COST Antragstellung leicht gemacht!

Ein Webinar für zukünftige EinreicherInnen

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Aufzeichnung Webinar

„COST: Einbettung Ihrer Idee in ein Europäisches Netzwerk"

14. November 2017

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

KOMMENDE COLLECTION DATES

20. April 2018, 12 Uhr CET

danach: in 8-9 Monaten → Dez 2018 / Jan 2019

Einreichung über **eCOST**

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

Netzwerk aus zumindest..

- **7 verschiedenen** COST Full oder Cooperating Members
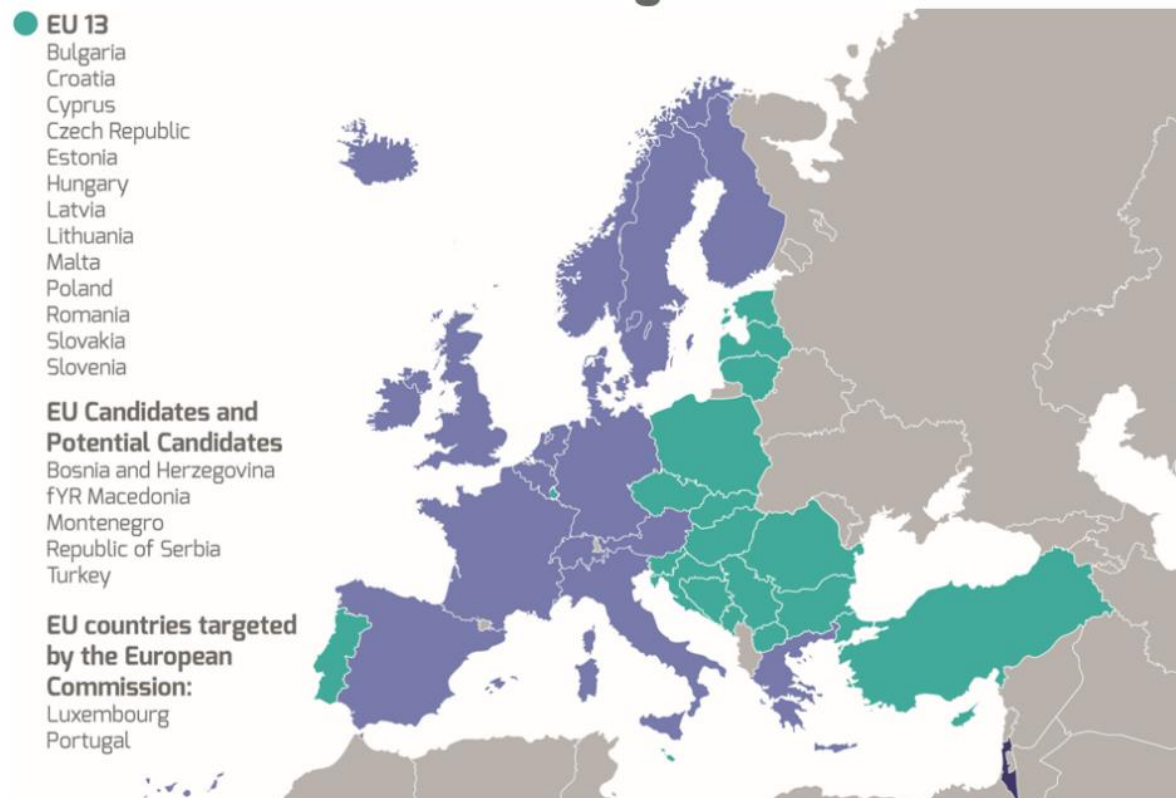
- inkl. einer **Mindestanzahl an Partnern aus ITC**

..davon: 20 ITC

EU 13
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Estonia
Hungary
Latvia
Lithuania
Malta
Poland
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia

EU Candidates and Potential Candidates
Bosnia and Herzegovina
fYR Macedonia
Montenegro
Republic of Serbia
Turkey

EU countries targeted by the European Commission:
Luxembourg
Portugal

..davon: **20 ITC (=Inclusiveness Target Countries – niedrigere Forschungsquote)**

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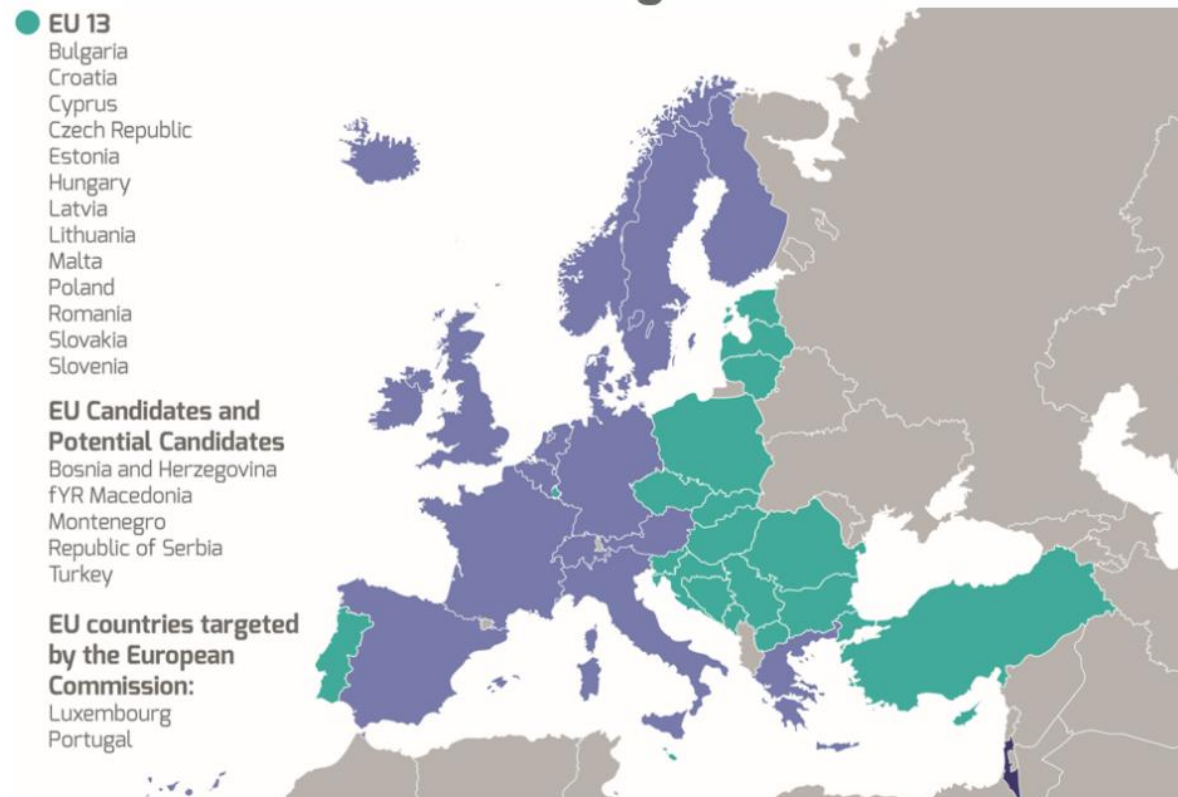
| Number of COST Members	Minimum number of ITC
7	3
8	3
9	3
10	4
11	4
12	4
13	5
14	5
15	5
16	6
17	6
18	7
19	7
20	7
21 or more	8

siehe Annex der SESA Guidelines

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

👍 7 Partnerinstitutionen aus AT, DE, CH, UK, HU, PL, BG   7 Länder / 3 ITC

👎 7 Partnerinstitutionen aus AT (2), CH, UK, HU, PL, BG   6 Länder / 3 ITC

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

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

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

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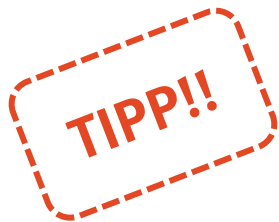
- bereits in Antragsphase mitdenken
- Rollen frühzeitig klären

- eventuell Veranstaltungen in ITC planen
- Bewusstsein zeigen

* MC = Management Committee

*"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**."*

👎 EinzelforscherIn

👍 Einzelunternehmen

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TIPP!!

relevante Stakeholder / Enduser einbinden
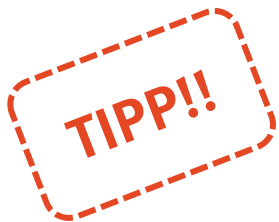
„NETWORK OF PROPOSERS" - IHR NETZWERK

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

- interdisziplinär
- intersektoral

Integration von..

- Near Neighbor Countries (NNC)
- International Partner Countries (IPC)

- Europäische RTD Organisationen
- Internationale Organisationen (IO)
- EU Organisationen

TIPP!!

- 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 NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES (NNC)

- **Albania (15)**
- Algeria (7)
- Armenia (8)
- Azerbaijan (5)
- Belarus (6)
- Egypt (7)
- Georgia (5)
- Jordan (2)
- Lebanon (5)
- **Moldova (5)**
- **Montenegro (12)**
- Morocco (13)
- Palestinian Authority (3)
- Syrian Arab Republic (2)
- Russia (51)
- Tunisia (14)
- **Ukraine (46)**

COST Countries
Near Neighbour Countries

- Größe des Netzwerks?

  ✓ „Startbudget" bedenken

  ✓ Rollen vorab klären
    - ITC: leading role
    - Grant Holder Rolle
    - Proposer vs. MC members
    - NNC/IPC: „*clearly beneficial*"/"*mutual benefit*"

- Partner rechtzeitig registrieren!!
  https://e-services.cost.eu/user/registration/register

TIPP!!

IHR PROPOSAL - SECTIONS

TIPPS!!

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key messages in summary einbauen!

SECTION		
GENERAL FEATURES	Online tool 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, Impact, Implementation
REFERENCES	Online tool **Optional**	• Up to 500 words • **Anonymity**
COST MISSION & POLICIES	Online tool Mandatory	• Up to 500 words • Inclusiveness Policy • Innovation Union Goals
NETWORK of PROPOSERS	Online tool Mandatory	• Minimum 7 partners fr̶ ̶ ̶ ̶rent COST Countries an̶ ̶ ̶ ̶ ̶t

mit Strategiedokumenten vertraut machen

Daten für re-submission speichern

rechtzeitig registrieren!

15 Seiten maximal

- Section 1 – S& T Excellence

- Section 2 – Impact

- Section 3 – Implementation

TIPP!!

Lesen Sie erfolgreiche Anträge online! (jeweilige Aktionsseite unter Memorandum of Understanding)

- maximal 65 Punkte erreichbar

- Threshold: 45 Punkte
- Cut Off: bisher zwischen56-62 Punkte

- keine Gewichtung

- EvaluatorInnen: Liste mit 13 Fragen → 5 Pkt/Frage

*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.*

*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**.*

[..] ***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

- eigenes detailliertes Guidance-Dokument dazu!

  - ✓ PDF Teil: KEINE Nennung von Namen, Organisationen
    - 1.4 Added value of networking
    - 3.1 Description of the Work Plan and
    - 3.3. Network as a whole

  - ✓ Online Teil: References

3.3 Ausnahme bei
NNC, IPC, IO

TIMELINE - SUBMISSION UND EVALUIERUNG
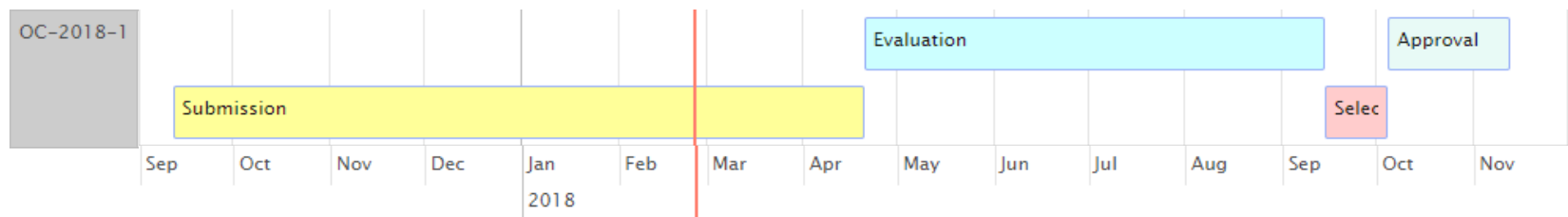
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- Ergebnisse im **November 2018**
- Start der COST Aktionen voraussichtlich **Anfang 2019**

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
Dokument zu Anonymität

Downloadbereich Webinar

- 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

- **6. November 2018, 13:30 Uhr**
  Tech Tower, 1220 Wien

  COST Awareness Day inkl. COST Präsident und Marktplatz
  erfolgreicher COST Aktionen

- **Herbst 2018** (voraussichtlich Oktober): nächstes Webinar für
  COST EinreicherInnen

  https://www.ffg.at/europa/akademie-termine

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Gibt es ein Audit?

Nicht verpflichtend, nein. Aber ein Audit KANN Sie treffen. Siehe dazu auch Vademecum S. 41, Section 10.1:

*The COST Association or an appointed audit performing organisation or agency, under direct or indirect instruction from the European Commission, **are permitted to carry out random checks** to examine accounting records and / or supporting documentation linked to administering and financing COST Activities. Grant Holders can therefore be asked to make readily available to the COST Association, or to the appointed audit-performing organisation or agency, **legible copies of their accounting records and / or supporting documentation.** Any request for documentation will be done so for the purpose of determining whether specific COST activities were implemented and administered in line with the rules and principles set out in the COST Vademecum and the terms and conditions detailed in the Action Grant Agreement. All supporting documentation including Action MC meeting minutes, Action MC approvals and accounting records must be made readily available for inspection up to the end date of the audit timeframe specified in the COST Action Grant Agreement signed between COST and each respective Grant Holder.*

Kann der Iran als Internationales Mitglied trotz Embargos teilnehmen?

Ja, der Iran kann weiterhin am COST Programm teilnehmen.