



Growing  
**ideas**  
through  
**networks**

# **COST**

## European Cooperation in Science and Technology

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COST provides **networking opportunities for researchers and innovators**

*in order to strengthen Europe's capacity to address scientific, technological and societal challenges.*

We fund **bottom-up, excellence-driven, open and inclusive networks** in all areas of science and technology.

# Role of COST in the ERA - 3 Strategic Priorities

- 1 Promoting and spreading excellence
- 2 Fostering interdisciplinary research for breakthrough science
- 3 Boosting careers of young researchers

## Knowledge sharing leads to...

- Common understanding of problems
- Coordinated activities
- Pooling resources
- Reduced risks
- Synthesis and combination of pieces of knowledge
- Synergies (1+1>2)

# COST Member Countries

- 38 COST Members

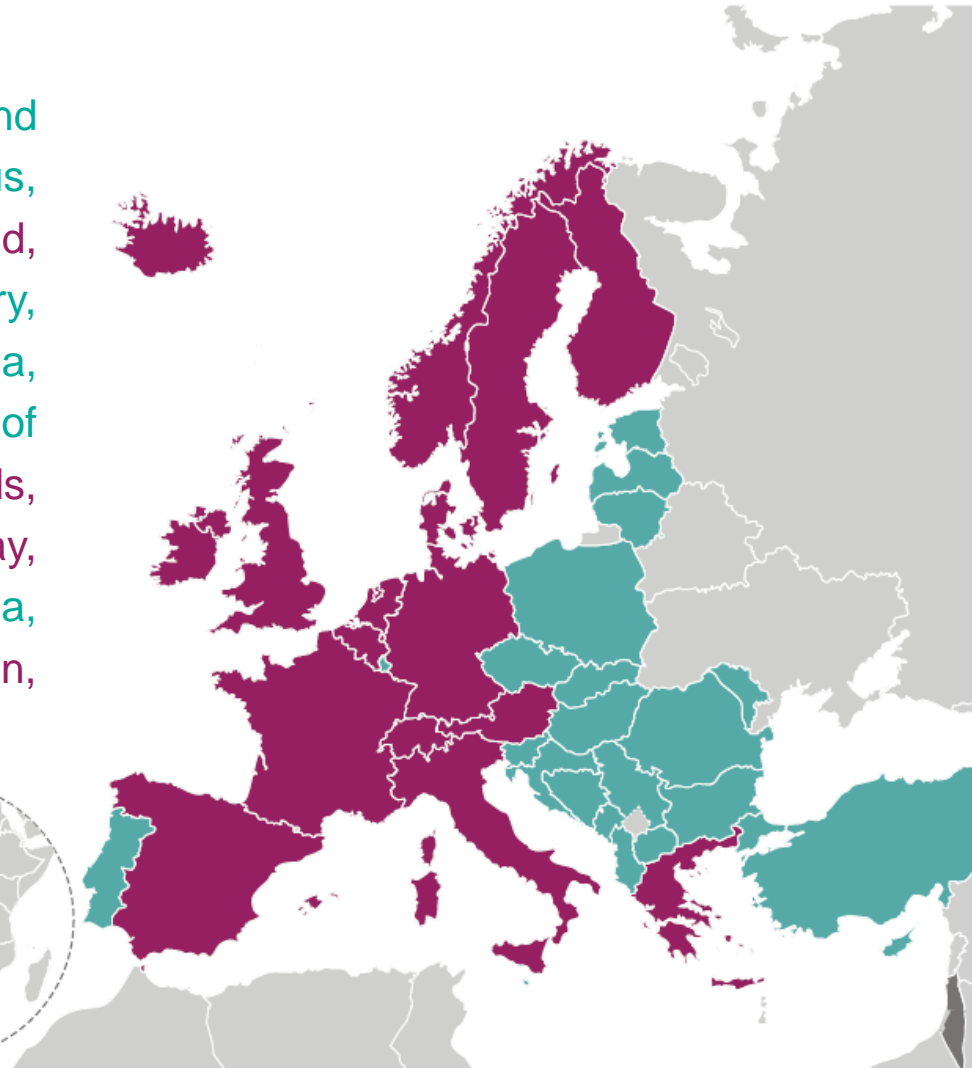
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- 1 Cooperating Member

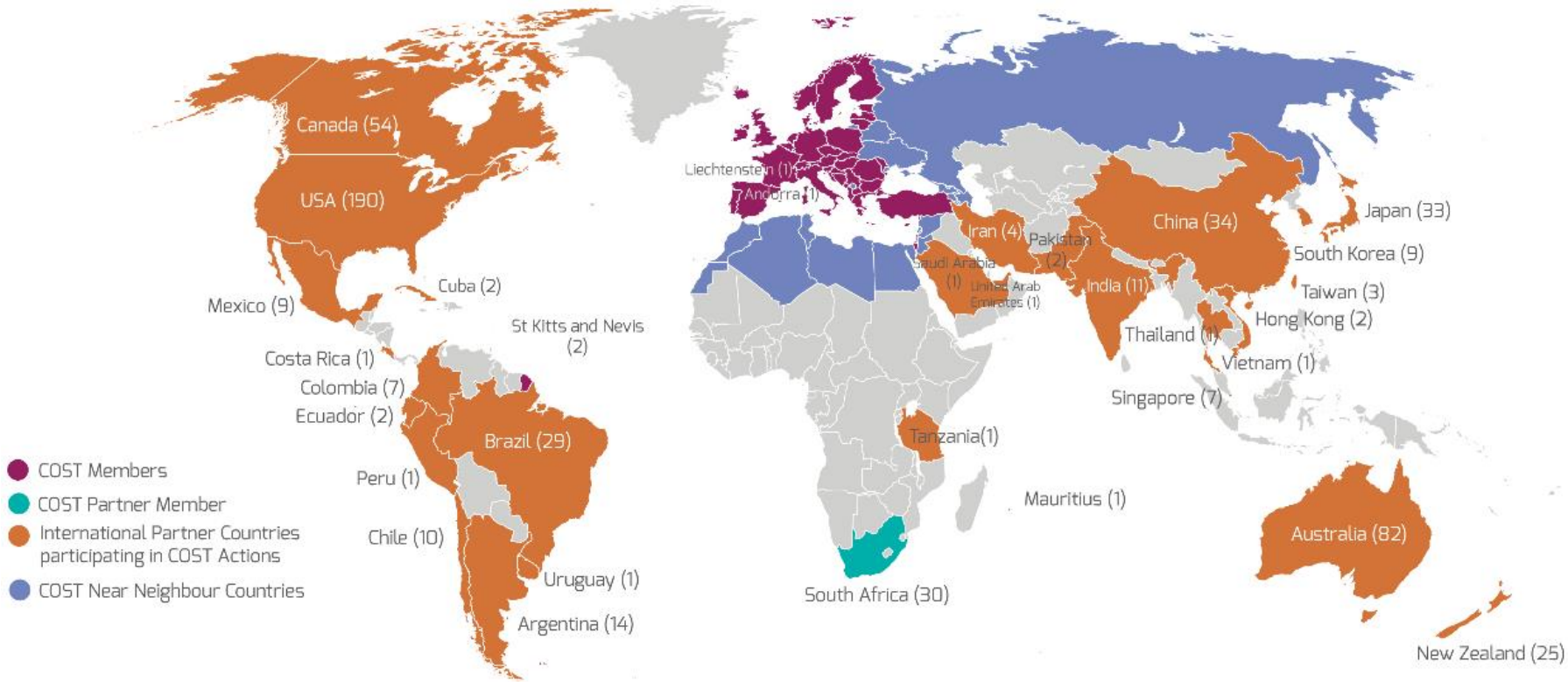
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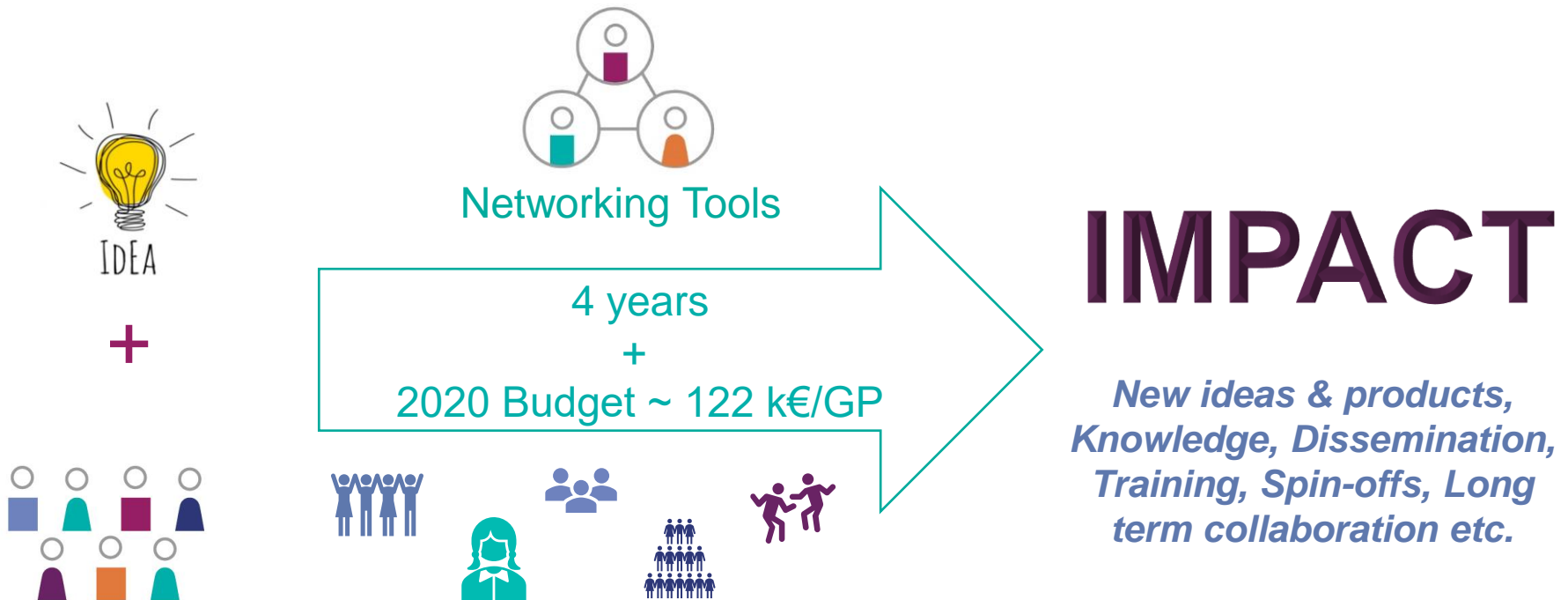


# COST's global outreach



# What is a COST Action?

*“Open Spaces where ideas and people can grow without limits”*



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“ *The opportunity for science lies in creating an unlimited space where crossovers between ideas and people can change the world for the better.* ”