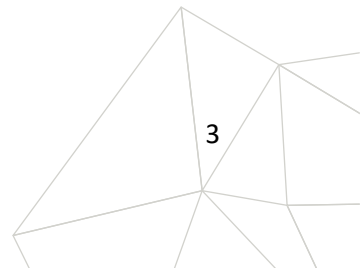
Management of COST Actions in Horizon Europe



Main Changes



- Action Management
- Revised definitions
- EU legislation
- Financial Rules



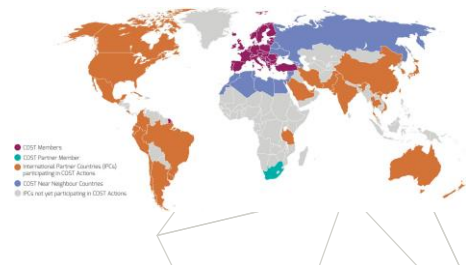
Action Management



Main Changes (1): People and Countries



- Membership in Actions
 - all 40 COST member countries part of an Action
 - no need for MC nomination
 - Limited amount of Specific Organisations (multinationals)
- Participation of Individuals to COST Actions
 - Strengthening of WG membership
 - open to any individual affiliated in a legal entity in the world
 - subject to MC approval
 - reimbursement subject to MC decision under the COST eligibility framework
 - Visibility and application possibility on COST Action web page
 - New e-COST tool to support management of WG members



Main Changes (2): Leadership Positions



Mandatory leadership positions - needed to assure the good implementation of a COST Action.

COST Actions can establish **any other leadership positions** (according to own needs).

Only Chair, Vice Chair and GH SR need to be MC members.

New Grant Awarding Coordinator

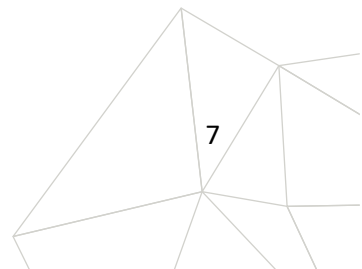
- STSM, Virtual Mobility, ITC and Dissemination Conference

Affiliation to	Mandatory positions		Other leadership positions (e.g., WG co-leaders, international advisor,)
	Chair/Vice Chair GH SR Grant Awarding Coordinator	WG Leader Science Communication Coordinator	
Legal entity in a COST F/C Member	✓	✓	✓
Legal entity in a COST Partner Member	✗	✓	✓
The EC, EU bodies, offices, and agencies (EC/EU)	✓	✓	✓
A European RTD Organisation	✓	✓	✓
An International Organisation	✗	✓	✓
Legal entity in an NNC	✗	✗	✓
Legal entity in an IPC/ Third State	✗	✗	✓

Main Changes (3): Management Committee



- MC Observers only from Specific Organisations or COST Partner member states (currently ZA only)
 - Not from NNC or IPC anymore
- No permanent MC substitutes anymore
 - Among the WG members affiliated in the same COST Member or Specific Organisations
 - Indicated by the MC Member and Observer for a specific event or period
- Running Actions to approve all additional MC members within 4 weeks (tacit approval)



Revised definitions



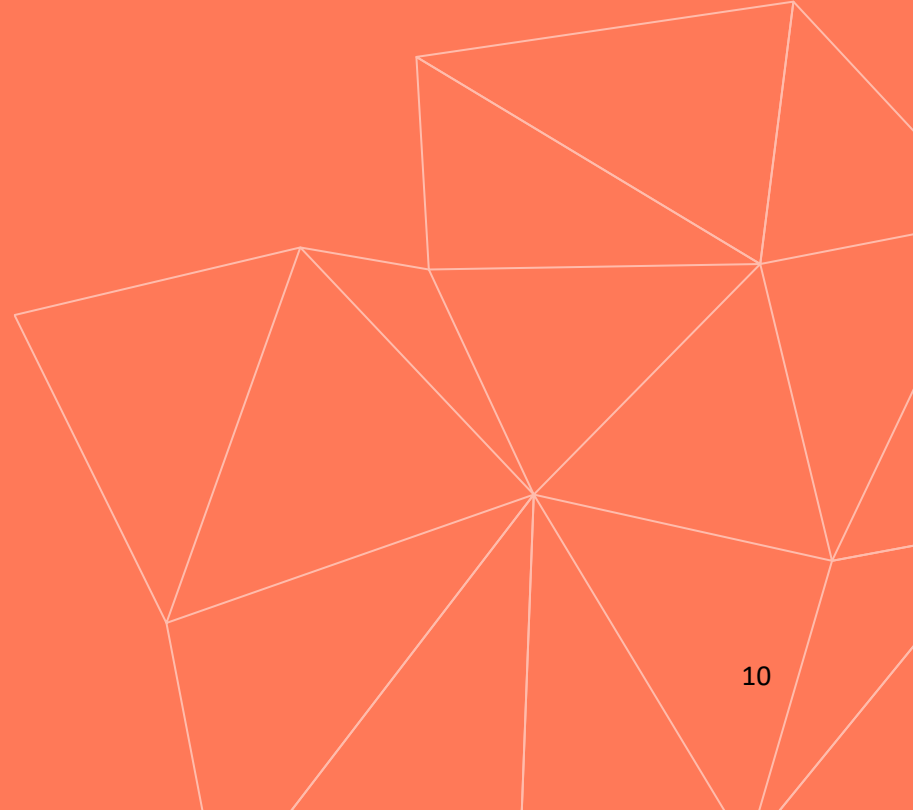


Young Researcher and Innovator

- Revised definition of ECI
- Aiming at including also young participants outside of academia
- Any researcher or innovator under 40 years of age



EU legislation



New List of ITCs

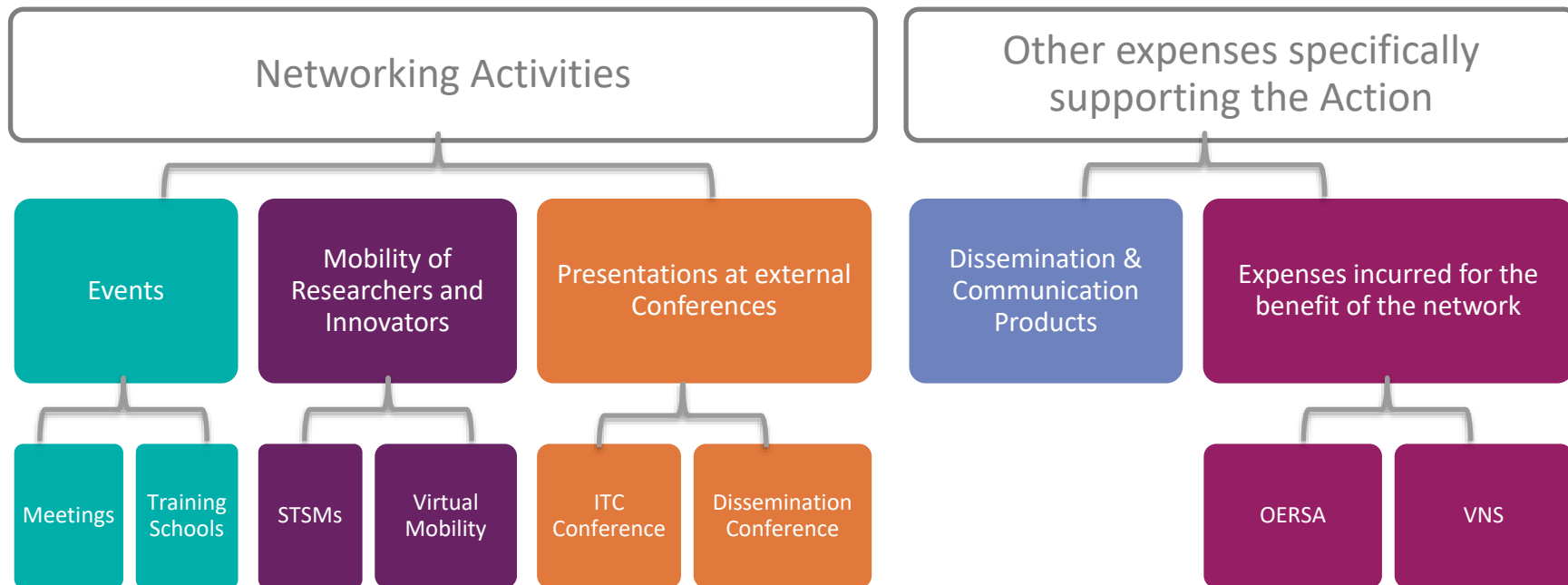


- Greece is now an ITC
- Luxembourg is no longer an ITC
- Researchers from Outermost regions are now considered ITC
 - French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion Island and Saint-Martin (France),
 - Azores and Madeira (Portugal)
 - Canary Islands (Spain)

Funded Activities



What can be funded by COST?



Eligibility for Funding



Main Changes (4): Eligibility



- ✓ MC Meeting:
 - ✓ Open to any relevant participant (even if not MC member) as attendee.
 - ✓ MC can decide to reimburse only 1 MC member per country.

- ✓ Invited Speakers:
 - ✓ No more limit of 4 per event
 - ✓ Concept substituted by ad hoc participant

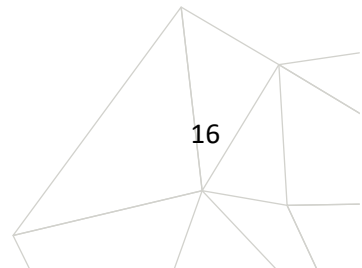
Affiliation to		Meetings		Training Schools			Other networking activities	
		Invited individual	Local Organiser	Trainer	Trainee	Local Organiser	ITC Conf Grant*	All others
COST Members	Legal entity in COST F/C Member	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Legal entity in CPM	At COST Partner Member's costs (dedicated budget line)						
Specific Organisations	EC/EU	At EC, EU body, office or agency cost (minimisation of cascade funding)						
	Eur. RTD Org.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
	IO	Once in the lifetime of the Action	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
NNC	Legal entity in a NNC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
IPC / Third States	Legal entity in an IPC	Once in the lifetime of the Action	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

Main Changes (4): Eligibility



		Meetings	Training Schools and other networking activities
Virtual Environment		✓	✓
COST Members	Full or Cooperating Members	✓	✓
	Partner Member	✗	✓
NNC		✓	✓
IPC/Third State		✗	✓
Specific Organisations		Rule applicable to territory where it is vested	

✓ MC meeting: can be organised using virtual means.



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Thank you!