

*International Conference UTCI- assessment measure in human  
bioclimatology – 10 years of application*

# COST

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# outline:

- Promoting and spreading excellence
- What are COST actions and how to participate in them
- How to start preparing a proposal

# COST

COST is the longest-running European programme supporting a multilateral cooperation of European researchers, engineers, and scientists.

COST provides a unique opportunity for researchers to jointly develop new ideas and initiatives in all possible research and technology domains, social sciences and humanities through pan-European networking of nationally funded research activities.

# COST goals

- Being a precursor of an advanced interdisciplinary research, COST provides a basis for European Research Area creation.
- COST is focused on so called precompetitive research, on bridging fundamental research to new technology development.
- COST foresees and complements the European Framework Programmes.
- COST ensures high mobility of European researchers and supports the research quality.

# COST– 45 years of 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

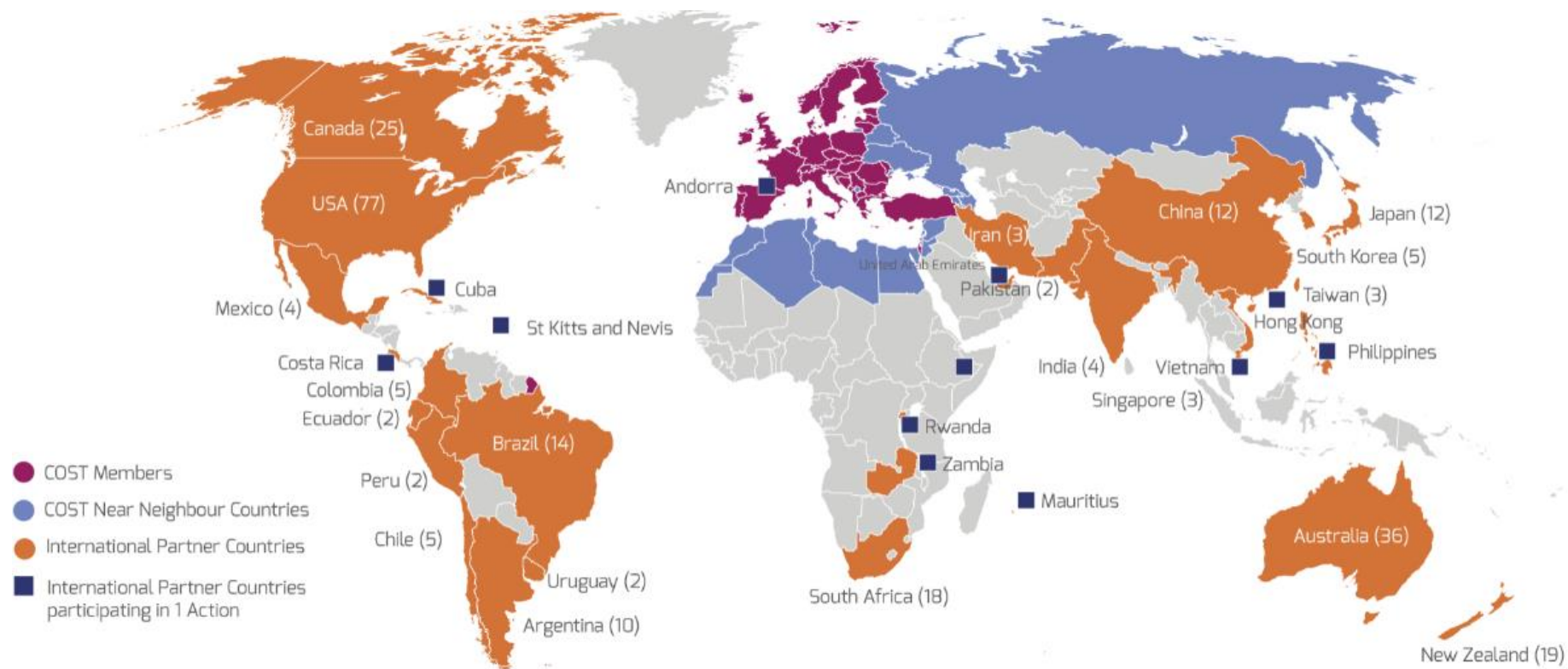
- 1 Cooperating Member

Israel

- Near Neighbour Countries participation

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Kosovo\*, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, the Palestinian Authority, Russia, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



# Core policies

## Excellence and inclusiveness (widening the European research base)

- Strengthening the excellence through cross-border networking of researchers
- Promoting geographical, age and gender balance throughout its activities and operations

## Specific objectives

- International cooperation (mutual benefit, NNC,...)
- Industrial dimension (dedicated dissemination and exploitation activities)

# 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 and light administration

adaptable research and activities, light reporting

- Output and impact oriented

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



# How to engage with COST?

- As **participant** of a running COST Action
- As **proposer** of a COST Action
- As **expert** to evaluate submitted proposals

# Engage as participant of a 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

# Engage as participant of a running COST Action

**You can join an Action as:**

- As a Management Committee (MC) member
- As a Working Group (WG) participant
- As grantee of a Short Term Scientific Mission
- As grantee of a ITC Conference grant
- As trainer / trainee of a Training school
- As attendee of a Workshop/Conference
- ...

# Engage as proposer of a COST Action

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](mailto:opencall@cost.eu)

# The role of COST National Coordinator

- The role of COST National Coordinator is to nominate Members and Deputy Members to the Management Committees of the Actions
- and Assistance and Guidance in any COST – related matters  
(participation in Actions, proposing new Actions/open call)

# QUESTIONS?



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