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What is COST?

COST is the oldest and widest European intergovernmental framework for transnational Cooperation in Science and Technology.

For 40 years COST has supported networking of research activities across all its Member countries (36 today) and beyond.

COST is open to all disciplines, to all novel and ground-breaking S&T ideas, to all categories of partners, to the world where mutual benefit is real.

What is COST Mission?

COST enables breakthrough scientific developments leading to new concepts and products.

It thereby contributes to strengthen Europe's research and innovation capacities.



COST in Figures

- Established in 1971
- 19 founding COST countries → now 35 + 1 Cooperating State
- 4 reciprocal agreements with Non-COST countries
- 250 MEUR of FP7



COST Countries



■ The 27 EU Member States

■ EU Acceding & Candidate Countries

- ▶ Croatia
- ▶ Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- ▶ Iceland
- ▶ Republic of Serbia
- ▶ Turkey



Other Countries

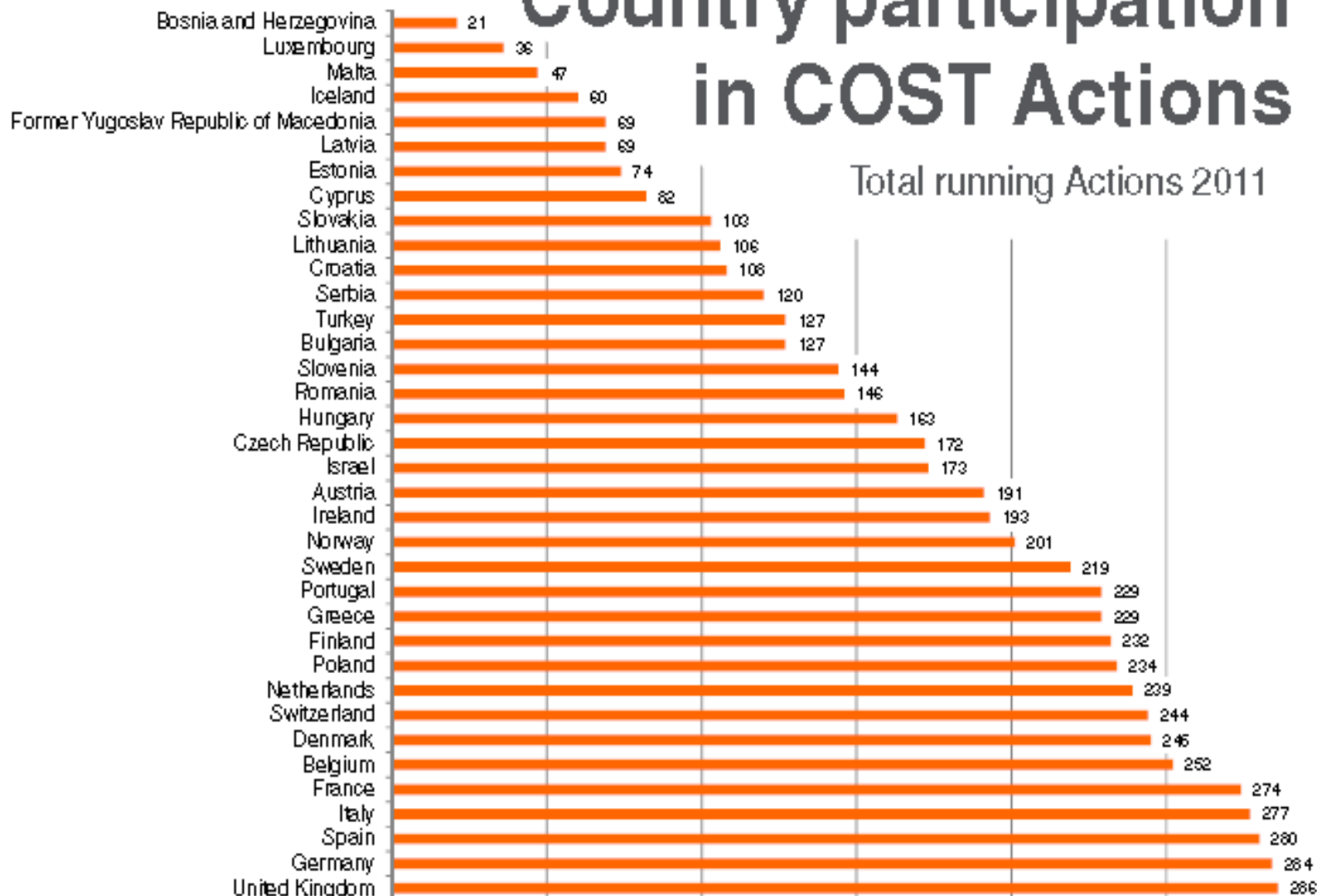
- ▶ Bosnia and Herzegovina
- ▶ Norway
- ▶ Switzerland

■ COST Cooperating States

- ▶ Israel

Country participation in COST Actions

Total running Actions 2011





COST Action - Statistics 2011

- 287 Actions (930 since 1971)
- > 1000 scientific workshops and meetings > 15-20 000 participants
- 1250 STSMs ~ 3 weeks
- > 90 Training Schools > 1200 participants
- COST cited in around 1400 peer review publications (2010)



Conclusions:

- Italy is well represented in the COST program;
- the participation of Italians in COST Actions is wide and active;
- COST is intended to support networking for developing further projects.

Thank for your attention