Deadline	**Thu 05 Sep 2019 12:00 CET** (IOCB deadline: Mon 26 Aug 2019)
Call name	**COST Association: COST Action**
www	www.cost.eu/funding/how-to-get-funding/open-call/
Focused on	Networking: meetings, workshops, conferences, training schools, short term scientific missions, dissemination activities; Strengthening Europe´s research and innovation capacities
PI	Network of proposers (top management, senior researchers, project managers) represented by a main proposer
Eligible organisation	Consortium of at least 7 institutions from at least 7 COST Member States Research institutions, public higher education institutions, research infrastructures, international organisations, public authorities, regional bodies, private law subjects: companies, SMEs, NGOs, foundations...
Target group	Network of stakeholders: research institutions, universities, research infrastructures, companies, SMEs... Researchers, engineers, scholars, innovators from all career levels, degrees of specialisation and professional backgrounds, from PhD students to Nobel Prize winners
Expected outputs	Breakthrough scientific developments; interdisciplinary bottom-up networks New ideas, initiatives, concepts, services, products Codified knowledge (publications, patents, websites), tacit knowledge (not formalised knowledge), technology (software, new materials, prototypes, databases), societal applications, proposals to the ERC/large collaborative EU projects Deliverables (Action´s objectives): reports, documents, technical diagrams, S&T papers and contributions, content for training schools, input to standards, best practices, white papers, etc.
Call opens	Dec 2018
IOCB deadline	**Mon 26 Aug 2019**
Final deadline	**Thu 05 Sep 2019 12:00 CET**
Evaluation results	Apr 2020
Signature of agreement	NA
Earliest date of implementation	Expected May/Jun 2020 (the first Action MC meeting of the Action marks the official start date of the Action)
Latest date of implementation	-
Sustainability	Website for 2 years after the end date of the Action (2024–2026)
Reporting	3 progress reports: at month 12, 24, 48 (Final Achievement Report) Intermediate Financial Report (IFR) submitted when requesting the second payment around month 8 of the Grant Period Final Financial Report (FFR) submitted within 45 calendar days from the end of each Grant Period (12 months)
Project duration (min-max)	**4 years**
Allocation for the call	NA (up to 40 new COST Actions per call)
Project budget (min-max)	~**516 000 EUR (average annual budget of 129 000 EUR)**
Success rate	15 %
Eligible costs	Direct costs: personnel costs, travel expenses, accommodation, meal expenses, trainee grants, local organiser support, equipment, goods & services, fees… Indirect costs: overheads max 15% **dissemination meetings**: travel, accommodation and meal expenses, conference fees **meetings**: travel (up to 1200 €), local transport- bus, shuttle, train, metro, tram, ferry (25 €), taxi (up to 80 €, before 7 am, after 10 pm), parking, visa, accommodation (up to 120 €/p/n), meal (20 €/m, max 2m/d) expenses; medical illness and/or Force Majeure; organisational expenses **training schools**: up to 4 trainers/invited speakers (travel, accommodation, meal expenses), trainees (fixed grant up to 1500 €, travel, accommodation, meal expenses); LOS, materials **Local Organiser Support** (LOS): (1) a lump sum of up to 20 €/p/d, max 5000 €; (2) expenses justified by detailed invoices, max 10000 €; rental of rooms and technical equipment; photocopying & printing; phone, fax & mailing for announcements; up to 15% of LOS to support the administrative & secretarial expenses; field trip expenses; coffee breaks, refreshments & light

	lunches (wraps, sandwiches, finger food etc.); one single networking dinner; consumables such as laboratory materials, scientific equipment **Short Term Scientific Missions** (STSM) for PhD students & postdocs: up to 3500 €/p, up to 160 €/d for accommodation & meal, up to 300 € for travel costs **conference grants** for PhD students & ECI from ITCs, oral/poster presentation: up to 2500 €/p, up to 160 €/d for accommodation & meal, up to 500 €for conference fees **communication tools**: creation, development, hosting, maintenance of website up to 9000 €; graphic design up to 1000 €; flyers, leaflets, posters, pens; multimedia content; conference booths; publications co-authored by at least 3 FM up to 10000 € in total funded by COST Association; Open Access licences; production & distribution of publications; proofreading, layout & editing expenses **Final Action Dissemination** (FAD) funded by the COST Association, apply no later than 6 months before the official end date of the Action: a fixed grant up to 10000 €
Reimbursement	**100 %**
Mode of funding	Ex-ante & ex-post First instalment of 50 % after signature of the Grant Agreement Second instalment of 35 % reimburses after submission of IFR month 8 Third instalment of 15 % reimburses after submission depends on submission of FFR
Language of application	English
Provider	COST Association AISBL, Brussels, www.cost.eu, opencall@cost.eu
Call identifier	COST-2019-1
Call info	COST aims to enable breakthrough scientific developments leading to new concepts, services and products. It thereby contributes to strengthening Europe´s research and innovation capacities. Objectives: (1) Joining research efforts and developing common S&T programmes by coordinating nationally funded research activities led by pan-European, high quality, collaborative S&T networks. (2) Building capacity by providing networking and leadership opportunities for emerging talents and thereby strengthening and building up excellent S&T communities. (3) Addressing Societal Questions by promoting transdisciplinary, new approaches and topics and identifying early warning signals of unforeseen societal problems aiming to contribute to Societal Challenges. (4) Strengthening COST Inclusiveness Policy by fostering better access and integration of less research intensive countries' researchers to the knowledge hubs of the European Research Area aiming at contributing to the Widening Pillar of Horizon 2020. COST encourages and fosters trans-, multi- and interdisciplinary approaches by integrating researchers, engineers and scholars from different fields and horizons. COST Actions are: pan-European, bottom-up, open, unique, multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary, output & impact-oriented
Conditions / Restrictions	Proposal of up to 15 pages. Be anonymous. Proposals may not contain any direct or indirect reference to people and/or institutions participating in the consortium. At least 50 % of the budget has to be spent in widening countries (Inclusiveness Target Countries, ITCs) Network of proposers from at least 7 different COST Full or Cooperating Members a minimum number of ITCs (7-8 FM / 3 ITCs; 10-12 FM / 4 ITCs; 13-15 FM / 5 ITCs; 16-17 FM / 6 ITCs; 18-20 FM / 7 ITCs; >21 FM / 8 ITCs). There can be more than one proposer per institution, as long as it is clearly beneficial for the proposed Action. All proposers must have a registered and updated e-COST profile: https://e-services.cost.eu and specified expertise. 38 **COST full members** (FM): Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom 22 **Inclusiveness Target Countries** (ITCs): Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey 1 **Cooperating Member**: Israel 16 **Near Neighbour Countries** (NNC): Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Russia, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine
Proposal consists of	1) General features (online): Title, Acronym, Summary, Key expertise, Keywords (applicant) 2) Technical Annex: Science & technology excellence, Networking excellence, Impact, Implementation (use template, save final version as a PDF) (applicant & Project Office) 3) References (online, not-mandatory, max 500 words) (applicant)

	4) COST Mission, Policy and rules (online, mandatory max 1000 words) (applicant) 5) Network of proposers (online, mandatory, e-COST profile) (applicant & Project Office)
Evaluation criteria	Single-round evaluation (0–50 points, overall threshold 34 points) **Excellence**: soundness of the challenge; progress beyond the state-of-the-art (15 points) Q1: Does the proposal demonstrate a comprehensive command of the state of the art in the field and present a relevant and timely challenge? Q2: Does the proposal describe an innovative approach to the challenge that advances the state of the art in the field? Q3: Are the objectives presented relevant to the challenge, clear and ambitious? **Networking excellence**: added value of networking (15 points) Q4: Does networking bring added value in tackling the challenge in relation to existing efforts at the European and/or international level? Q5: Does the proposed network contain, or present a credible plan for securing, the critical mass and 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's participants? **Impact**: to science, society, competitiveness, potential for innovations (15 points) Q7: Does the proposal clearly identify relevant and realistic impacts for science, society and/or competitiveness (including potential innovations and/or breakthroughs) 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**: coherence and effectiveness of the work plan (5 points) Q10: Is the work plan (WGs, tasks, activities, timeframe, deliverables and risk analysis) appropriate to ensure the achievement of the objectives?
Research areas	All scientific and technological fields Natural Sciences: (1) Mathematics, (2) Computer and Information Sciences, (3) Physical Sciences, (4) Chemical Sciences, (5) Earth & Environmental Sciences, (6) Biological Sciences Engineering & Technology: (7) Civil Engineering, (8) Electrical, Electronic, Information Engineering, (9) Mechanical Engineering, (10) Chemical Engineering, (11) Materials Engineering, (12) Medical Engineering, (13) Environmental Engineering, (14) Environmental Biotechnology, (15) Industrial Biotechnology, (16) Nano-technology, (17) Other E&T Medical & Health Sciences: (18) Basic Medicine, (19) Clinical Medicine, (20) Health Sciences, (21) Medical Biotechnology, (22) Other Medical Sciences Agricultural Sciences: (23) Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries, (24) Animal & Dairy Science, (25) Veterinary Science, (26) Agricultural Biotechnology, (27) Other Agricultural Sciences Social Sciences: (28) Psychology, (29) Economics & Business, (30) Educational Sciences, (31) Sociology, (32) Law, (33) Political Science, (34) Social & Economic Geography, (35) Media & Communications, (36) Other Social Sciences Humanities: (37) History & Archaeology, (38) Languages & Literature, (39) Philosophy, Ethics, Religion, (40) Arts, (41) Other Humanities
Call workshop	NA
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Download documents	2019-06-18_IOCB_call_COST-2019-1_summary COST-2019-1 Infographic COST-2019-1 Announcement COST-2019-1 SESA guidelines COST-2019-1 Technical annex MoU COST Vademecum v06