



# COST in H2020

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# COST at a turning point

COST is a cornerstone of ERA aiming at higher visibility during the H2020 period:

- COST Association establishment: a new dedicated implementation structure
- New funding period: 2014-2020
- Contribution to H2020 goals: strengthen Europe's research and innovation capacities

# 2014 year of transition

Preparing for the future:

- Establishment of a new implementing structure, the COST Association (19 September 2013)
  - Current membership of the COST Association stands at 33 Member Countries + 1 Co-operating State
  - Recalling the deadline of 15 March 2014 to join: Austria and Luxembourg
- Transition from FP7 to Horizon 2020
  - To prepare for this transition, the COST Office and the current implementing agent for COST, ESF, are collaborating to finalise FP7 activities

# COST Budget from H2020

EUR 300 million (constant prices) for 7 years coming from two H2020 work programmes:

- Challenge 6 “Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies”
- “Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation”

For trans-European networking of nationally funded research activities

# COST objectives under H2020

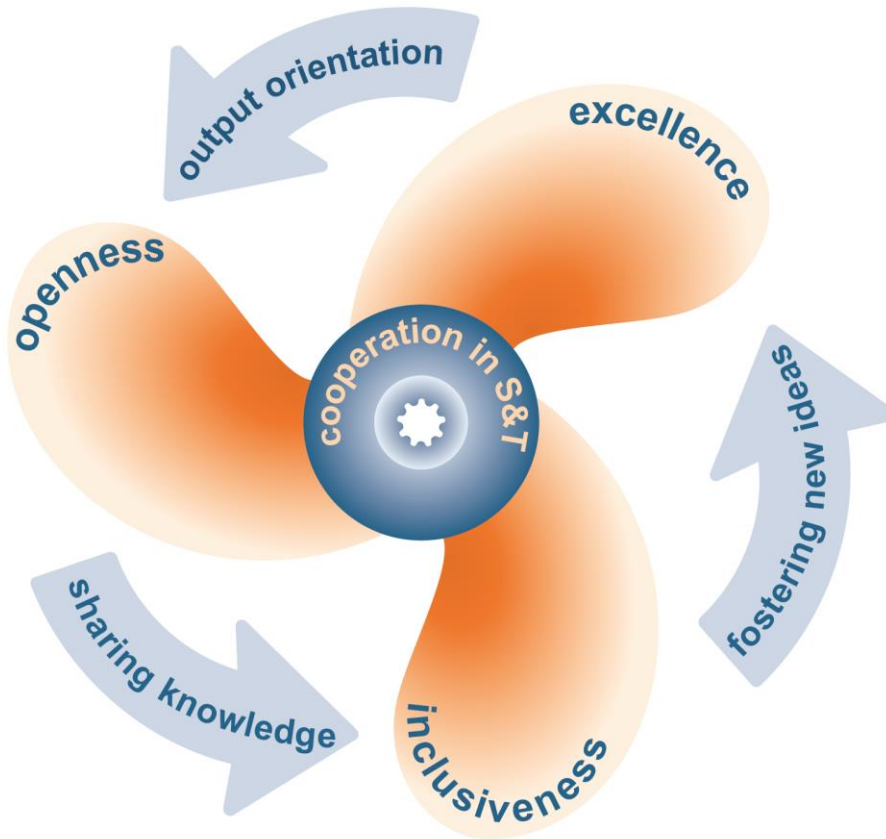
Enabling breakthrough scientific developments leading to new concepts and products.

Jointly contributing to strengthening Europe's research and innovation capacities.

- Joining research efforts and developing common S&T programmes
- Capacity building
- Addressing societal questions
- Strengthening COST's Inclusiveness Policy



# COST Key Features for H2020




## COST Key Principles

- Supporting excellence
- Being open
- Being inclusive

## COST Driving Forces

- Fostering new ideas
- Sharing knowledge
- Output orientation



# Inclusiveness leading to scientific excellence

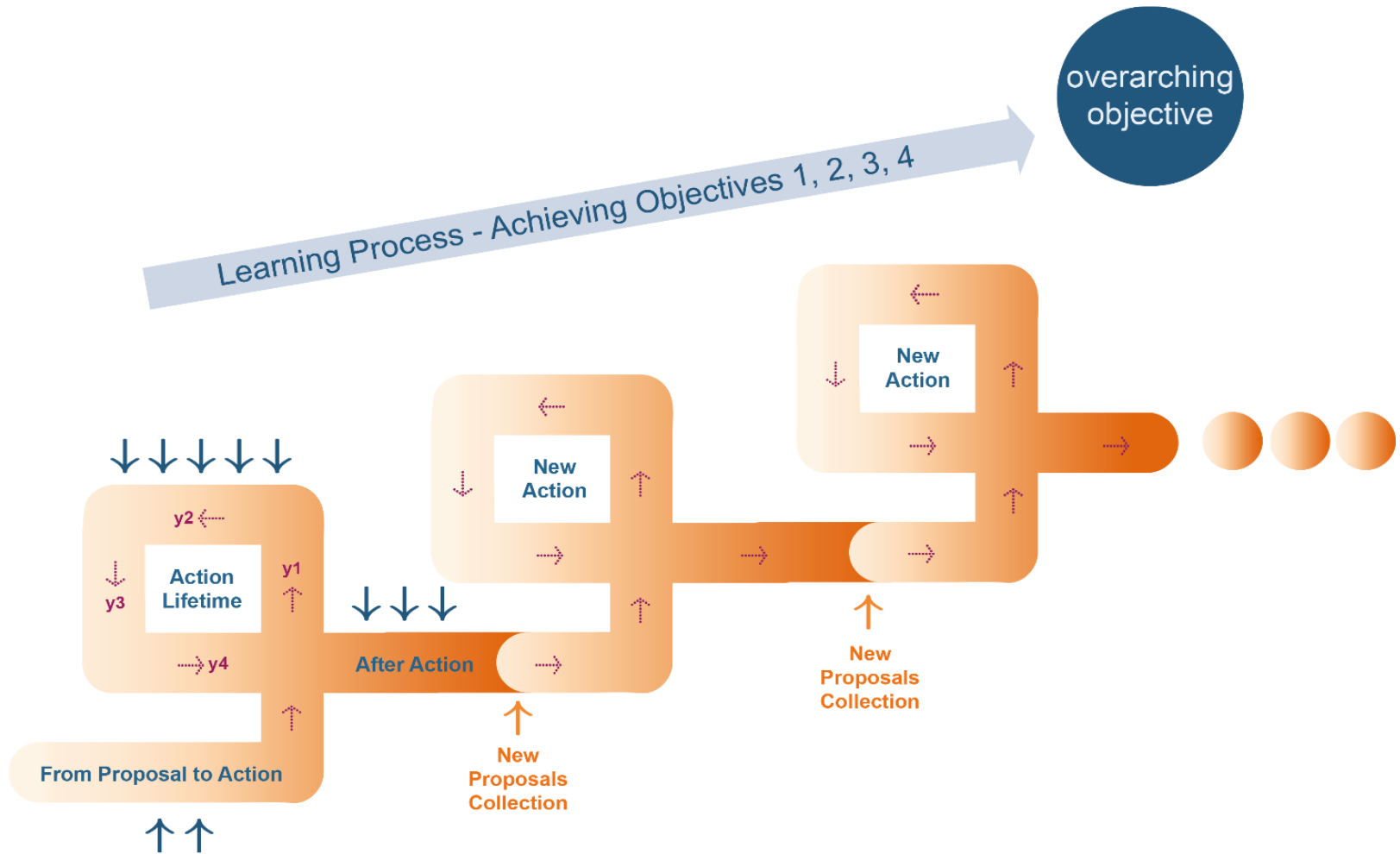
- Encouraging and enabling researchers from less research-intensive countries across Europe to set up or join COST Actions
- Counterbalancing research communities' unequal access to knowledge infrastructures, funding and resources distribution

# Specific inclusiveness-oriented activities

- Raising awareness at various events
- Seeking target countries' full involvement by organising:
  - COST Info Days
  - Strategic events
  - Conferences
  - Workshops
- Seeking researchers' full involvement by taking up:
  - Partner roles in preparing proposals for COST Actions
  - Leadership roles in COST Actions
  - Initiator roles in scientific committees
  - Grant Holder role



# COST Intervention Points



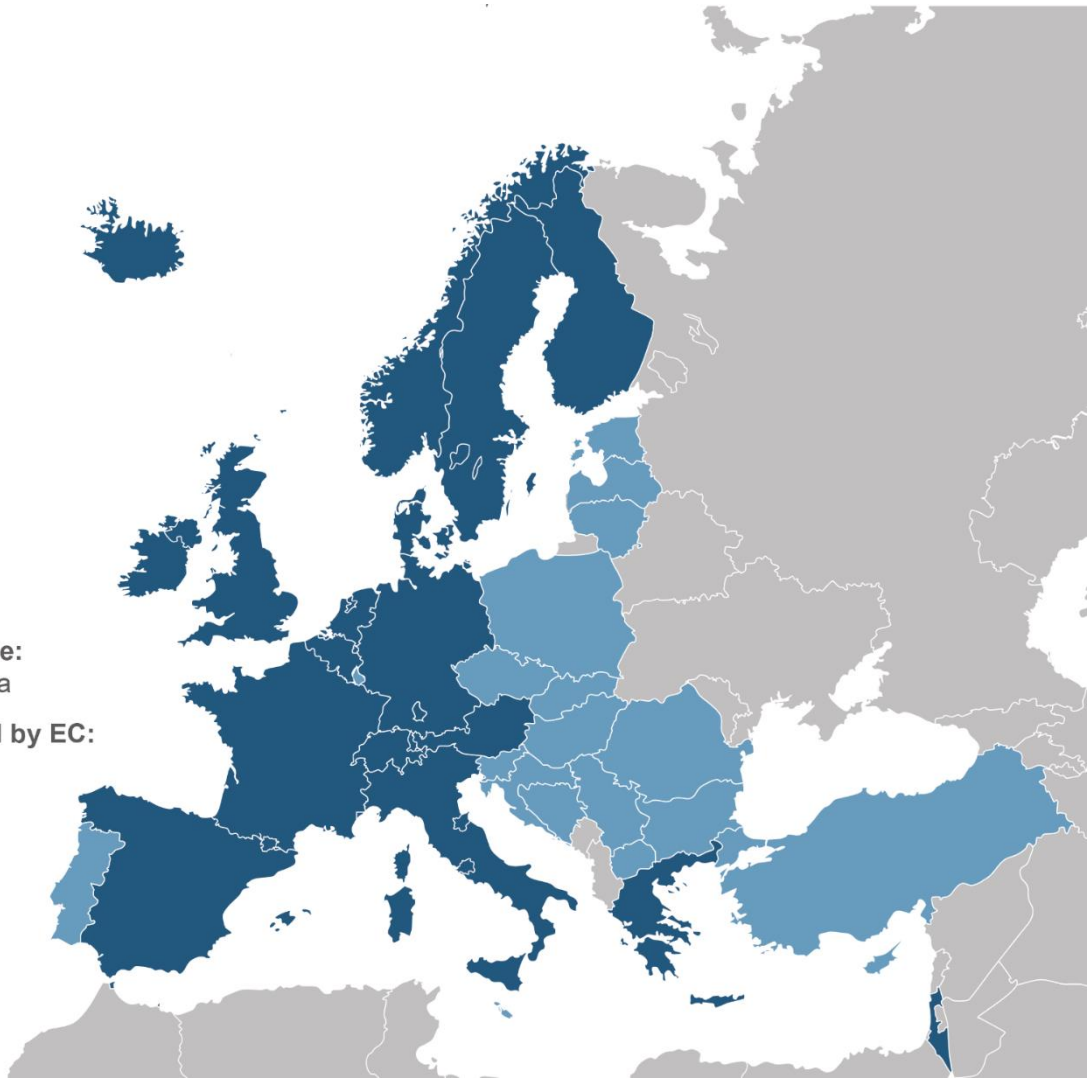
# COST Inclusiveness Target countries

- **EU 13:**  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Estonia  
Hungary  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Malta  
Poland  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Slovenia

- EU Candidates:**  
fYR Macedonia  
Republic of Serbia  
Turkey

- EU Potential Candidate:**  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

- EU Countries targeted by EC:**  
Luxembourg  
Portugal





# Examples

- The 2014 ICT Annual Progress Conference (APC) organized in Kosice
- COST Training School on High Performance Energy Storage for Mobile and Stationary Applications held in Romania
- The Czech Republic chairing Action IC1206
- Serbian Early Stage Researchers (ESR) going on short-term scientific missions in other COST Countries
- COST TN BESTPRAC in Zagreb
- ...



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