COST – Participate in COST Actions and Submit a proposal

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How to engage with COST?

1. As **participant** of a running COST Action
2. As **proposer** of a COST Action
3. As **expert** to evaluate submitted proposals or contribute to the monitoring of Actions

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What are COST Actions?

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Action Features

- Open and expandable participation

Open to all stakeholders, type of institutions, career levels, countries, at any time

- Bottom-up approach

researcher driven, any topic/ multiple topics

- Flexible

adaptable research and activities

- Output and impact oriented

open science, wide sharing of knowledge and results, open access, open innovation

COST Actions

Memorandum of Understanding

4 years

Network

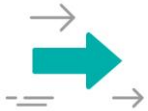
Min 7 countries

€ ~500 000 euros over lifetime

Research coordination and capacity building activities

Networking tools

Management Committee meeting



Working Group meeting

Research coordination & Capacity building activities

Conferences

Training Schools

Dissemination

Scientific missions

Financial rules: see Vademecum

COST Action Structure

Leadership Positions

Action Chair
Vice Chair

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MC)

GRANT HOLDER (GH)

GH Scientific Rep.

WG1

WG2

WG3

WG4

WG5

WG6

WG leaders

COST Association Administration

Horizontal groups

Scientific Com. Manager
STSMs coordinator
ITC Conference Grants coordinator

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Engage as participant of a running COST Action

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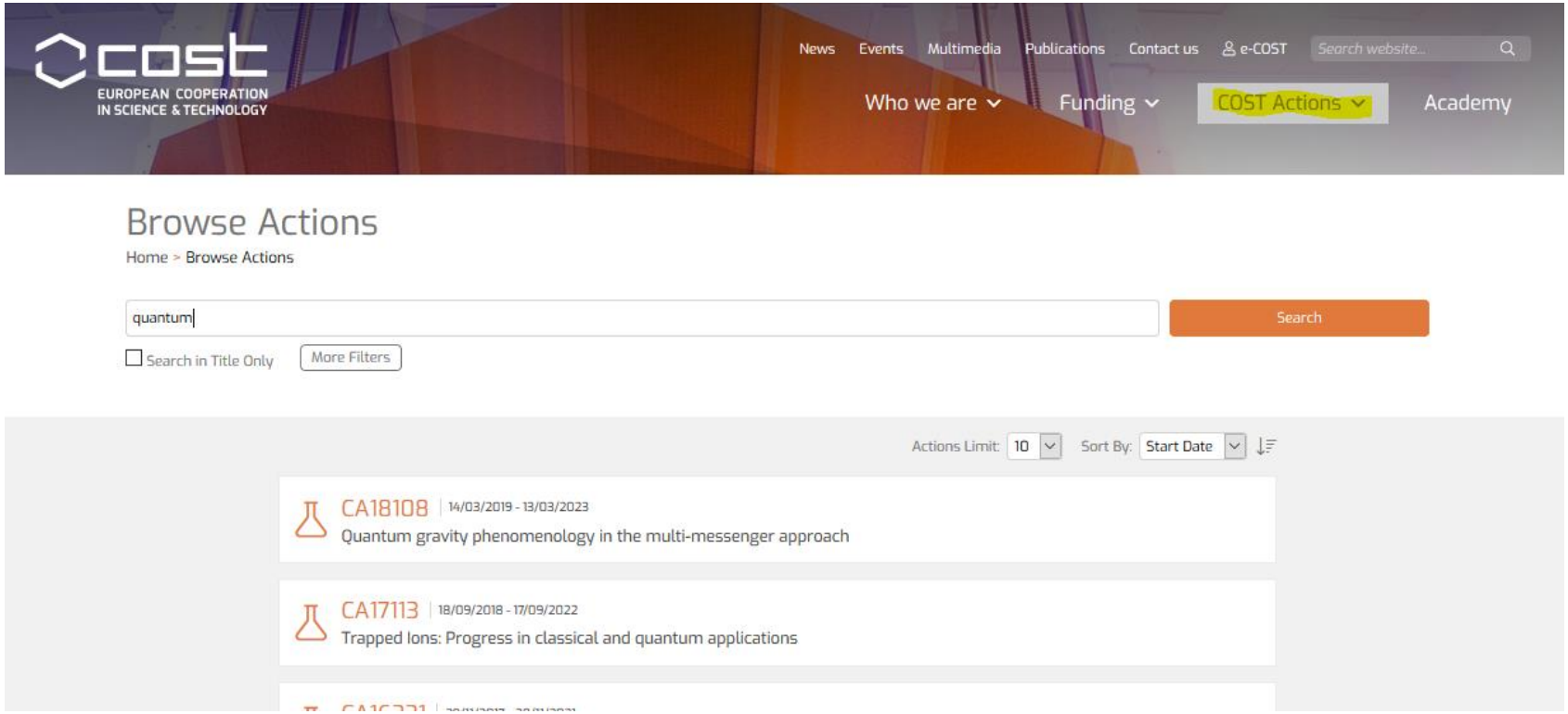
Engaging in an running COST Action



Engaging in an running COST Action

- Find the Action in your field of interest on the COST website
- Read the project plan (MoU) – identify your potential contribution
- Browse the Action's own website – check their activities
- Identify the opportunities to join the Action and your contact person

Join an Action as…

- As a Management Committee (MC) member (contact the COST National Coordinator)
- As a Working Group (WG) participant (contact the WG leader)
- As a participant in Action activities: Short Term Scientific Mission, ITC Conference grant, Training school, Workshop/Conference,… (Check the Action's website, contact the national MC member)

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Engage as proposer of a COST Action

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Open Call: A simple one-step application process

Home > Funding > How to get funding > Open Call

Participants are invited to submit COST Action proposals contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal knowledge advancement and development of Europe. Multi- and interdisciplinary proposals are encouraged.

The Open Call Action proposal submission, evaluation, selection and approval (SESA) procedure is fully science and technology-driven and will ensure a simple, transparent and competitive proposal evaluation and selection process, reflecting the bottom-up, open and inclusive principles of COST.

Participants planning to submit a proposal for a COST Action will need to refer to the SESA guidelines on the Documents and Guidelines page.

The results of the first 2018 collection were announced in November 2018, while the results of the second 2018 collection will be published in June 2019.

For any questions related to the open call and how to get funding, please contact **opencall@cost.eu**

The next collection date is **5 September 2019 at 12:00 noon (CET).**

Two collection dates will take place **in 2020** (Spring and Autumn).

Find out how to join an existing COST Action

e-COST

Open Call for proposals – how-to

- Read the official announcement
- Read the SESA Guidelines
- Online registration and submission (e-COST)
- Technical Annex template
- Helpdesk: opencall@cost.eu

COST Open Call

When? — Collection every 9 months
Next: 5 September 2019 – 12:00 CET

What? — One stage online submission of proposals
eCOST account

Who? — Main proposer
(and secondary proposers)

How many? — 40 – 45 Actions approved per collection

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Proposals

General features

Technical Annex
1. S&T excellence*
2. Networking Excellence
3. Impact
4. Implementation

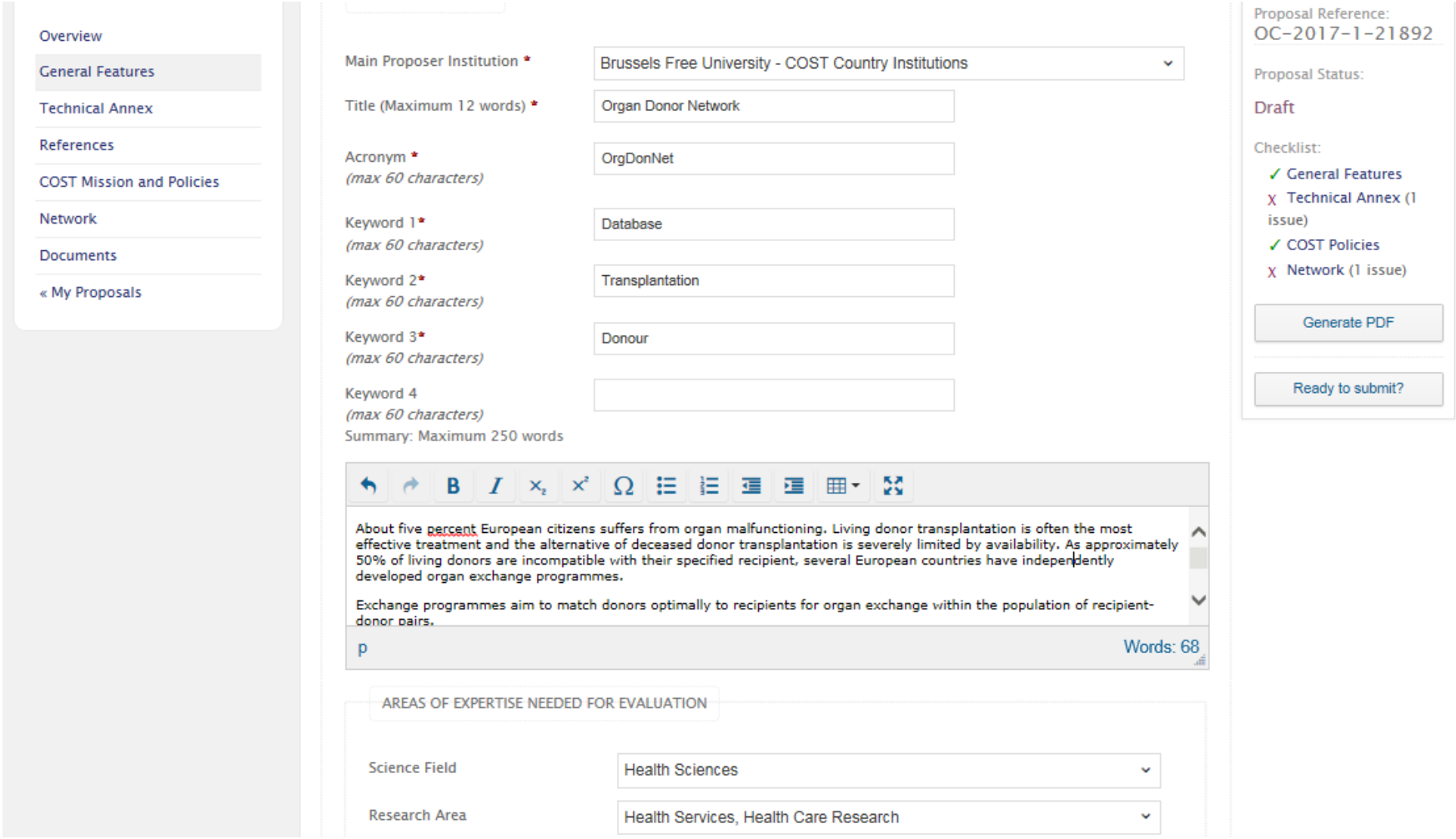
COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy
Specific objectives

Network of proposers

Eligibility!

Anonymous*
Min ITC
Format
Peaceful purpose
English

Online submission tool (e-COST)*



*www.cost.eu/ecost

Evaluation - SESA

Step 1: External remote evaluation

3 independent external experts
Technical Annex

Step 2: Revision and quality check by Review Panels

Step 3: Selection by the Scientific Committee
COST policy and objectives

Step 4: Approval by COST committee of Senior Officials - Results 7-8 months after submission

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Evaluation criteria - step 1

S&T EXCELLENCE	NETWORKING EXCELLENCE	IMPACT	IMPLEMENTATION
- Soundness of the Challenge - Progress beyond the state-of-the-art	- Added value of networking in S&T Excellence - Added value of networking in Impact	- Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/ break-throughs - Measures to maximise impact	- Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan
Total marks for the section: 15 points	Total marks for the section: 15 points	Total marks for the section: 15 points	Total marks for the section: 5 points
Total marks awarded: 0-50 points **Overall threshold: 34 points**			

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"The opportunity for science lies in creating an unlimited space where crossovers between ideas and people can change the world for the better."

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