



EU COST program

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An overview about job, what do I do on a daily basis as CNCs

Nominated as CNC in August 2021:

- Promote the role and impact of the program among scientific community
- Nominate delegates to Management Committees (MC)
- Advise on all COST related matters (Actions, participation, Open Call)

The information source available about COST in Bosnia and Herzegovina:

www.mcp.gov.ba EU program COST

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- Bosnia and Herzegovina is a full COST member country since 2009
- Currently BiH has MC members in 318 Actions.
- A COST Action is an interdisciplinary research network that brings researchers and innovators together to investigate a topic for four years.
- Open to all science and technology fields, COST Actions are also bottom-up - propose a network based on your own interests or ideas.
- Actions are typically made up of researchers from academia, SMEs, public institutions, and other relevant organisations or interested parties.

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Open to all
scientific and
technological fields



Interdisciplinary



Focused on
excellence



Freedom to
propose any topic



Inclusive



Low barrier to entry



Transparent



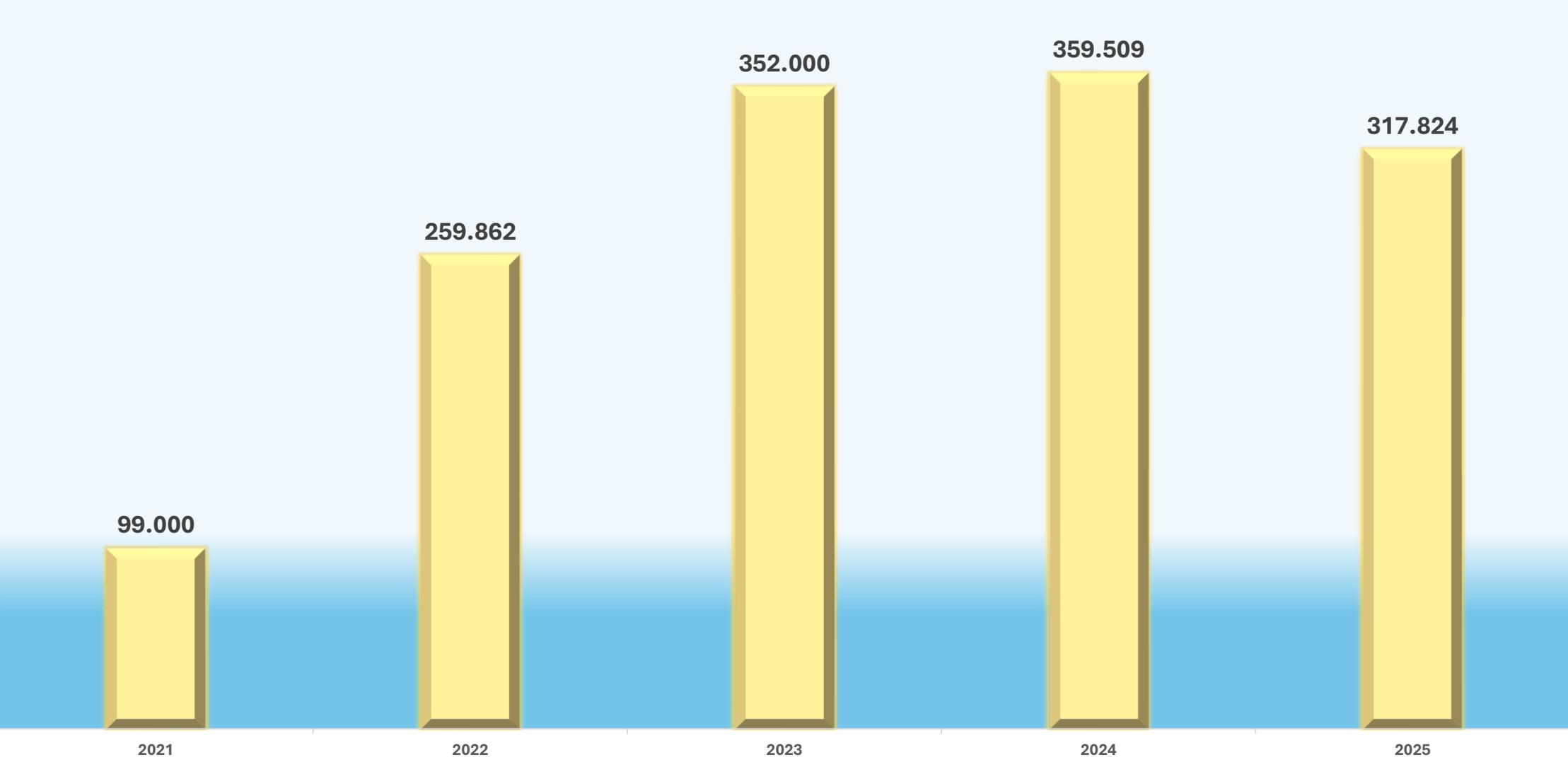
Open – join a
network at any
time

- The best source of information about COST is www.cost.eu
- The best source of documents, rules, guidelines: <https://www.cost.eu/funding/documents-guidelines/> .
- The best advertising about participation in COST are researchers spreading the word among colleagues

How to apply to become member of MC:

- To apply for nomination in Management Committee of an Action, please check the Rules for nomination at www.mcp.gov.ba EU program COST
- Each application is reviewed (please be aware that sometimes it takes a week or two to respond).

COST contribution for Bosnia and Herzegovina in EUR



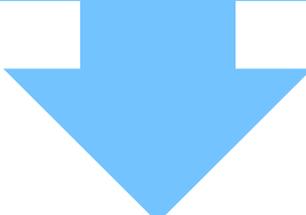
Number of researchers from Bosnia and Herzegovina and working groups membership



***Participation of Bosnia and Herzegovina in COST
Program***

Year	No of researchers	Trening schools/ STSM	WG	Contribution EUR
2021	220	19	n/a	99.000
2022	229	41	304	259.862
2023	296	49	406	352.000
2024	323	39	784	359.509
2025	290	45	855	317.824
TOTAL	/	193	/	1.388.195

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Currently, researchers from Bosnia and Herzegovina are participating in 772 projects.

As of 2025, Bosnia ad Herzegovina have two COST projects led by researchers from our country.



COST Open Call for Actions

- **(COST) Open Call** is an annual, single-stage application process for researchers and innovators to create new COST Actions.
- **Bottom-up and Inclusive:** Proposals can be in any scientific or technological field, based purely on the ideas and research interests of the applicants.
- **Networking Focus:** COST does not fund the research itself, but rather the *networking activities* within the Action, such as:
 - Meetings and workshops
 - Training schools
 - Short-term scientific missions (STSMs)
 - Dissemination activities

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Eligibility: To submit a proposal, a network of researchers from at least seven different COST Member Countries is required of which 50% from ITC.

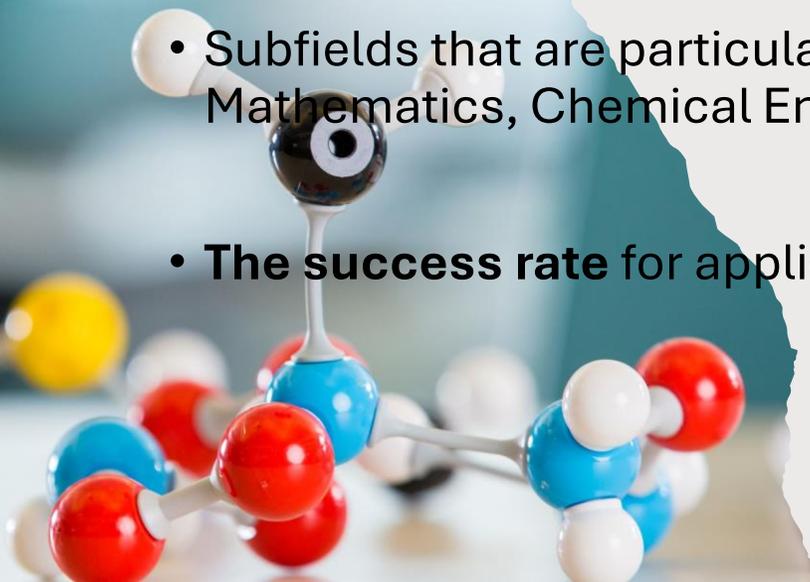
Timeline: The process from submission to approval takes approximately six months. For the most recent call (OC-2025-1), up to 70 new Actions are expected to be approved in May 2026.

Open Call for 2026 Actions is expected to open in April 2026 until October 2026.

A COST Action has an estimate **budget** of €125,000 in its first year and €150,000 per year for the other three years.



- As an indicator of multidisciplinary, **51% of all Actions cover at least two OECD** (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) fields of science and technology, while 21% cover at least three fields.
- **Natural sciences** lead the way as the most represented field of science (51% of the Actions), followed by **Medical and Health Sciences (37%)**, **Engineering and Technology (31%)**, **Social Sciences (27%)**, **Humanities (14%)** and **Agricultural Sciences (11%)**.
- Subfields that are particularly strongly represented in this call are Mathematics, Chemical Engineering, Clinical Medicine and the Arts.
- **The success rate** for applications in this Open Call (OC-2024-1) is 8.3%.



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