

CA16108: “Vector Boson Scattering Coordination and Action Network”



COST Update

Final Management Committee Meeting

27/8/2021 Ralph Stübner



COST 50th anniversary

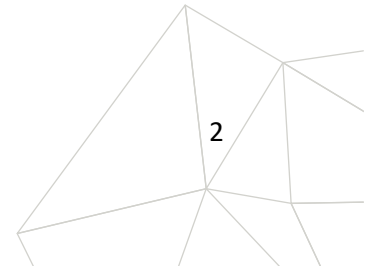
- Back in 1971...



Ministerial Conference 1971

- ... COST was founded.

Want to find out more?
<https://50years.cost.eu/>



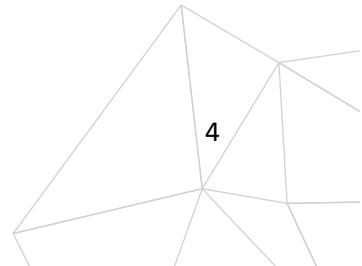
COST: Simplification



The rationale



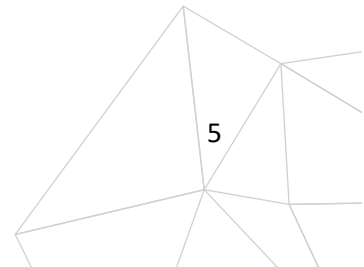
- **Simplification** strongly desired by all stakeholders
 - ***COST Actions*** - Grant Management Study and Customer Satisfaction Survey.
 - ***COST Association*** - become more efficient and provide better service to the Actions
- **Shift of focus:** from managerial tasks to science networking
- Entry into force: 1st November 2021



Main Changes (1): People and Countries



- Membership in Actions
 - all 40 COST member countries part of an Action
 - no need for MC nomination
 - Limited amount of Specific Organisations (multinationals)
- Participation of Individuals to COST Actions
 - Strengthening of WG membership
 - open to any individual affiliated in a legal entity in the world
 - subject to MC approval
 - reimbursement subject to MC decision under the COST eligibility framework
 - Visibility and application possibility on COST Action web page



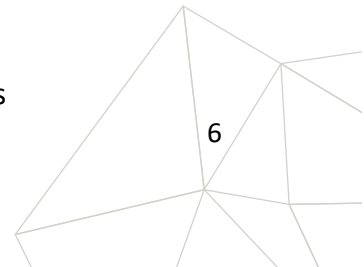
Main Changes (2): Leadership Positions



- Only Chair, Vice Chair and GH SR need to be MC members*
- WG leaders and Science Communication Coordinator anybody from COST Member states **
- New Grant Awarding Coordinator
 - STSM, ITC Conference Grant, Dissemination Grant
- Possibility to create other leadership positions
 - also open for any researchers in the world
 - Visibility of all leadership positions on COST Action web page

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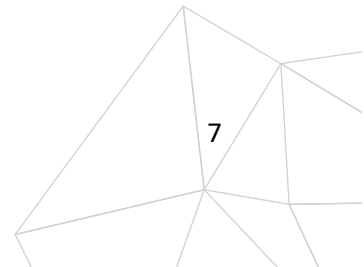


Main Changes (3): Management Committee



- No permanent MC substitutes anymore
- MC Observers only from Specific Organisations or COST partner member states (currently ZA only)
 - Not from NNC or IPC anymore
- Started Action to approve all MC members within 4 weeks

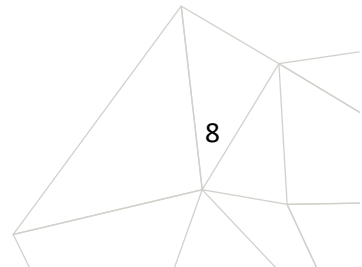
- Virtual/hybrid MC meetings possible
- Formalisation of Core Group and delegation of power



Main Changes (4): Eligibility



- Reimbursement of individuals
 - MC Meeting
 - Open to any relevant participant (even if not MC member) as attendee.
 - MC can decide to reimburse only 1 MC member per country.
 - Invited Speakers
 - No more limit of 4 per event
- Location of activities
 - Meetings
 - In any of the 39 COST Full or Cooperating Member states
 - Near Neighbour Countries (NNC)
 - Training Schools and other networking activities
 - Anywhere
 - Virtual Environment





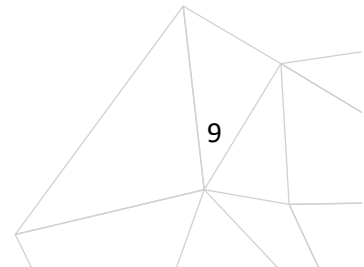
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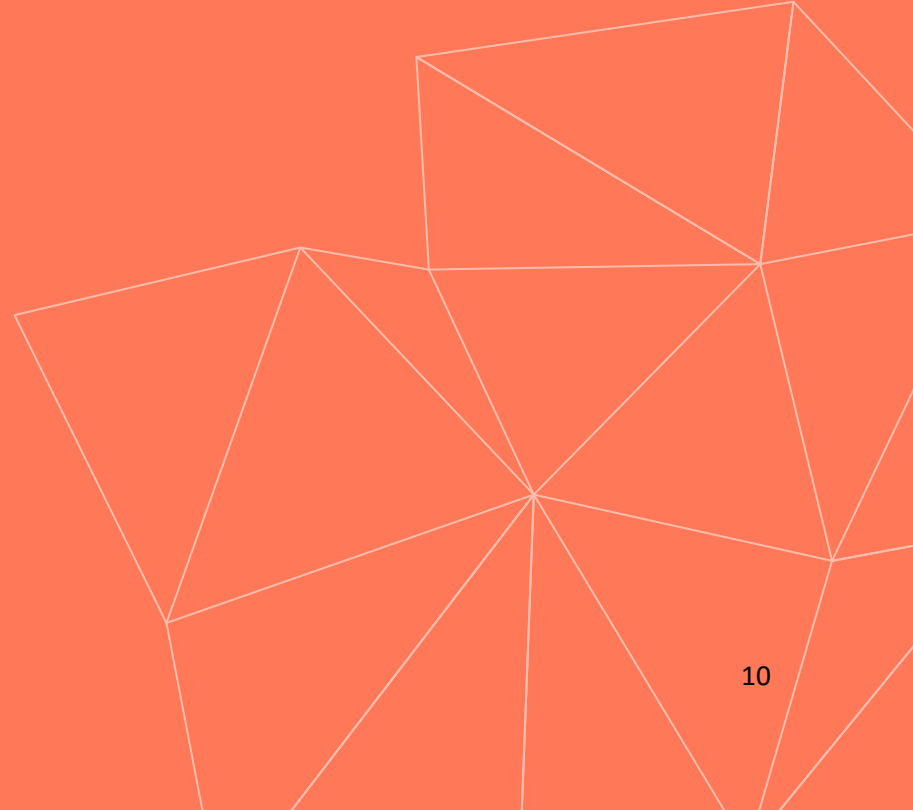
- 30/3/2017 – 29/9/2021
- Received about EUR 505.000
- 24 COST Countries participating (9 ITC) + BR, CN, MA, US
- Action Contact list: ~300 entries

- What's next

- Final Achievement Report
- Acknowledgement of COST funding
- Continuation of the network
- Participate in another Action



COST Open Call





Open Call

- **OC-2021-1 Collection deadline – 29 Oct 2021**
 - OC-2022-1 Collection deadline - mid-October 2022
- Reduction of evaluation criteria from 13 to 10
- 3-Step Evaluation
 - Independent External Experts: remote, consensus
 - Review Panel: Quality check of evaluation
 - Increased role of the Review Panel Members in settling the Consensus Report
 - Scientific Committee: Selection of top-ranked proposals (COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy)



Open Call – Eligibility criteria – some words

- Quota for **Inclusiveness Target Countries**
 - $\geq 50\%$
 - Check for updated list, when applying in 2022
- Use the correct template
 - Don't change the template
- Originality
- Peaceful purpose
- English
- Don't get fooled by the anonymity criterion
- Don't disclose (among others)
 - names or institutions of proposers
 - that proposers participated in this or that project
 - that proposers organised conferences, events, etc.
 - that proposers participated in former COST Action
- Relevant documents:
 - COST Action Proposal Submission, Evaluation, Selection and Approval (COST 133/14; http://www.cost.eu/proposal_sesa)
 - COST Open Call – Submission, Evaluation, Selection and Approval (SESA) Guidelines (http://www.cost.eu/proposal_sesa_guidelines)



Open Call - Become a COST expert

- e-COST → tick the box in “Scientific Expertise”

Scientific Expertise

Prizes and Awards

Education Details

Curriculum Vitae

Bank Accounts

Email Addresses

Change Password

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research Area Atomic, Molecular Physics For Nano-technology Applications

Level of Confidence Medium (Up-to-date Knowledge On A Limited Number Of To

Add Expertise

I agree to be included in the COST Expert database and to be contacted by the COST Association activities related to COST (*).

(*) You can be invited to either take part (1) in the Open Call evaluation as an external expert; (2) COST Actions.

Save

- If already expert, check your profile – please!
 - Email address correct?
 - Areas of expertise still relevant?
 - Link to your personal (!) homepage?
 - Up-to-date CV (in English)?
 - Affiliation correct?
 - ORCID profile?

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Related Actions





Related Actions

Action Code	Action Title	COST Action Website	Individual Action website	End Date
CA16104	Gravitational waves, black holes and fundamental physics	https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA16104	https://gwverse.tecnico.u-lisboa.pt/	06/10/2021
CA16214	The multi-messenger physics and astrophysics of neutron stars	https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA16214	http://www.pharos.ice.csic.es/	21/05/2022
CA16201	Unraveling new physics at the LHC through the precision frontier	https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA16201	https://particleface.eu/	23/10/2021
CA18108	Quantum gravity phenomenology in the multi-messenger approach	https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA18108	https://qg-mm.unizar.es/	13/03/2023

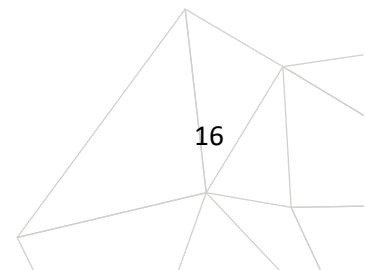
No particle physics Actions
in Open Call 2019 & 2020



Where to find other Actions?

The screenshot shows the website cost.eu/cost-actions-event/browse-actions/. The navigation menu includes 'COST Actions', 'Funding', 'COST Academy', and 'About'. A dropdown menu for 'COST Actions' is open, listing options such as 'What are COST Actions?', 'Participate in an ongoing Action', 'Success stories', 'Action Networking tools', 'COVID-19 – Information for COST Actions', 'Online networking tips', 'Additional Activities for Actions', 'COST Connect', 'Become an external expert', and 'Browse Actions'. A search bar is present with a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Actions Limit' (set to 10) and 'Order by' (set to Action Number). A list of actions is displayed, including CA20140 (CorEuStem) and CA20139 (Holistic design of taller timber buildings).

- www.cost.eu
- New Actions expected late June 2022





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