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The purpose of this note is to present evidence-based information on benefits that COST can offer to the research community in Estonia, and through them to the national research and innovation system. COST Actions are flexible, effective and efficient pan-European networks for researchers and innovators to cooperate and coordinate nationally funded research activities allowing to jointly develop their own ideas and new initiatives in any science and technology field. Actions are open and inclusive to all researchers, irrespective of country, career stage or gender. In each Action, a Management Committee, composed of members nominated by the COST National Coordinator, is in charge of the Action coordination, implementation and management. Within the Action, a wide range of networking activities are supported by COST, such as meetings, Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM), and Training Schools (TS).

# PARTICIPATION IN COST ACTIONS FROM ESTONIA

National participation in COST Actions refers here to the participation in the Management Committee of nationally approved Actions.

In 2020, Estonia participated in 217 Actions out of 291 Actions running at any time of the year (74.6%).

# PARTICIPATIONS FROM ESTONIA IN COST ACTION NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

In 2020, a total of 71 participants from Estonia were reimbursed by COST for their participation in COST Action networking activities (meetings, Short Term Scientific Missions, Training Schools).

# PARTICIPATIONS IN NETWORKING ACTIVITIES BY EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATORS FROM ESTONIA

COST stimulates the participation of Early Career Investigators - ECI (between PhD and PhD + 8 years) In 2020, 25% of the participants from Estonia in networking activities (meetings, Short Term Scientific Missions, Training Schools) holding a PhD were ECI. The average for all COST countries was 25%.

# COST ACTIONS’ BUDGET TRANSFERRED TO ESTONIA

The total amount that benefited participants from Estonia in 2020 was EUR 84.000. This includes the financial support to meetings (travel reimbursement, organisation), Short Term Scientific Missions, Training Schools, administrative support to the Grant Holder institution (FSAC) – if any – but not dissemination expenses.

Estonia’s share in relation to the total budget of the Actions is 1.1%.

# STSM AND TRAINING SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT FROM ESTONIA

In 2020, 7 participants from Estonia were involved in Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM), 9 trainees and 2 trainers were involved in Training Schools. There was also 1 Conference Grant participant from Estonia.