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European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS – COLLECTION OC-2025-1

COST invites to submit proposals for COST Actions addressing scientific, technological and societal challenges, by promoting and spreading excellence, fostering interdisciplinary research for breakthrough science and empowering and retaining young researchers and innovators¹.

The COST Open Call is a single stage submission process, and the 2025-1 Collection Date is **21 October 2025 at 12:00 - noon (CEST)**. Up to 70 new COST Actions are to be approved, subject to available budget.

Please note that a new Technical Annex template has been introduced and proposals must be submitted using the new template available in e-COST when creating a proposal.

The [COST Open Call - Proposers' Guidelines](http://www.cost.eu/open-call-proposers-guidelines) are available from the COST website (<http://www.cost.eu/open-call-proposers-guidelines>) under [Funding Documents & Guidelines](#). Proposals must be submitted electronically via the [e-COST](#) online submission tool, until the Collection Date.

COST Actions are Science and Technology (S&T) networks open to researchers and innovators, and other relevant stakeholders, affiliated to a legal entity such as: a public entity (national, regional, local public authority or any other kind of public entity), universities, research centres, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), large companies, Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs), as well as any other form of legal entity recognised under a national or international framework.

COST Actions are **Pan-European, Bottom-up, Open** throughout their lifetime to new members and are **adaptable** in terms of internal organisation and strategy; well-suited to promote **Multi-, Inter- and Transdisciplinary collaborations, Output and Impact-Oriented**. COST supports networking via different activities such as meetings, short-term scientific missions, training schools and dissemination products as part of COST Actions, to achieve bottom-up defined challenges. COST does not fund research itself.

Proposals for a COST Action are evaluated against criteria of Excellence in S&T and Networking, Impact, and Implementation. Proposals must represent a network composed of proposers from at least seven (7) [COST Full or Cooperating Members](#) amongst which at least 50% shall be from [COST Inclusiveness Target Countries](#) (ITC).

¹ COST receives financial support from the EU RTD framework programme, Horizon Europe. The COST Association, integrating governance, management and implementing functions, provides for the administrative, scientific and technical support in the operation of COST rules and procedures and the management of COST Actions.

Proposals should also respond to the COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy, which aims to provide collaboration opportunities to all researchers and innovators in countries that are COST Members encourage and enable researchers from less research-intensive countries across Europe to set up or join COST Actions; to counterbalance research communities unequal access to knowledge, infrastructures, funding and resources, to provide strong means to increase the visibility and integration of researchers to the leading knowledge hubs of Europe, as well as to acquire their necessary leadership skills, regardless of their location, age or gender.

Participation of next generation of researchers is encouraged, in particular promoting working opportunities for young researchers and innovators, and ensure gender balance, paving the way towards breakthrough developments and innovations.

Proposers are encouraged to contact their COST National Coordinator (CNC) for additional information and guidance – see www.cost.eu/cnc.