



# COST INFO DAY

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# Afternoon Session



# 2. As proposer of a new COST Action

COST OPEN CALL

One-stage **online submission** of proposals (e-COST)

**Proposal should focus on** S&T Excellence, Networking Excellence, Impact and Implementation

**70 COST Actions** approved per collection

**Main** proposer + **secondary** proposer

**Collection date:**  
20 October 2022  
12:00 CET

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# Open Call for proposals – how to apply

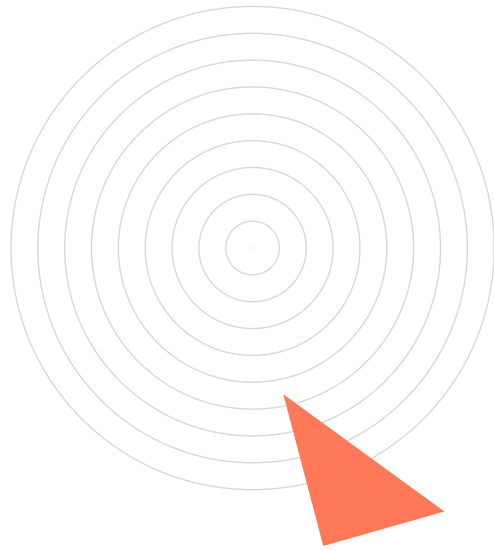
E-COST



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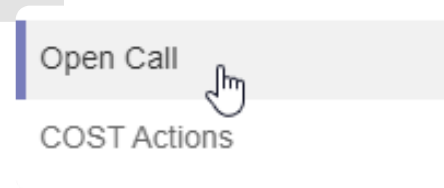
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<https://www.cost.eu/ecost>

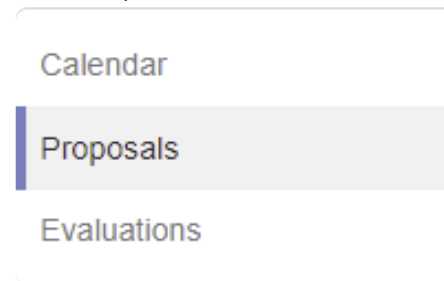


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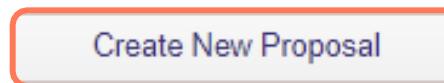
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Online registration  
and submission:

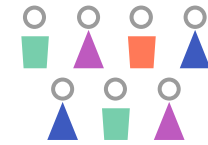
General information  
+ Technical Annex



# Proposals



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**NETWORK OF  
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**TECHNICAL  
ANNEX**

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1. S&T Excellence
2. Networking Excellence
3. Impact
4. Implementation



**COST EXCELLENCE AND  
INCLUSIVENESS POLICY  
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**





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# Online submission tool (e-COST)\*

Overview

General Features

Technical Annex

References

COST Mission and Policies

Network

Documents

« My Proposals

Main Proposer Institution \*  
Brussels Free University - COST Country Institutions

Title (Maximum 12 words) \*  
Organ Donor Network

Acronym \*  
(max 60 characters)  
OrgDonNet

Keyword 1 \*  
(max 60 characters)  
Database

Keyword 2 \*  
(max 60 characters)  
Transplantation

Keyword 3 \*  
(max 60 characters)  
Donour

Keyword 4  
(max 60 characters)

Summary: Maximum 250 words

Proposal Reference:  
OC-2017-1-21892

Proposal Status:  
Draft

Checklist:

- ✓ General Features
- ✗ Technical Annex (1 issue)
- ✓ COST Policies
- ✗ Network (1 issue)

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Ready to submit?

AREAS OF EXPERTISE NEEDED FOR EVALUATION

Science Field  
Health Sciences

Research Area  
Health Services, Health Care Research

Words: 68

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Funding ▾ COST Actions ▾ Ad

> How to get funding

- How to apply
- Open Call
- Evaluation, selection and approval
- [Documents and guidelines](#)

# Open Call for proposals

TECHNICAL ANNEX



## SECTIONS

**1.** S&T EXCELLENCE

**2.** NETWORKING  
EXCELLENCE

**3.** IMPACT

**4.** IMPLEMENTATION

## SUB-SECTIONS

**1.1** Soundness of the challenge  
**1.2** Progress beyond the state-of-the-art

**2.1** Added value of networking in S&T excellence  
**2.2** Added value of networking in impact

**3.1** Impact to science, society and competitiveness,  
and potential for innovation/breakthroughs  
**3.2** Measures to maximise impact

**4.1** Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

- Downloadable Word template
- Max. 15 pages
- Diagrams and figures accepted





# S&T Excellence

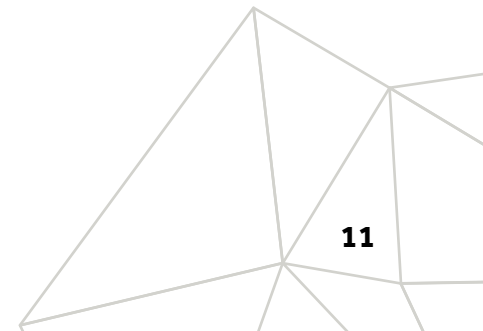
## Soundness of the challenge

**Q1.** Does the proposal demonstrate a comprehensive command of the state of the art in the field(s) and present a relevant and timely challenge?

## Progress beyond the state-of-the-art.

**Q2.** Does the proposal describe an innovative approach to the challenge that advances the state of the art in the field(s)?

**Q3.** Are the objectives presented relevant to the challenge, clear and ambitious?





# Networking Excellence

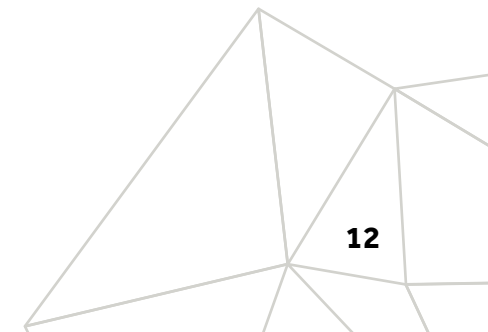
## Added value of networking in S&T Excellence

**Q4.** Does networking bring added value in tackling the challenge in relation to existing efforts at the European and/or international level?

## Added value of networking in Impact

**Q5.** Does the proposed network contain, or present a credible plan for securing, the critical mass and range of expertise for achieving the objectives and thus addressing the challenge?

**Q6.** Does the proposal identify the most relevant stakeholders and present a clear plan to involve them as Action participants?





# Impact criteria

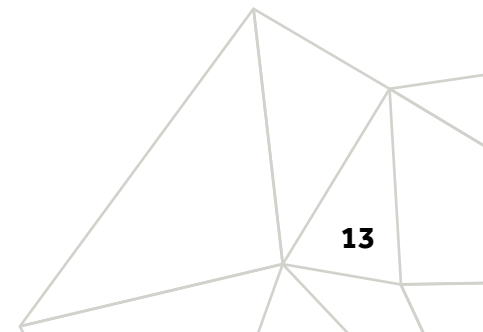
Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/breakthroughs

**Q7.** Does the proposal clearly identify relevant and realistic impacts for science, society and/or competitiveness (including potential innovations and/or breakthroughs)?

## Measures to maximise impact

**Q8.** Does the proposed networking clearly contribute to knowledge creation, transfer of knowledge and career development?

**Q9.** Is the plan for dissemination and/or exploitation of results clear and attainable and does it contribute to the dialogue between science and the general public or policy?





# Implementation criteria

Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

**Q10.** Is the work plan (WGs, tasks, activities, timeframe, deliverables and risk analysis) appropriate to ensure the achievement of the objectives?



# Some key concepts (1/2)

## Research Coordination Objectives

- development of a common understanding/definition of the subject matter;
- coordination of information seeking, identification, collection and/or data curation;
- coordination of experimentation or testing;
- comparison and/or performance assessment of theory/ model/ scenario/ projection/ simulation/ narrative/ methodology/ technology/ technique;
- development of knowledge needing international coordination: new or improved theory/ model/scenario/ projection/ simulation/ narrative/ methodology/ technology/ technique;
- achievement of a specific tangible output that cannot be achieved without international coordination (e.g. due to practical issues such as database availability, language barriers, availability of infrastructure or know-how, etc.);



# Some key concepts (2/2)

## Capacity-building objectives

- fostering knowledge exchange and the development of a joint research agenda around a topic of scientific and/or socio-economic relevance;
- fostering knowledge exchange and the development of a joint research agenda around a new or emerging field of research;
- bridging separate fields of science/disciplines to achieve breakthroughs that requires an interdisciplinary approach;
- acting as a stakeholder platform or trans-national practice community (by area of socioeconomic application and/or market sector);
- involving specific target groups (e.g. newly established research groups, Young Researchers and Innovators, the under-represented gender, teams from countries/regions with less capacity in the field of the Action).

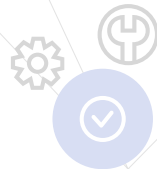




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## COST EXCELLENCE AND INCLUSIVENESS POLICY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES



# COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

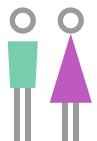
## PROMOTING



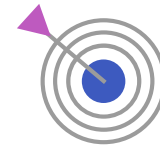
**GEOGRAPHICAL  
BALANCE** (ITC)



**AGE BALANCE**  
(young researchers)



**GENDER BALANCE**  
throughout its activities



## OBJECTIVES

**1.**

**Identifying excellence**  
in science and technology  
across Europe

**2.**

**Increasing research  
communities'** access  
to funding and infrastructures

**3.**

**Triggering structural changes**  
in COST Members' national  
research systems



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# Evaluation criteria



## S&T EXCELLENCE

- Soundness of the challenge
- Progress beyond the state-of-the-art



## 3 QUESTIONS

Total marks for the section  
**= 15 points**



## NETWORKING EXCELLENCE

- Added value of networking in S&T excellence
- Added value of networking in Impact



## 3 QUESTIONS

Total marks for the section  
**= 15 points**



## IMPACT

- Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/breakthroughs
- Measures to maximise impact



## 3 QUESTIONS

Total marks for the section  
**= 15 points**



## IMPLEMENTATION

- Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan



## 1 QUESTION

Total marks for the section  
**= 5 points**

**TOTAL MARKS AWARDED = 50 points - OVERALL THRESHOLD = 34 points**

# Ineligibility at COST proposals - Examples

## Statements resulting in ineligibility

"Several members of the proposers' network have been involved in previous FP7 projects, like ATTPS and ADAPTIWALL, and institutions/organisations/networks/COST Actions, such as FP0901" (direct reference)

## Eligible statements

"The Action will seek contact with / reach out to / draw on the expertise of / build on / ... previous FP7 projects, like ATTPS and ADAPTIWALL, and institutions/organisations/networks/COST Actions/..., such as FP0901."

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"The Network of Proposers has already generated some output<sup>1</sup>", with in the footnote a link to a YouTube video or webpage in which secondary proposers can be identified (indirect reference, potentially identifiable)

## Eligible statements

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## Statements resulting in ineligibility

"Among government-run public services we have the Department of Health of Catalonia on board"  
(direct reference)

## Eligible statements

"The Network of Proposers already includes a / several government-run public service(s)."



# How to apply in a nutshell



Read the official  
announcement

Online registration  
and submission (e-COST)

Helpdesk:  
[opencall@cost.eu](mailto:opencall@cost.eu)

Read the SESA  
Guidelines

Technical Annex template  
(Documents and Guidelines  
repository on the COST website)



# THANK YOU!

