



PLATFORM Outcomes & Outlook

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PLATFORM

COST and ERA-NETs

Possibilities to cooperate

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Cooperation

*COST under H2020 dedicates 50% of its budget to involve researchers from 19 inclusiveness countries: Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Republic of Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey.

* ERA-NET participation from most of those countries is weak so far. Joint efforts are proposed.



COST Plan for Strategic Activities 2012-2014 COST 4111/13

According to the Head of Science Operation this Plan is under revision and the approval of the new Plan 2015 to 2017 is expected at the next CSO meeting in November.

Therefore presently no concrete measures possible but the COST offices indicated great interest in some cooperative activities together with Platform 2



Cooperation

- ERA-NET funded research projects have some money for meeting within the project, but no funding for cooperation between the projects (exchange of experiences, best practice, realizing synergies and overlaps,...).
- COST Actions or COST Targeted Networks could overcome this shortage



**New submission, evaluation and selection procedure
Approved at the 191st CSO meeting
Brussels, 16-17 September 2014**



Step 1: Evaluation S&T excellence and implementation by external experts

- **Who? Profile:** expert in the field(s); Individuals that have subscribed in the COST data base with a proven track record for their expertise
- **What? Role:** S&T expert evaluation of the proposal and its implementation
- **Tasks:** peer review and preparation of a consensus report per proposal



Step 2: Quality check and resolution of discrepancies by Review Panels

- **Profile:** Active scientist nominated by the CNC (proposal 3 experts per scientific field, OECD (6 fields) so that will make 18 experts per country for a max of 2 years.
- **Role:** Quality check and resolution of discrepancy cases
- **Tasks:**
 - Validation of the consensus report and marks (quality control)
 - Identification of the proposals with potential (early signals)
 - Selection of the top 10% proposals from those above threshold



Step 3: Selection by Scientific Committee

- **Profile:**

- High-level individuals with recognized merit in their professional career
- One member from each COST country

- **Role:**

- Validation of the review panels (number and composition)
- Identification of the proposals that respond better to the COST policies and to the needs of the different scientific communities
- Selection of the proposals that will be presented to the CSO for approval

- **Step 0:** Reception and processing of proposals
- **Step 1:** Evaluation of the S&T excellence and implementation by external experts (3 per proposal)
- **Step 2:** Revision – Quality check and resolution of discrepancies by Review Panels
- **Step 3:** Selection by the Scientific Committee

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Thank you for your attention

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