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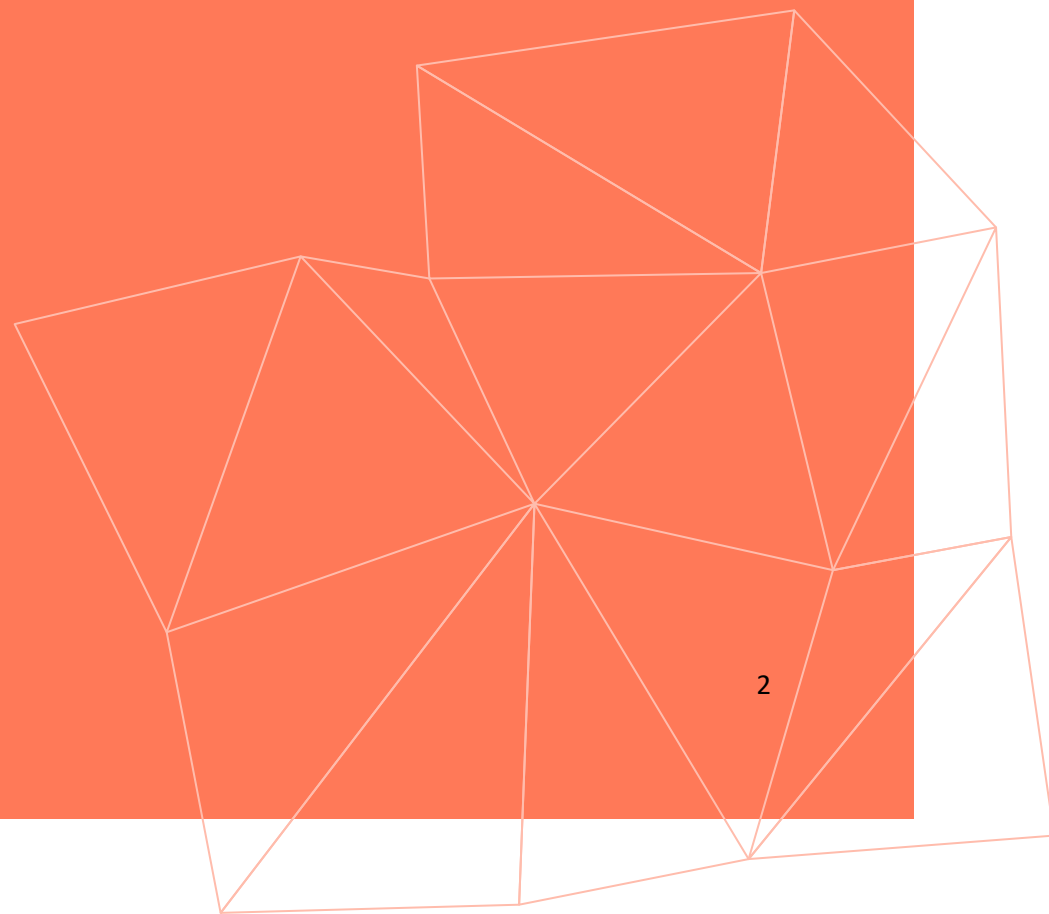


COST Update
MC Meeting

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New COST Rules & COST Simplification

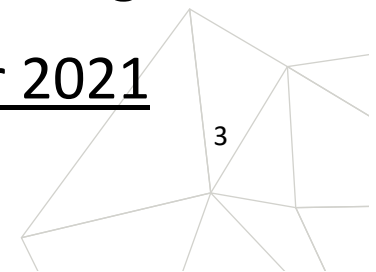


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Rationale for the New COST Rules: simplification



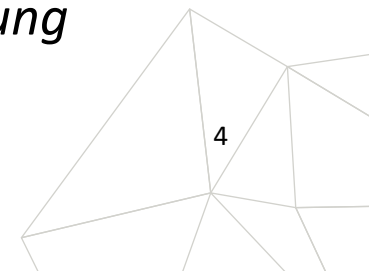
- Strongly desired by all stakeholders
 - ***COST Actions*** - Grant Management Study and Customer Satisfaction Survey.
 - ***COST Association*** - become more efficient and provide better service to the Actions
- **Shift of focus:** from managerial tasks to science networking
- New COST rules to enter into force from 1st November 2021



Highlight of key changes – Action participation and definitions



- **All 40 COST Members (38 Full Members, 1 Cooperating Member, 1 Partner Member) participate in the Action from the start:** no longer need of MoU Acceptance
- **MC Observers:** no longer associated to COST NNC/IPC participants, but to participants from COST Partner Members and from Specific Organisations (European RTDs, EU Institutions or International Organisations)
- **ECI:** Early Career Investigators (ECIs) definition replaced by “*Young Researchers and Innovators*” (under the age of 40)

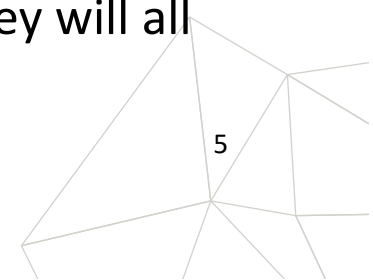


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Stronger focus on Working Groups

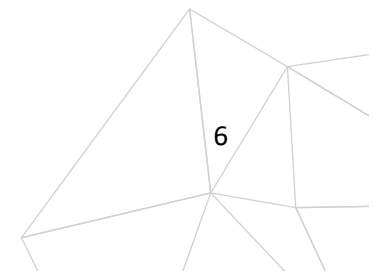
- Open to anyone interested, subject to MC approval
- No automatic entitlement to meeting reimbursement. This remains a MC decision
- WG applications from COST website (Action page) and e-COST to support WG management. WG participation visible on COST website
- No longer MC Substitutes and MC Observers from NNC/IPC: they will all automatically become WG Members



Highlight of key changes – Leadership Positions



- ***Mandatory:***
 - Action Chair, Vice-Chair, Grant Holder Scientific Representative
 - WG Leaders
 - Science Communication Coordinator
 - Grant Awarding Coordinator
- ***Additional:***
 - WG Vice-Leader / Co-leader, Stakeholder Coordinator etc

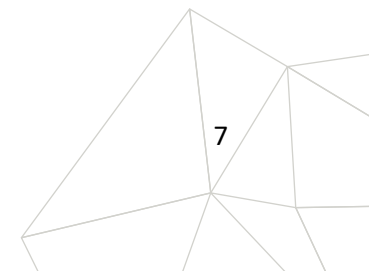


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Grant Awarding Coordinator to oversee whole grant awarding process (but can be supported by additional leadership positions or ad-hoc committees):

- Mobility of researchers and innovators
 - Short-Term Scientific Missions
 - Virtual Networking Tools (*to be confirmed based on Pilot assessment by EC*)
- Attendance of conferences organised by 3rd parties
 - ITC Conference Grant
 - Dissemination Grant (replaces Dissemination meeting)



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