



Ukrainian policy makers meet COST

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COST Association

- The implementing structure for COST activities
- Intergovernmental organisation with 36 COST Members + 1 Cooperating Member on board
- Established in September 2013 as an international not-for-profit organisation under Belgian law, location in Brussels
- COST Association organisation is composed of President, Vice-president, Committee of Senior Officials, Executive Board, Director and Administration
- COST organisation features the Ministerial Conferences, the COST National Coordinators and the Scientific Committee



Key facts about COST


- A building block of Europe's research world for more than 45 years - intergovernmental organisation - 37 member states
- Supporting networks that span scientific disciplines, countries, sectors and multiple stakeholders
- Largest framework for transnational coordination in science and technology, involving half a million scientists over this period



Key facts about COST

“Clear and long standing
European added value”

- European at heart but with global reach
- Sharing, spreading, disseminating knowledge
- Boosting nationally research investments
- Providing equal opportunities and removing bottlenecks
- Customer-focused
- Flexible with light administration



Key figures (2015)

347	COST Actions
266	Training Schools
2962	Short term visits
45.000	Researchers involved
120.000 €	Per COST Action
37 500.000 €	Annual budget



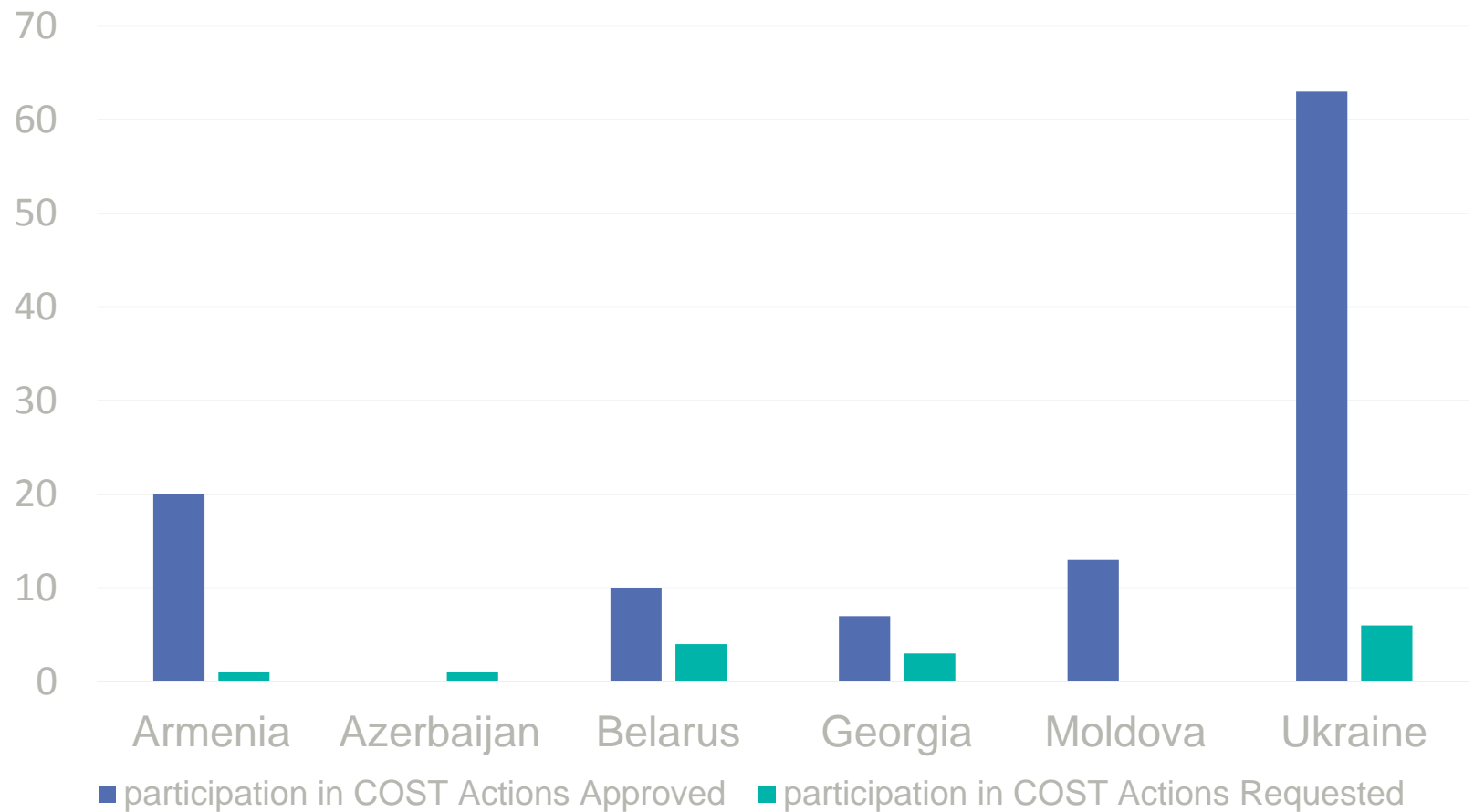
0.38% of H2020 budget



Enhance international cooperation

- Guiding principle: ascertained mutual benefit
- New Statutes introduces clear criteria for membership
- Continued tailored approach to Near Neighbour Countries
- Enabler for countries associated to Horizon 2020

Eastern Partnership Countries participation in COST Actions October 2016





Action participations from Ukraine

- Various fields of science
- Forestry, Physics, Earth Sciences, ICT, Civil engineering, Social Sciences
- Mainly academic participation



COST Actions

- A network of researchers, engineers and scholars with nationally funded research
- Collaborating in any S&T fields (bottom-up)
- of common interest to at least five COST Countries
- Submission to the COST Open Call for proposals
- Evaluated and selected via a tailored procedure
- Based on a 4 years joint work programme



COST Actions

- Open: expandable to new participants
- Implemented through networking activities: Meetings, Working Groups, Conferences, Workshops, Short Term Scientific Missions, Training Schools and Dissemination Activities
- Average Annual COST Budget EUR 120 000
- Pursuing the fulfilment of the objectives and deliverables described in the Memorandum of Understanding of the Action



Participation in an Action

- Based on ascertained Mutual Benefit
- In the proposal, as secondary proposer
- By contacting the Action Chair (Fast procedure)
- Support from COST: participation to meetings, STSM and training school