

<b>Funding source</b>	<b>EU H2020, COST funds</b>
<b>Targeted countries</b>	COST members (35 in total, including EU MS and some associated countries), cooperating state Israel and near neighbouring states, including AM, AZ, BY, GE, MD, UA and RU.
<b>Programme objectives</b>	COST funds coordination costs of Pan-European research networks (COST actions) thus multiplying the potential of nationally funded research activities/programs. Historically, COST supports mainly basic and applied research, since recently it is going to fund also developments and innovation.
<b>Programme description</b>	In order to apply, organisations from at least 5 COST member states should develop a proposal for a 4y research network and submit it to the continuous Open Call. After that, an evaluation and selection procedure follows. Upon the approval of a COST action and launch of activities, other partners may join it. Thus, typical COST action unites 22 countries.
<b>Website and additional links</b>	<a href="http://www.cost.eu">http://www.cost.eu</a>
<b>Status</b>	Ongoing
<b>Overall budget</b>	EUR 300 million for 2014-2020; EUR 130k/per year/per action
<b>Maximum budget per candidate</b>	Depends on the number of persons involved and events attended
<b>Contact</b>	Email: <a href="mailto:opencall@cost.eu">opencall@cost.eu</a> <a href="http://www.cost.eu/participate/open_call">http://www.cost.eu/participate/open_call</a>
<b>Who can candidate?</b>	Organisations which carry out research activities (research labs, academics, SMEs, etc) and are involved in national S&T programs.
<b>What are the requirements for applying?</b>	Organisations from the near neighbouring countries has 2 opportunities to join an action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- By joining a consortium at COST action development stage</li> <li>- By joining the approved COST action during its implementation; it is necessary to approach a Chair of the selected action by email</li> </ul>
<b>Type of activity funded</b>	COST covers the costs of meetings, short-term scientific missions, training schools, dissemination and publications. In short, it funds the activities which support and coordinated basic and applied research but not the research itself.
<b>Link with ICT</b>	There are at least 2 scientific domains which embrace ICT research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information and Communication Technologies</li> <li>- "Trans-Domain" with broad, interdisciplinary dimension</li> </ul>
<b>Other useful information</b>	Benefits for the neighbouring countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Each COST action may involve maximum 2 organizations from a neighbouring country</li> <li>- The number of COST actions an organization may take part in is not limited</li> <li>- Organisation which is a partner in a COST action can be represented at its events by max. 2 experts, however only one of them will be reimbursed.</li> </ul>