# COST in Action

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# COST - 45 years proven track record in research collaboration

- 38 COST Members

  Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, The Netherlands, The Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and United Kingdom

- 1 Cooperating Member

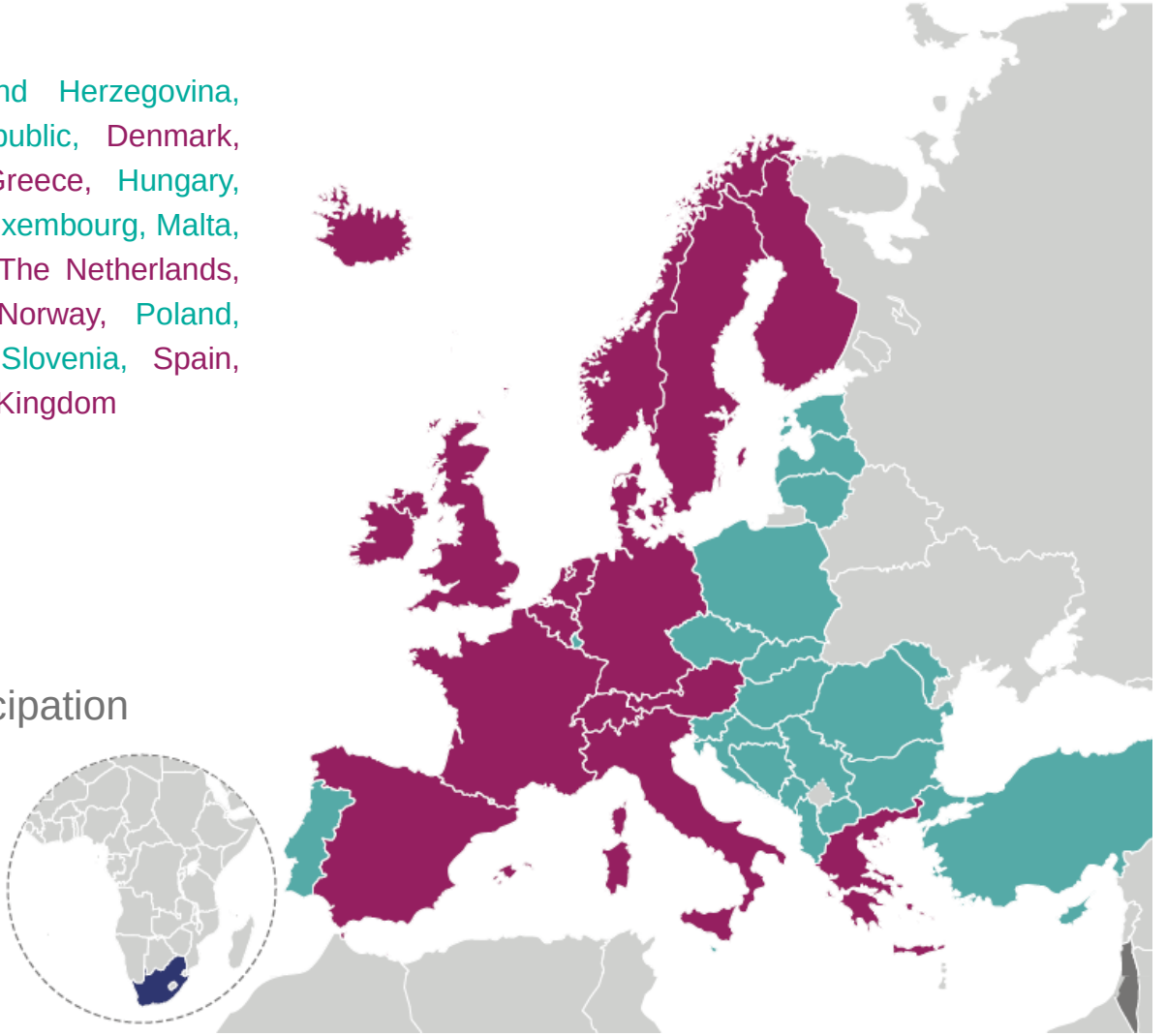
  Israel

- 1 Partner Member

  South Africa

- Near Neighbour Countries participation

  Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo*, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine**, Russia, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine



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- COST Members
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- Other Countries
- COST Cooperating Member
- COST Partner Member

# COST key figures of 2018

291

Running Actions

213

Training schools

€134,500

Average annual budget of a COST Action

2,457

Short-term scientific missions

45,000

Researchers involved in COST Actions

€300 million

COST budget (from Horizon 2020 for a 7 year period)

COST: The networking tool in the ERA and the pre-portal to other ERA funding schemes

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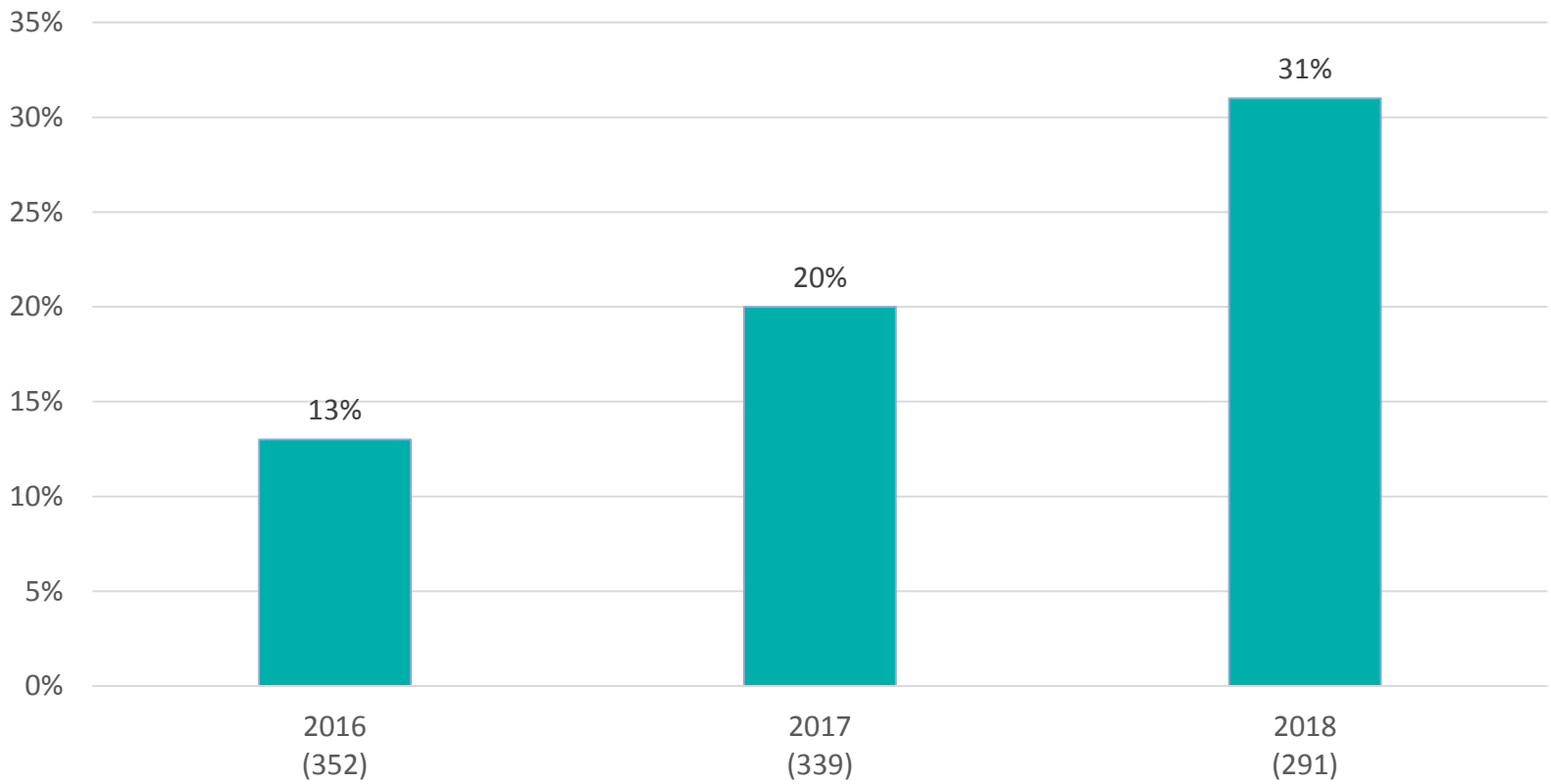
# Participation in COST Actions from Montenegro




*Graph 1. National participation in running Actions % (total number of running Actions in bracket)*

# Role of COST in the ERA - 3 Strategic Priorities

1. Promoting and spreading excellence
2. Fostering interdisciplinary research for breakthrough science
3. Boosting careers young researchers

# Implementing COST's strategic priorities

Beating cancer in 2030: Mission impossible?
COST Connect on the future of European cancer research
21-22 May 2019, COST Association, Brussels, Belgium
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## Running COST Actions in the area of cancer research

- 35 COST Actions in cancer research
- Two examples of COST Actions relevant for SEEIIST:

**CA17118 – Identifying Biomarkers Through Translational Research for Prevention and Stratification of Colorectal Cancer**

**CA18122 – European Cholangiocarcinoma Network**

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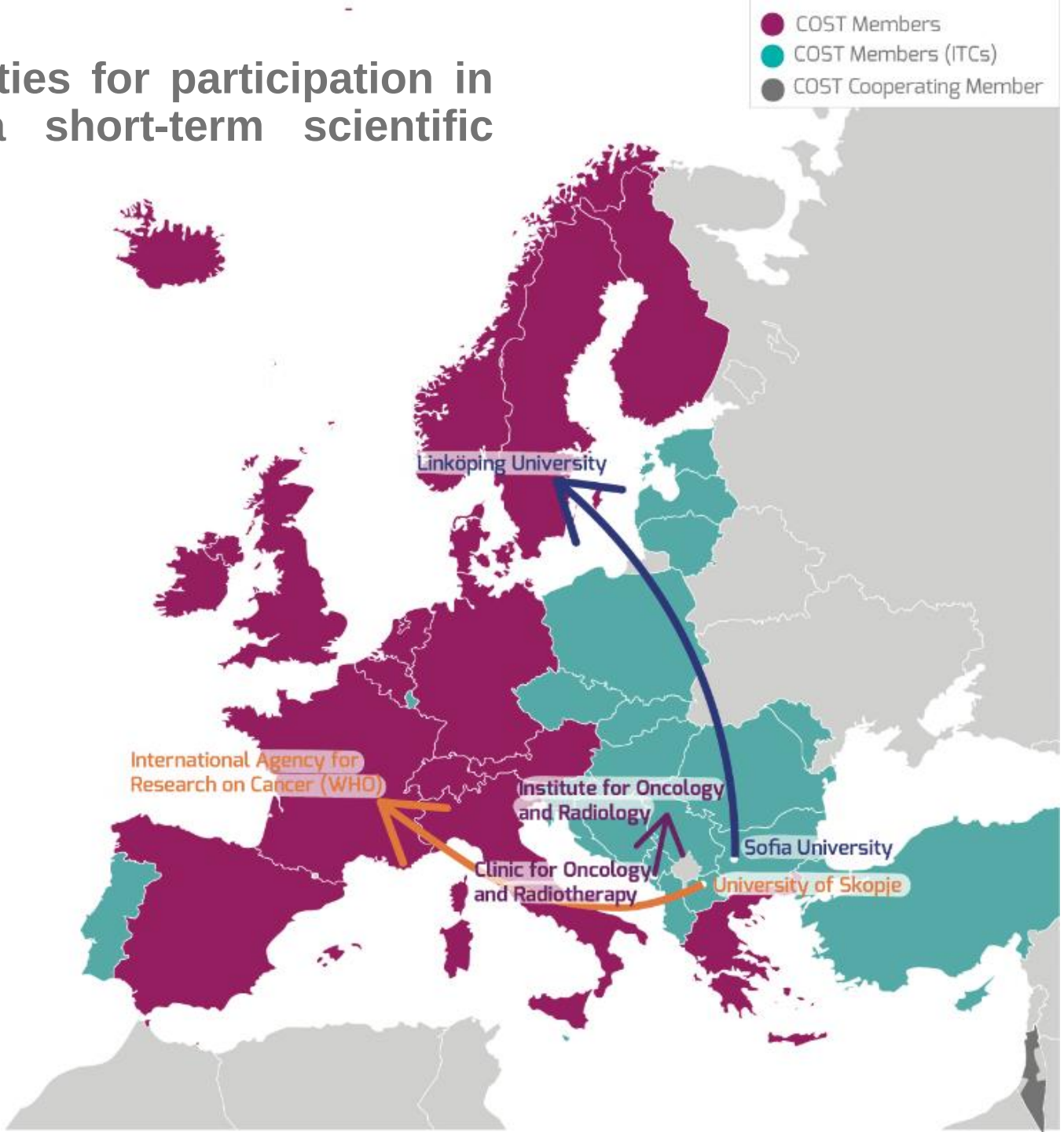
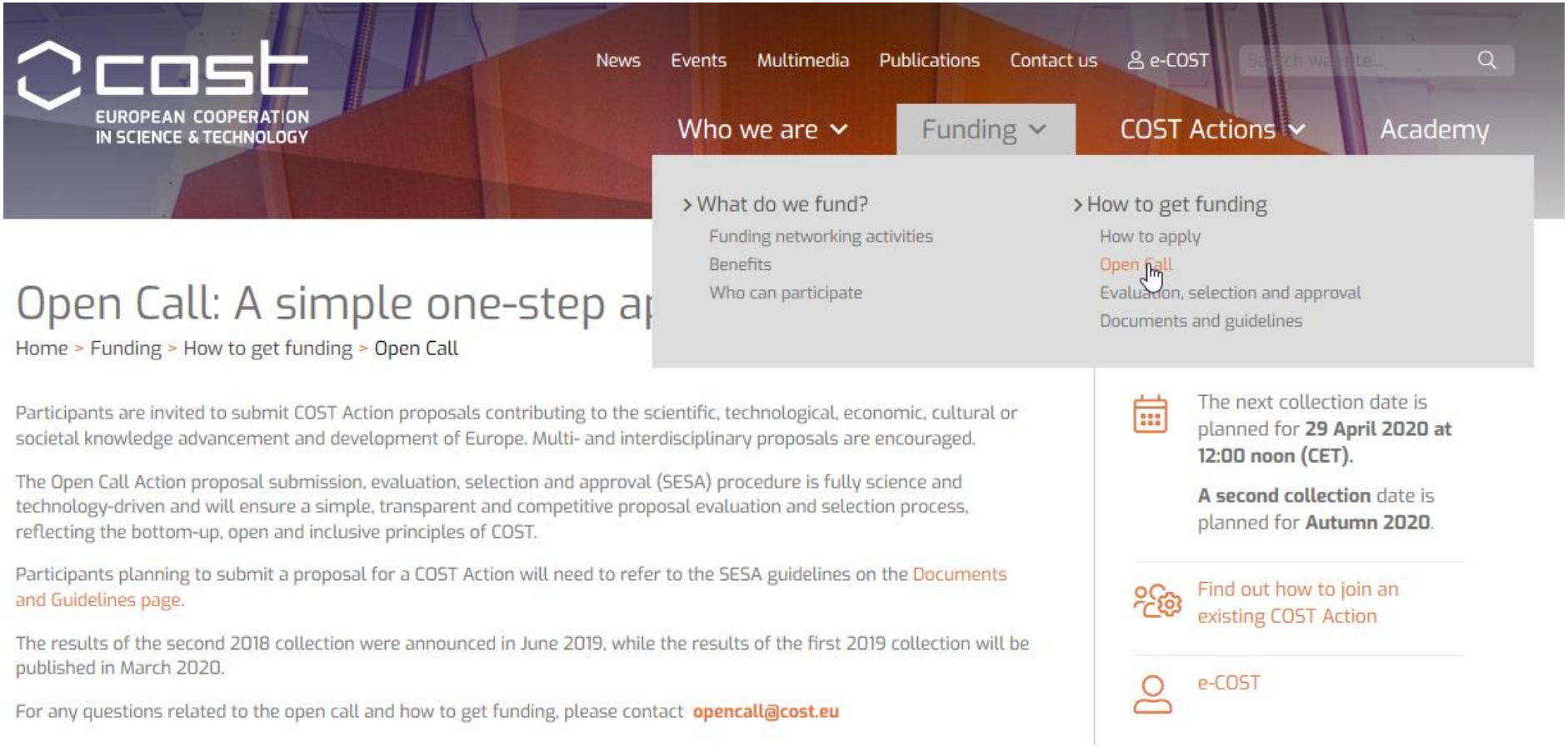
# Potential opportunities for participation in COST Actions via short-term scientific missions (STSMs)



# COST Open Call

https://www.cost.eu

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# Thank you!

## Contact and engage with us!

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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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