Scientific Committee

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The Scientific Committee replaces the former nine-domain structure, ensuring an open, bottom-up approach to COST Actions

The CSO appointed the Scientific Committee's 36 members
Members nominated by COST countries

Chair

Professor Anna Ledin

Vice-Chair

Professor Jari Hämäläinen

35 Member Countries and one Cooperating State (Izrael)

Different background – scientists, science administrators, science policy makers
Different science areas
Conflict of Interest (CoI)

Scientific Committee

- New Action **Submission, Evaluation, Selection and Approval (SESA)** procedure.

- Overall supervision and quality control of procedures related to the submission, evaluation and selection of proposals and the monitoring and final assessment of COST Actions.

- Validation of Independent External Experts.

- Review Panels.

Terms of reference
for the Scientific Committee mandate

SC meets for two plenaries per year (probably more)

SC have the following main responsibilities:

- Selection of proposals: Identification of proposals that respond best to the COST mission and policies and the needs of the different research communities;

- Overall supervision and quality control of procedures for:
  - evaluation of proposals – implementation of COST policies
  - monitoring and final assessment of COST Actions;

- Global analysis of the outcomes and impact of ended Actions;

- Scientific and technological advice for COST.

Scientific Committee evaluation meeting

List of total 345 projects evaluated and ranked (max 64 – min 5 pts)

35 projects ranked for funding (max 64 – min 57 pts)
- No changes in ranking, no scientific comments, anonymity lifted
- Implementation of COST mission and policies
- ITC participation (50 %)
- Gender balance (60/40 – 40/60)
- Young scientist participation (Early Career Investigators, ECI, up to 8 y after Ph.D.)
- Recommendations for all proposals between the top-ranked ones to proposals in the grey area
- SC recommendations must be included in MoU and implemented before the evaluation of the first interim report

9 projects marked at the cutoff (all 56 pts, grey area)
- 5 selected – voting by simple majority
- 4 waiting list

The rest out of funding range

397 submitted proposals on 24 March 2015
proposers from 33 different COST countries
The average size of the networks of submitted proposals was 28.7
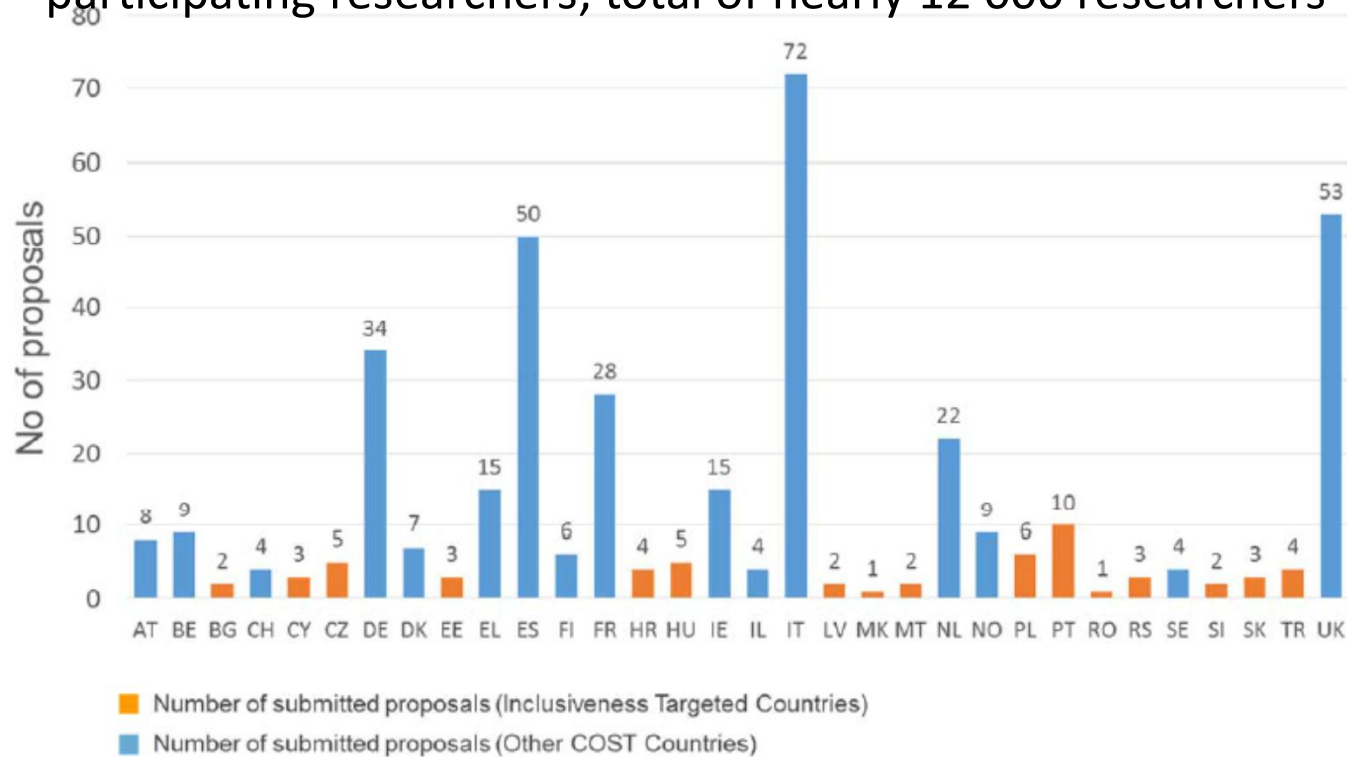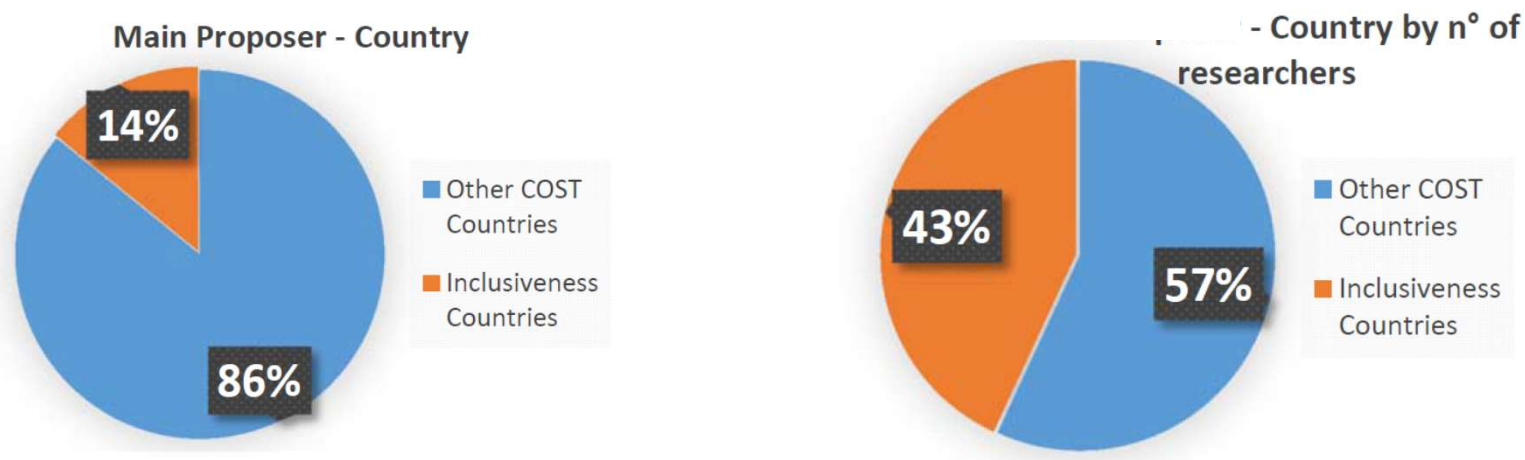participating researchers, total of nearly 12 000 researchers

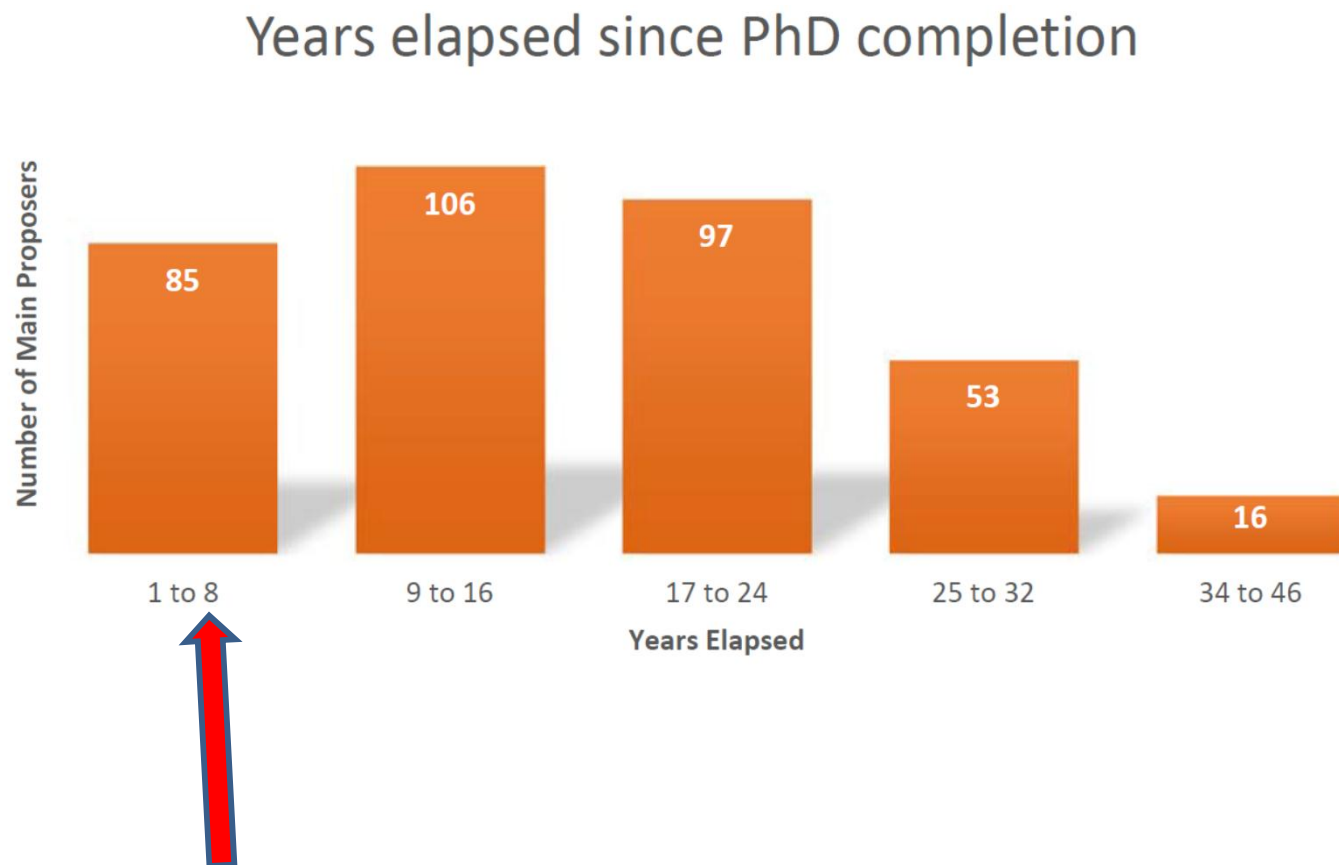Figure 1: Country distribution of submitted proposals
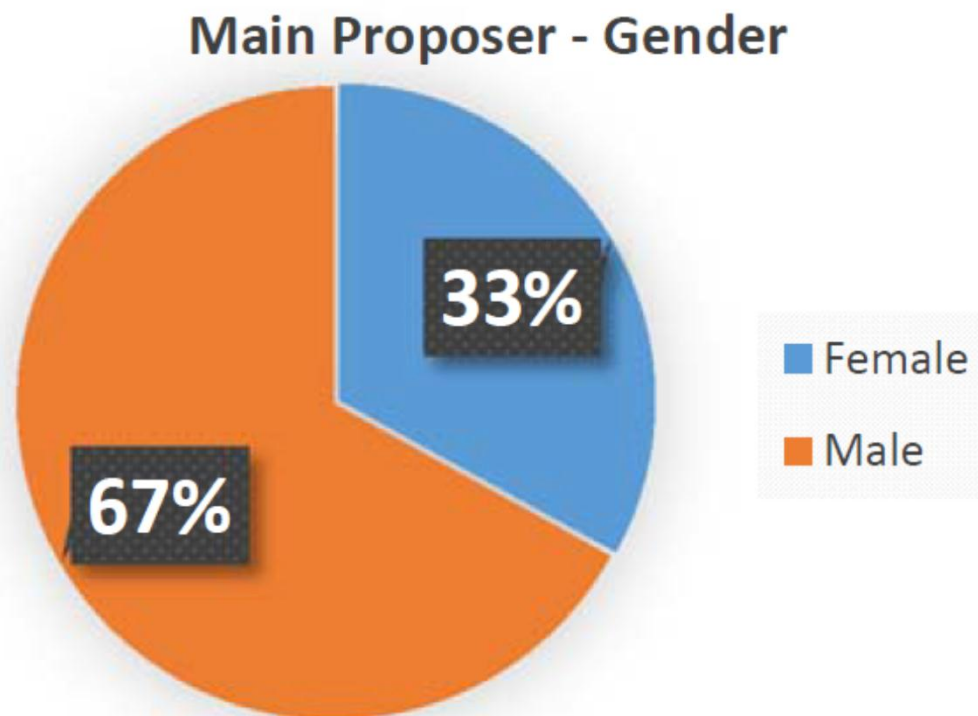
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ITC (Inclusivness Target Countries)

Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, **Czech Republic**, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, fYR Macedonia, Republic of Serbia, Turkey, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Scientific Committee evaluation meeting

Years elapsed since PhD completion

Scientific Committee evaluation meeting

Main Proposer - Gender

33% Female

67% Male

35 Member Countries and one Cooperating State (Izrael)

NNC

Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldavia, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Russia, Syria, Tunisia, and Ukraine.