


# Prepare a successful COST Action proposal

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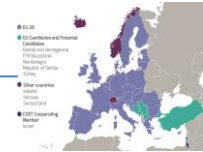


# COST Open Call for Action Proposals

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→ One collection per year  
Next: 29 October 2021 – 12:00 CET



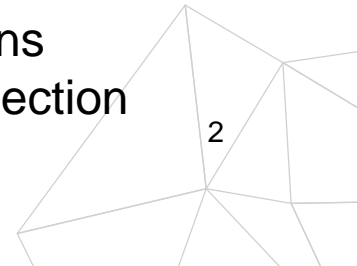
One-stage  
online  
submission of  
proposals  
via e-COST  
account



Main proposer  
(and minimum  
6 secondary  
proposers,  
≥50% ITC)



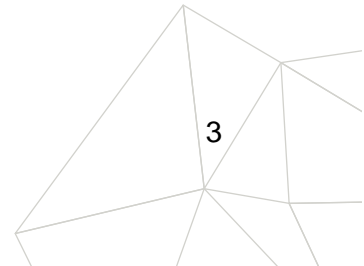
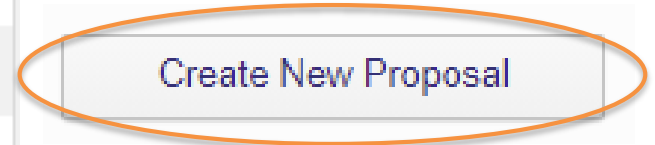
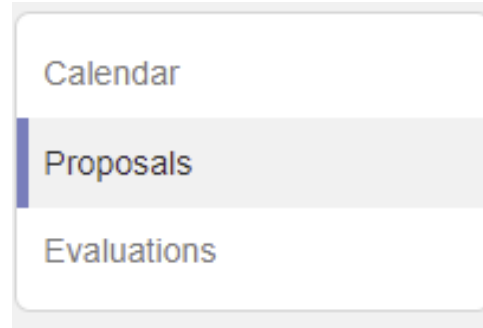
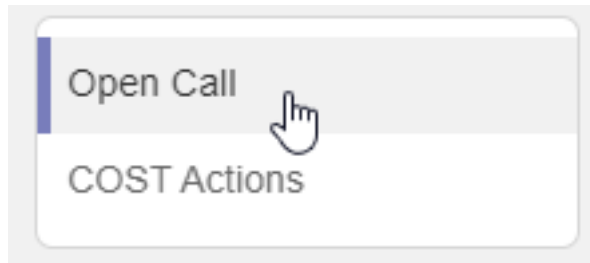
40 – 45 Actions  
approved per collection





# Open Call for proposals – how to apply

- Create an account e-COST: <https://www.cost.eu/ecost>
- Open Call > Proposals > Create new proposal



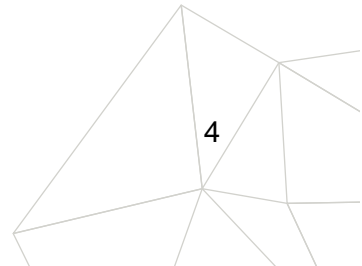


# how to apply - sections

Proposals



General features





# Section General Features

Overview

**General Features**

Technical Annex

References

COST Mission and Policies

Network

Documents

« My Proposals

Main Proposer Institution \*

Title (Maximum 12 words) \*

Acronym \*   
*(max 60 characters)*

Keyword 1 \*   
*(max 60 characters)*

Keyword 2 \*   
*(max 60 characters)*

Keyword 3 \*   
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Keyword 4   
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Summary: Maximum 250 words

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About five percent European citizens suffers from organ malfunctioning. Living donor transplantation is often the most effective treatment and the alternative of deceased donor transplantation is severely limited by availability. As approximately 50% of living donors are incompatible with their specified recipient, several European countries have independently developed organ exchange programmes.

Exchange programmes aim to match donors optimally to recipients for organ exchange within the population of recipient-donor pairs.

**Words: 68**

AREAS OF EXPERTISE NEEDED FOR EVALUATION

Science Field

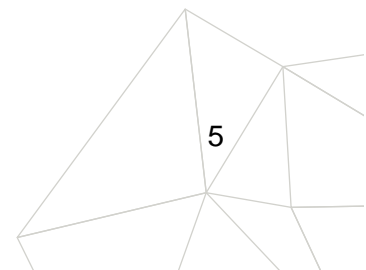
Research Area

Proposal Reference:  
OC-2017-1-21892

Proposal Status:  
**Draft**

Checklist:

- ✓ General Features
- X Technical Annex (1 issue)
- ✓ COST Policies
- X Network (1 issue)





# how to apply - sections

Proposals



a. General features

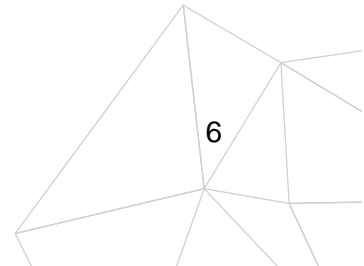
b. Technical Annex

1. S&T excellence

2. Networking Excellence

3. Impact

4. Implementation





# Section Technical Annex

Sections	Sub-sections
1. S&T EXCELLENCE	1.1 soundness of the challenge 1.2 progress beyond the state-of-the-art
2. NETWORKING EXCELLENCE	2.1 added value of networking in S&T excellence 2.2 added value of networking in impact
3. IMPACT	3.1 impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/breakthroughs 3.2 measures to maximise impact
4. IMPLEMENTATION	4.1 coherence and effectiveness of the work plan

- *Downloadable Word template*
- *Max. 15 pages*
- *Diagrams and figures accepted*



# how to apply - sections

Proposals

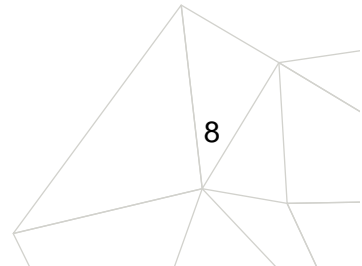


General features

Technical Annex

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

COST Excellence and  
Inclusiveness Policy &  
Specific objectives







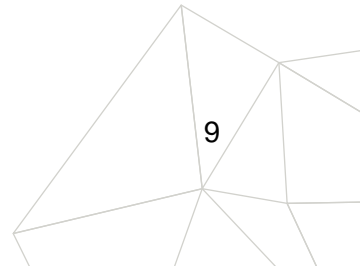
# COST Excellence and Inclusiveness Policy

## Promoting

- **geographical balance** (ITC)
- **age balance** (young researchers)
- **gender balance** throughout its activities

## Objectives

- identifying excellence in science and technology across Europe
- increasing research communities' access to funding and infrastructures





# how to apply - sections

Proposals

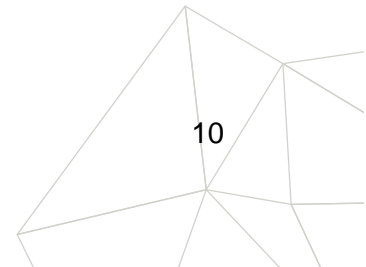


General features

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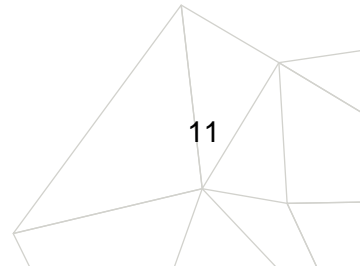
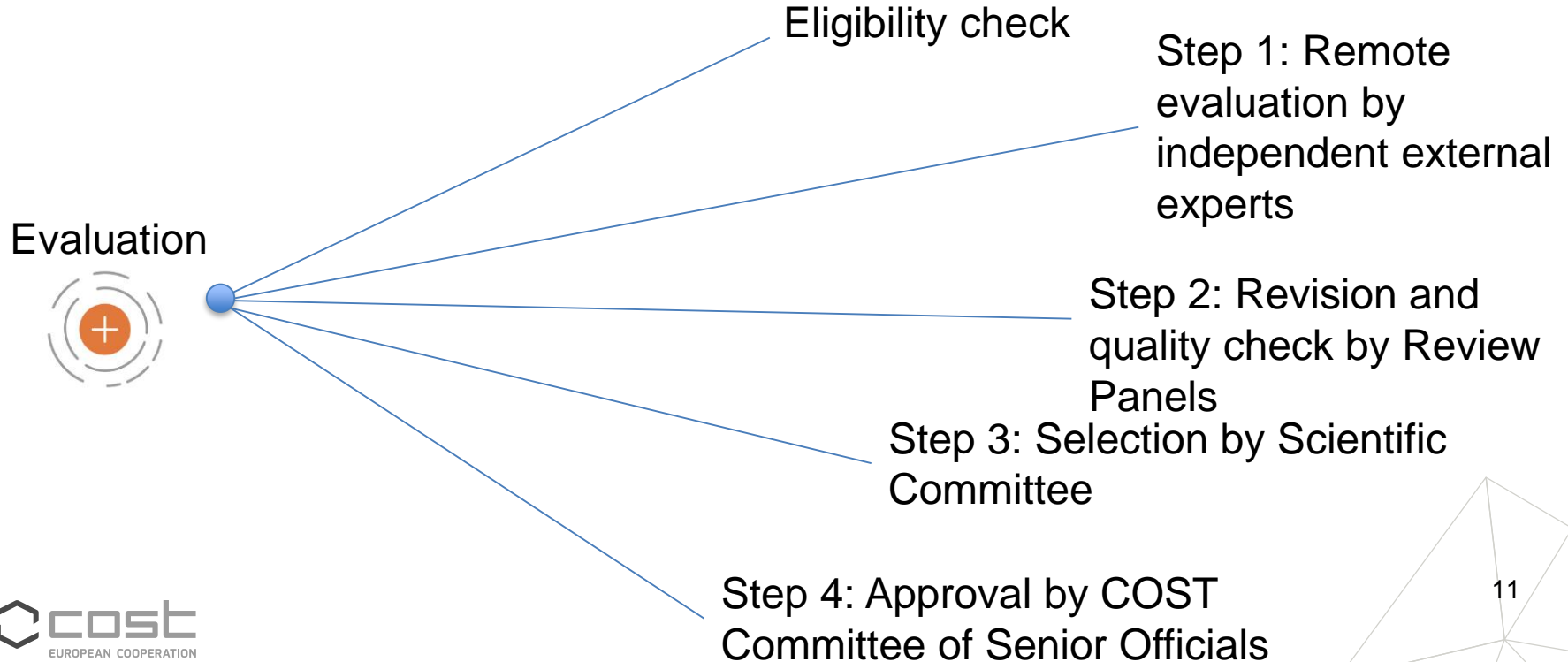
COST Excellence and  
Inclusiveness Policy &  
Specific objectives

Network of proposers





# Open Call for proposals – Evaluation





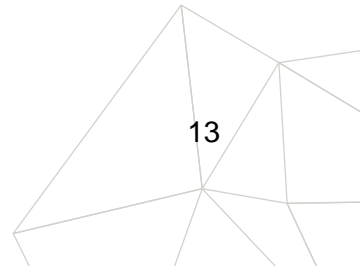
# Evaluation criteria

<b>S&amp;T EXCELLENCE</b>	<b>NETWORKING EXCELLENCE</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTATION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Soundness of the Challenge</li><li>▪ Progress beyond the state-of-the-art</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Added value of networking in S&amp;T Excellence</li><li>▪ Added value of networking in Impact</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Impact to science, society and competitiveness, and potential for innovation/break-throughs</li><li>▪ Measures to maximise impact</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan</li></ul>
<b>3 questions</b>	<b>3 questions</b>	<b>3 questions</b>	<b>1 question</b>
Total marks for the section = <b>15 points</b>	Total marks for the section = <b>15 points</b>	Total marks for the section = <b>15 points</b>	Total marks for the section = <b>5 points</b>
<b>TOTAL MARKS AWARDED = 50 points - OVERALL THRESHOLD = 34 points</b>			



# S&T Excellence (15 pnts)

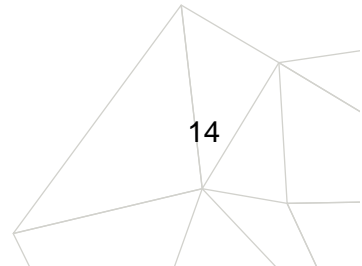
- Q1. Does the proposal demonstrate a comprehensive command of the state of the art in the field and present a relevant and timely challenge?
- Q2. Does the proposal describe an innovative approach to the challenge that advances the state of the art in the field?
- Q3. Are the objectives presented relevant to the challenge, clear and ambitious?





# Networking Excellence (15 pnts)

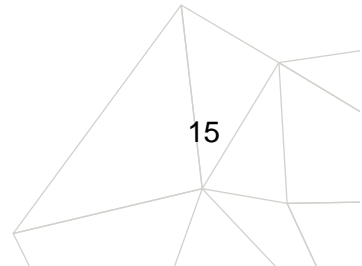
- Q4. Does networking bring added value in tackling the challenge in relation to existing efforts at the European and/or international level?
- Q5. Does the proposed network contain, or present a credible plan for securing, the critical mass and expertise for achieving the objectives and thus addressing the challenge?
- Q6. Does the proposal identify the most relevant stakeholders and present a clear plan to involve them as Action's participants?





# Impact (15 pnts)

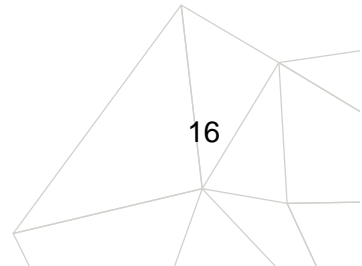
- Q7. Does the proposal clearly identify relevant and realistic impacts for science, society and/or competitiveness (including potential innovations and/or breakthroughs)?
- Q8. Does the proposed networking clearly contribute to knowledge creation, transfer of knowledge and career development?
- Q9. Is the plan for dissemination and/or exploitation of results clear and attainable and does it contribute to the dialogue between science and the general public or policy?





# Implementation (5 pnts)

- Q10. Is the work plan (WGs, tasks, activities, timeframe, deliverables and risk analysis) appropriate to ensure the achievement of the objectives?





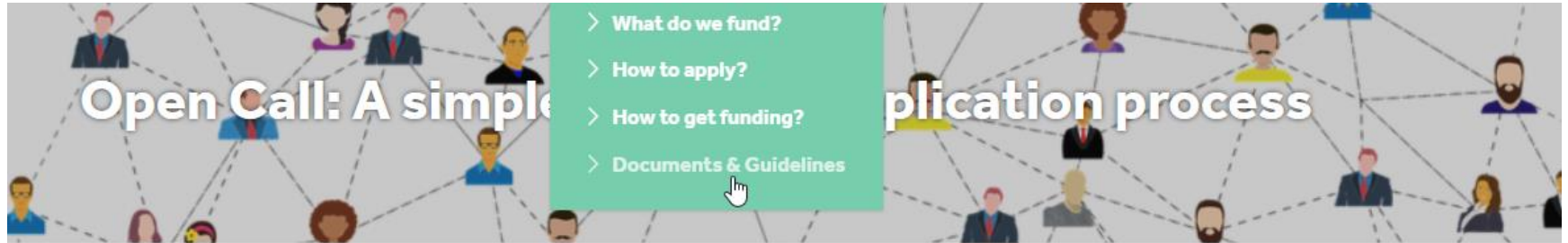
# How to apply – in short

- 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)





# Documents repository



[Home](#) > [Funding](#) > [How to get funding?](#) > Open Call: A simple one-step application process

The next collection date is **29 October 2021 at 12:00 noon (CET)**.

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-



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