

# ***Successful COST application –***

***mission ~~IMPOSSIBLE~~***

**457 application**

**39 grants awarded**

**8,5% survival rate**

**(Open Call 07. Sept. 2017)**



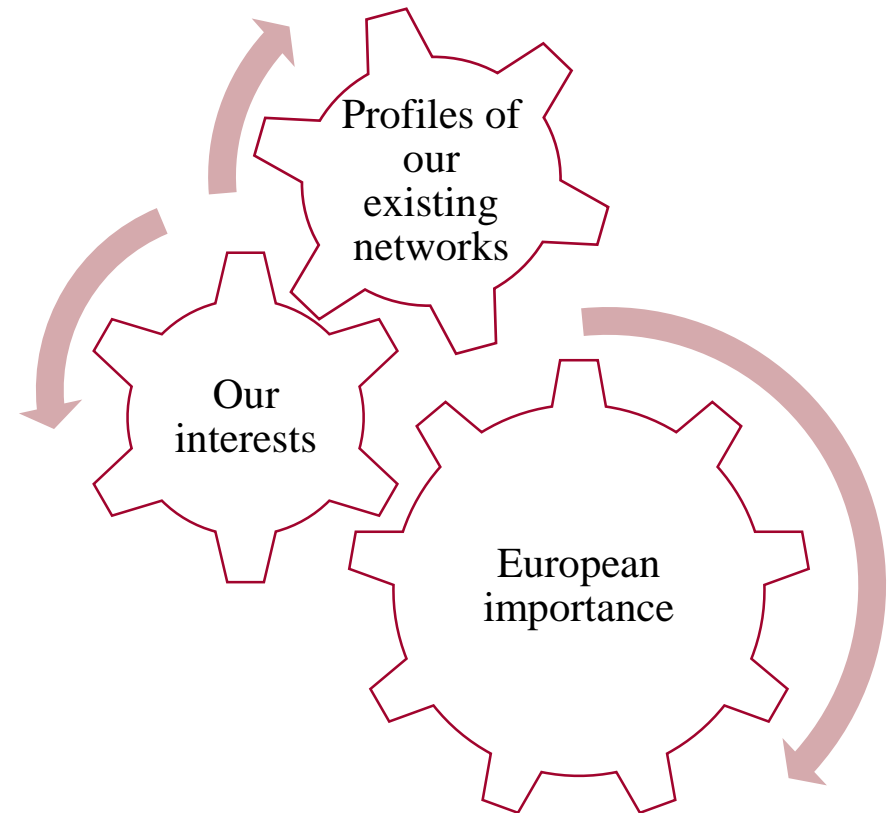
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# *Why it makes sense?*

- If you are not in network you don't exist for research community
- COST as a springboard to the 'high science'
- COST as a trendsetter for European research themes

# *Everything starts from ideas and people*

- Think in which area your team is most competent
- Learn, what exists and what's missing
- Method & substance equally important
- Think on megatrends and influential visionaries



*I was inspired by ...*



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# ***YOUNG- IN (inclusion + in)***

- ***Transdisciplinary solutions to cross sectoral disadvantage in youth***
- **de-standardization** of lives, **yo-yo-transition** to adulthood, **parallelism** of life-course events; **cumulation of (dis)advantages**
  - Due to the occurrence of life events in parallel, capital gained in one domain can feed more quickly than before into success in another domain (and *vice versa*)
  - Three key areas for young generation
    - finding a decent **job**
    - starting a **family** when they want
    - making their **voice** heard in the policy process



# The Challenge

- **Eesmärk** : mõista, millised on noorte eluvaldkondi läbivate **halvemuste** kujunemise mehhanismid ning **leida poliitikaid** nende kumuleeruvate **halvemuste leevendamiseks**
  - **The scientific challenge** that the Action addresses is to build awareness and mutual usability of research findings across research disciplines and societal contexts
  - **The societal challenge** is to understand how the approach to social investment and relevant policy interventions can be applied to young people without bringing about increase in inequality



# *How to start - practicalities*

- **Invitation to collaborate** – **Do not underestimate the task!**
  - You need to be clear on several things
    - Title and acronym of proposal
    - What is Cost Action in general about?
    - What would it mean if you were to participate?
      - Duties and impact in proposal writing
      - Opportunities if funded
  - Keep it short (max 1p) and informative
  - Don't put everything into attachment, catch with the first lines!
- **Make a timeline**
  - About 4 weeks from opening the application in e-COST until submission
  - Divide functional tasks
    - Communication
    - Academic writing



# *Partners – probably the most crucial*

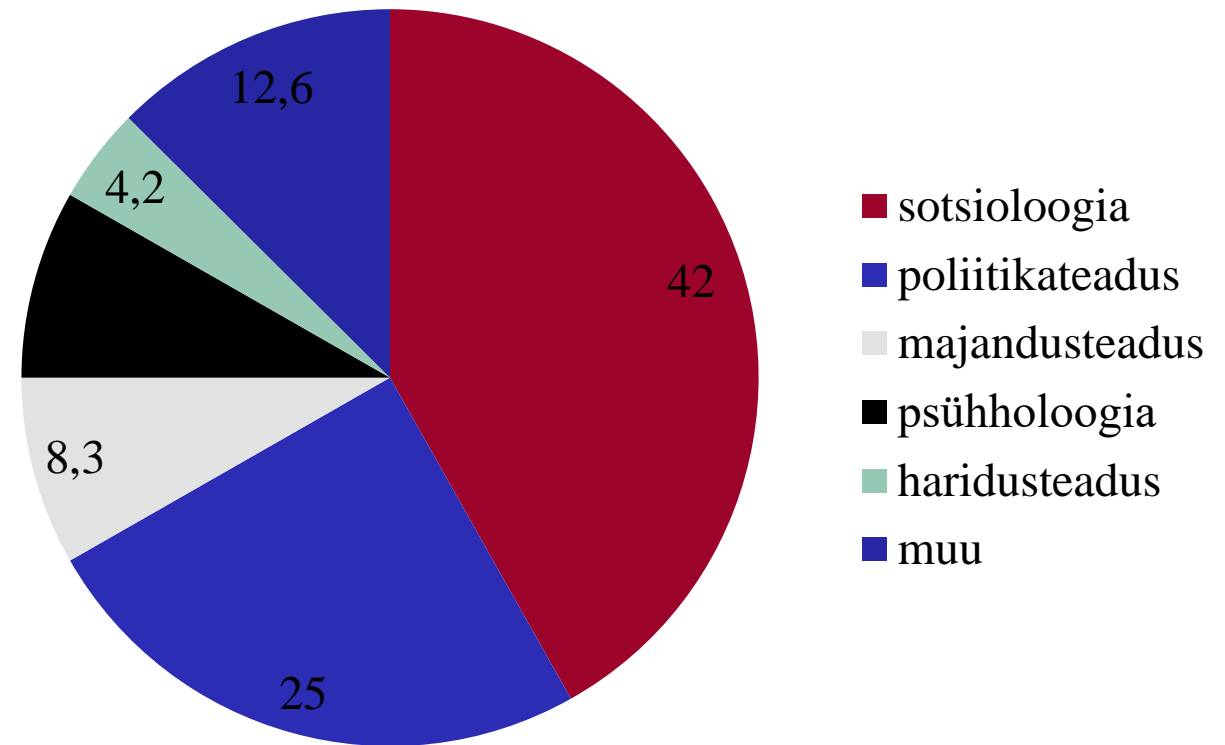
- COST requirements: countries
  - Min 7 COST member countries
    - Inclusive Target Countries (ITC), such as Eesti
    - Near Neighbouring Countries (NNC), nt Russia, Ukraine, Caucasus, North Africa
    - IOs or EU bodies
- COST requirements: people
  - Diversity governance (applies to countries as well)
    - Gender balance
    - Age balance – Early Career Investigators (ECI) - max 8 years from PhD
    - distsiplinary diversity



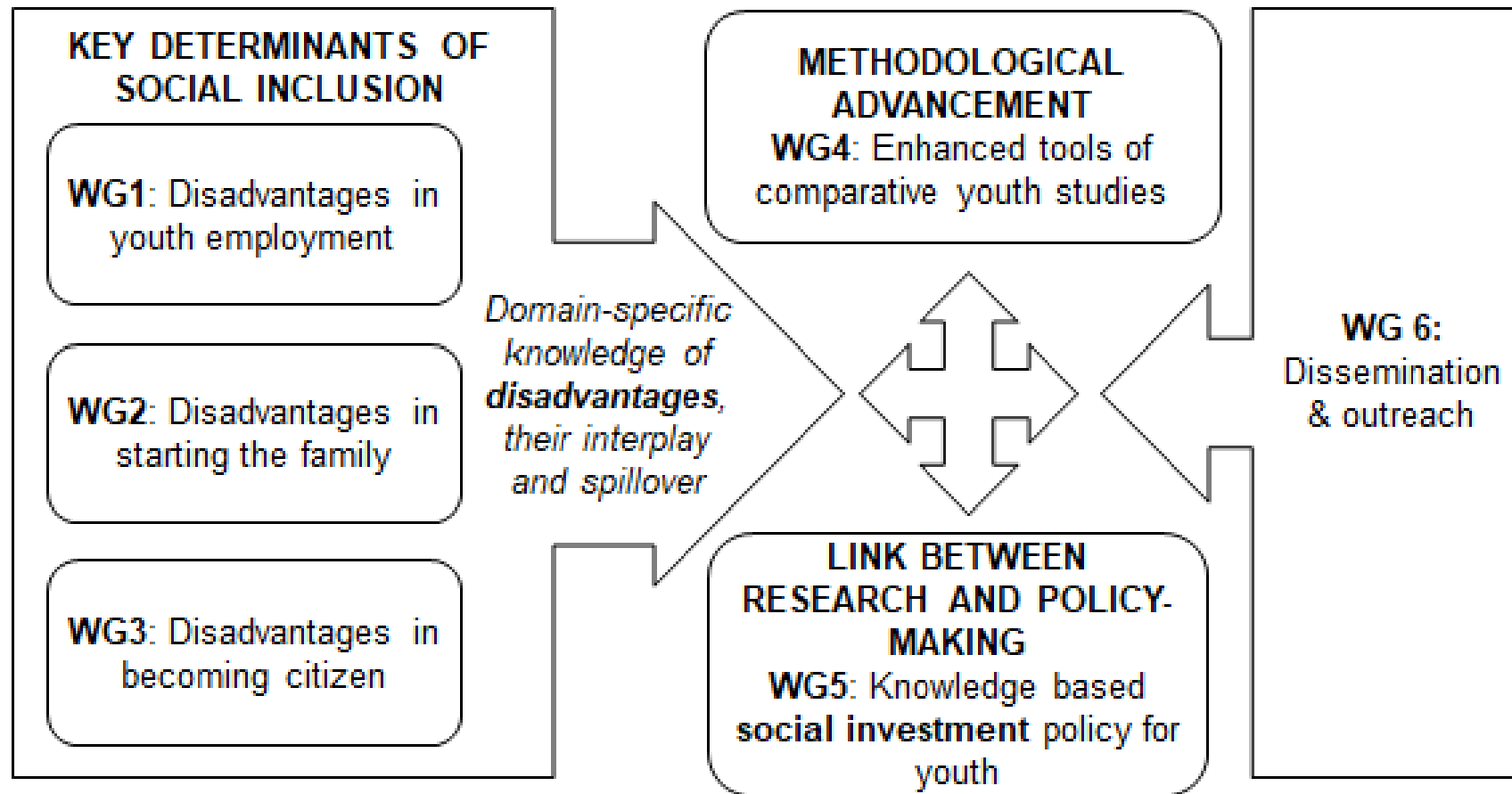


# YOUNG-IN consortium

- 17 COST countries (24 proposers)
  - 7 ITC (41%) + 1NNC+ 1 IO
  - 14 ECI
- Main proposer + secondary proposers
- In 2 first years every COST country can join
  - We had
    - 17 initially
    - 27 by kick-off
    - 37 max possible



# YOUNG-IN in nutshell



# *Looking ahead*

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COST Action is what you make of it



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