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FFG AKADEMIE WEBINAR: COST ANTRAGSTELLUNG LEICHT GEMACHT!

27. September 2018, Wien



IHR GASTGEBER

- FFG: zentrale F\u00f6rderstelle des Bundes f\u00fcr anwendungsorientierte Forschung und Entwicklung
- Bereich "Europäische und Internationale Programme"
 - ✓ Nationale Kontaktstellen/"NCPs" zu HORIZON 2020
 - ✓ u.a. auch COST National Coordinator ("CNC")
- Mag. (FH) Nicole Schmidt
 - ✓ seit 2003 an der FFG
 - ✓ seit 2015 CNC für das COST Programm
 - ✓ seit 2017 außerdem im COST Committee of Senior Officials





UMFRAGE 1



Wie gut kennen Sie das COST Programm?

(Mehrfachantworten möglich)

- Ich habe schon mal eine COST Aktion eingereicht.
- Ich habe schon mal an einer COST Aktion teilgenommen.
- Ich habe schon mal an einem Event/Webinar zu COST teilgenommen.
- Das COST Programm ist mir vollkommen neu.



BASISINFORMATIONEN ZUM COST PROGRAMM

Aufzeichnung FFG Akademie Webinar

"COST: Einbettung Ihrer Idee in ein Europäisches Netzwerk"

14. November 2017

https://www.ffg.at/europa/akademie/webinare/aufzeichnungen

FFG Akademie: https://www.ffg.at/europa/akademie



BASISINFORMATIONEN UND STRATEGISCHES ZUM COST PROGRAMM

Nationaler COST Infotag im Rahmen der Österreichischen EU-Ratspräsidentschaft

"Promotion of RTI networking: COST – A story of success!"

6. November 2018, 13:30 Uhr, Tech Gate, 1220 Wien

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https://www.ffg.at/eu2018/veranstaltungen/cost 2018-11-06



KOMMENDE COLLECTION DATES

29. November 2018, 12 Uhr CET

danach: 5. September 2019

Einreichung über eCOST

http://www.cost.eu/participate/open_call







UMFRAGE 2



Wer kann aller am COST Programm teilnehmen?

(Mehrfachantworten möglich)

- Ein Fachbereichsleiter der FH Klagenfurt
- Eine Mitarbeiterin eines KMU
- Ein PHD Student der Uni Wien
- Ein Head of Unit der Europäischen Kommission
- Mein Nachbar Franz



"COST Actions are open to all researchers, engineers and scholars or other stakeholders, who are committed to work and achieve the Action objectives and are affiliated to a legal entity."







relevante Stakeholder einbinden



- geografische Ausgewogenheit
- Integration von "Early Career Investigators" (ECI)
- Gender Balance
- interdisziplinär
- intersektoral

ECI: "researcher in the time span of up to 8 years after the date of obtaining the PhD/doctorate"



Netzwerk aus zumindest...

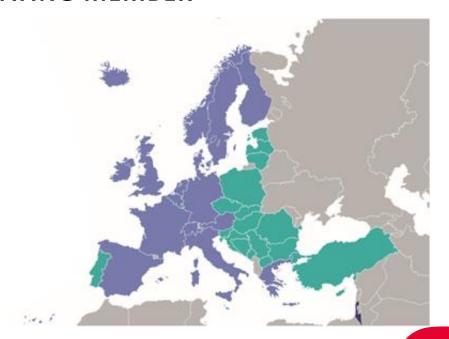
- 7 verschiedenen COST Full oder Cooperating Members
- mindestens 50% der Partner aus ITC NEU!!





36 FULL MEMBERS & 1 COOPERATING MEMBER

..davon: 20 ITC





UMFRAGE 3



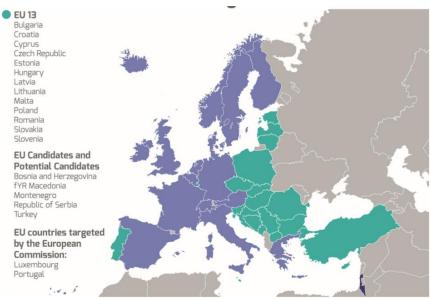
Wofür steht die Abkürzung "ITC"?

- Inclusiveness Target Country
- International Target Country
- Inclusiveness Target Cooperation



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..davon: 20 ITC (=Inclusiveness Target Countries: Länder mit niedrigerer Forschungsquote)





MINDESTANZAHL ITC

siehe Annex der **SESA Guidelines**

Submission

Evaluation **!!!**

Selection

Approval

http://www.cost.eu/download/65704

Number of COST members	Minimum number of ITC
7	4
8	4
9	5
10	5
11	6
12	6
13	7
14	7
15	8
16	8
17	9
18	9



ZUR BEDEUTUNG VON ITC

7 verschiedene COST Full Member = 7 verschiedene COST Full Member STATES

♦ 7 Partnerinstitutionen aus AT, DE, CH, CZ, HU, PL, BG
7 Länder / 4 ITC

7 Partnerinstitutionen aus AT (2), CH, CZ, HU, PL, BG
6 Länder / 4 ITC

9 Partnerinstitutionen aus AT (2), DE, CH, UK, CZ, HU (2), PL 7 Länder / 3 ITC



Nehmen Sie notfalls non-ITC Partner erst nach dem Start der COST Aktion auf!

Nehmen Sie Kontakt mit dem COST Team in der FFG auf!



ZUR BEDEUTUNG VON ITC

"Make at least 1 of the **leading positions of the MC***available for MC participants from ITCs."





- bereits in Antragsphase mitdenken
- Rollen frühzeitig klären
- eventuell Veranstaltungen in ITC planen
- Bewusstsein zeigen



^{*} MC = Management Committee



Integration von..

- Near Neighbor Countries (NNC)
- International Partner Countries (IPC)
- Europäische RTD Organisationen
- Internationale Organisationen (IO)
- EU Organisationen

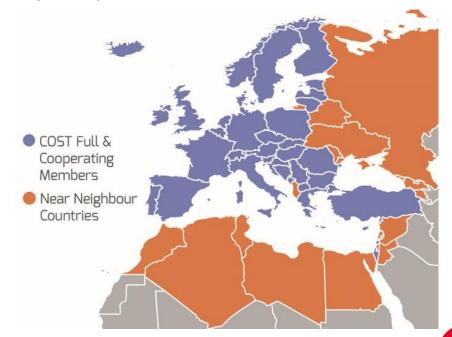


- NNC, IPC und IO schon in Proposal einbinden
- "Förderung" für nicht-geförderte TeilnehmerInnen (v.a. IPC, IO):
 - externe SprecherInnen bei COST Action Meetings (1x!)
 - TrainerInnen für Training Schools (1x!)



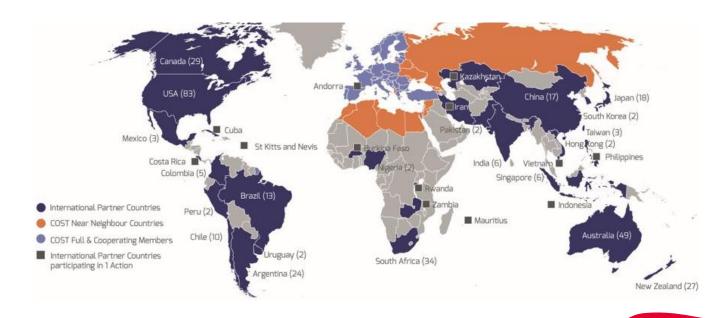
NEAR NEIGHBOUR COUNTRIES (NNC)

Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Russia, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine





INTERNATIONAL PARTNER COUNTRIES (IPC)





UMFRAGE 4



Was ist die MAXIMALgröße eines COST Netzwerks zum Zeitpunkt der Einreichung?

- 25 Partner
- 40 Partner
- es gibt keine



ABSCHLIEßENDE TIPPS ZU IHREM NETZWERK



- Größe des Netzwerks
 - ✓ "Startbudget" bedenken
- Rollen vorab klären
 - Proposer vs. MC members
 - ✓ Grant Holder Rolle
 - ✓ ITC: leading role
 - ✓ NNC/IPC: ",clearly beneficial"/"mutual benefit"
- Partner rechtzeitig registrieren!!
 https://e-services.cost.eu/user/registration/register



IHR PROPOSAL



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2 Teile:

- Online Part
- PDF (Technical Annex)

Sections		
GENERAL FEATURES	Online Mandatory	Call Identifier, Proposal no Title, Acronym, Summary Key Expertise (needed for evaluation): 1-5 OECD Fields / Subfields / Research Areas Keywords (3-5)
TECHNICAL ANNEX	PDF Mandatory	MAX 15 Pages!!! S&T Excellence, Networking Excellence, Impact, Implementation
REFERENCES	Online Optional	Up to 500 words Anonymity
COST MISSION AND POLICIES	Online Mandatory	Up to 500 words Inclusiveness Policy COST Vision and Strategic Goals
NETWORK OF PROPOSERS	Online Mandatory	Minimum 7 partners from 7 different COST Countries and/or Cooperating State (50% ITC)



IHR PROPOSAL – GENERAL FEATURES

- ansprechende Zusammenfassung
- Auswahl von OECD Forschungsbereichen für die Zuordnung von EvaluatorInnen (Dokument dazu → Downloadbereich Webinar)
- Auswahl an aussagekräftigen / sinnvollen Schlüsselwörtern

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IHR PROPOSAL – REFERENCES

- Referenzen im Technischen Annex v.a. in Section 1 "S&T Excellence" relevant
 - ✓ direkt im Fließtext / online
 - ✓ keine Fussnoten
- Anonymität beachten

Sections		
REFERENCES	Online Optional	Up to 500 words Anonymity



IHR PROPOSAL – COST MISSION & POLICIES, NETWORK OF PROPOSERS

- Strategiedokumente lesen (Dokument dazu → Downloadbereich Webinar)
- Einladungen rechtzeitig verschicken
- Profile rechtzeitig anlegen

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IHR PROPOSAL - TECHNISCHER ANNEX (PDF TEIL)

15 Seiten maximal

- Section 1 S& T Excellence
- Section 2 Networking Excellence



- Section 3 Impact
- Section 4 Implementation

NEU!!





IHR PROPOSAL – PUNKTEVERGABE

maximal 50 Punkte erreichbar

Section 1-3: jeweils 15 Punkte

Section 4: 5 Punkte (!!)

Threshold: 34 Punkte

Cut Off: ??

EvaluatorInnen: Liste mit 10 Fragen (siehe SESA Guidelines, S.26) → 5 Punkte / Frage



ESR COMMENTS SECTION 1 – S&T EXCELLENCE

The challenge of the proposal is sound and relevant within the EU context.

[..] comprehensive description of the challenge and its relevance through a clear problem description, contextualization and provided examples.

The proposal takes into considerations social aspects as well as technical.

The proposal shows a good understanding of the state of the art taking into account the impact and the scale of the research problem on the European level.

The main strengths are the integration of social inclusion and economy

The presented example of current practice in EU

[..] clearly shown that it would not be possible without European coordination

The main strengths are focus on social aspects and communication with stakeholders, local authorities etc. Another strength is the comprehensiveness and diversity of stakeholder through the representation of academia, cooperation and NGOs.

There is a clear description of the specific limitations of existing efforts, which eases to understand the added value of such proposed network, and the proposed networking approach is also one of the innovations key points of the Action.



ESR COMMENTS SECTION 2 (JETZT 3) – IMPACT

Expected impacts have a good capacity to influence scientific and technological changes in the research field.

Relevant stakeholders are identified and considered in a clear way.

The proposal build on existing network and there is a plan in place to extend this network involving new stakeholders

- [..] a very well structured and clear plan for dissemination of results with the formation of short talking programs that may be presented in a cafe colloquial style to keep public interested in the subject;
- [..] the outreach/dissemination and exploitation plan used tried and tested methodologies
- [..] a realistic program of publishing scientific results in journals with a reasonable impact factor

Very clear plan with contingency measures.



ESR COMMENTS SECTION 3 (JETZT 4) - IMPLEMENTATION

[..] well-constructed and thought out plan for contingencies;

Being more realistic about the risky points and present alternatives how to circumvent them, instead of saying that the points are risky but they won't happen. More consideration how the consortium will grow, would be helpful.

There is a plan with the description of the risks and a risk-mitigation measure, risks are categorized, and the plan is credible.

The number of experts involved in the proposal (52) in the beginning seem appropriate to initiate the action and accomplish their objectives

The organizations involved, besides Universities and Research Centres also englobe Charity Organizations and Business enterprises.

The proposal already involve NNC and IPC partners like countries and South America, Asia and Africa for instance are referred to be Included in the future time.

The timeframe is realistic and with high certainty achievable, with intermediate milestones (every 6 or 10 months, depending of the tasks).

The proposal would benefit from certain improvements of describing the mechanism to keep the different workgroups work in a harmonized way



ANONYMITÄT



UMFRAGE 5



J. Smith, Experte am MIT, ist für den Erfolg Ihrer COST Aktion maßgeblich. Dürfen Sie ihn im pdf Antrag namentlich erwähnen?

- Nein, der pdf Teil muss vollkommen anonym gehalten werden
- Ja, alle "key partner" sind dementsprechend hervorzuheben
- Ja, weil er Teilnehmer aus einem IPC ist ("mutual benefit")



ANONYMITÄT

PDF Teil: KEINE Nennung von Namen, Organisationen, etc.

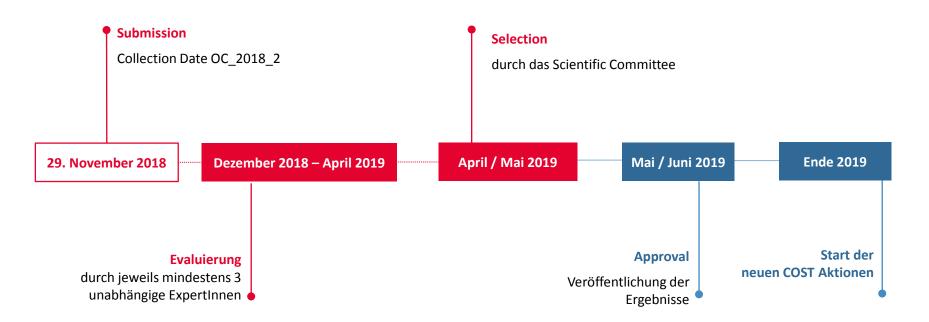
AUSSER in Section 2.2.1 "Securing the critical mass and expertise"

"If you include a secondary proposer from a **Non-COST country approved institution** [IPC, NNC..], you can mention in this section the [..] name when **describing the mutual benefit** deriving from the participation of this institution."

Online Teil: References



TIMELINE





HILFREICHE LINKS UND DOKUMENTE

http://www.cost.eu/participate/open_call

- SESA Guidelines
- Template Proposal (Technischer Annex)
- Vademecum
- International Cooperation and Specific Organisations Participation
- COST Vision and Strategic Goals → Downloadbereich Webinar



INFORMATION & SERVICES

- Antragsberatung (inkl. Proposal Check)
- Nominierungen zum Management Committee (via Interessenserklärungen)
- Bindeglied zwischen Österreichischen StakeholderInnen zum COST Programm sowie der COST Association

FFG Webseite zu COST

https://www.ffg.at/europa/cost



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