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# COST Update

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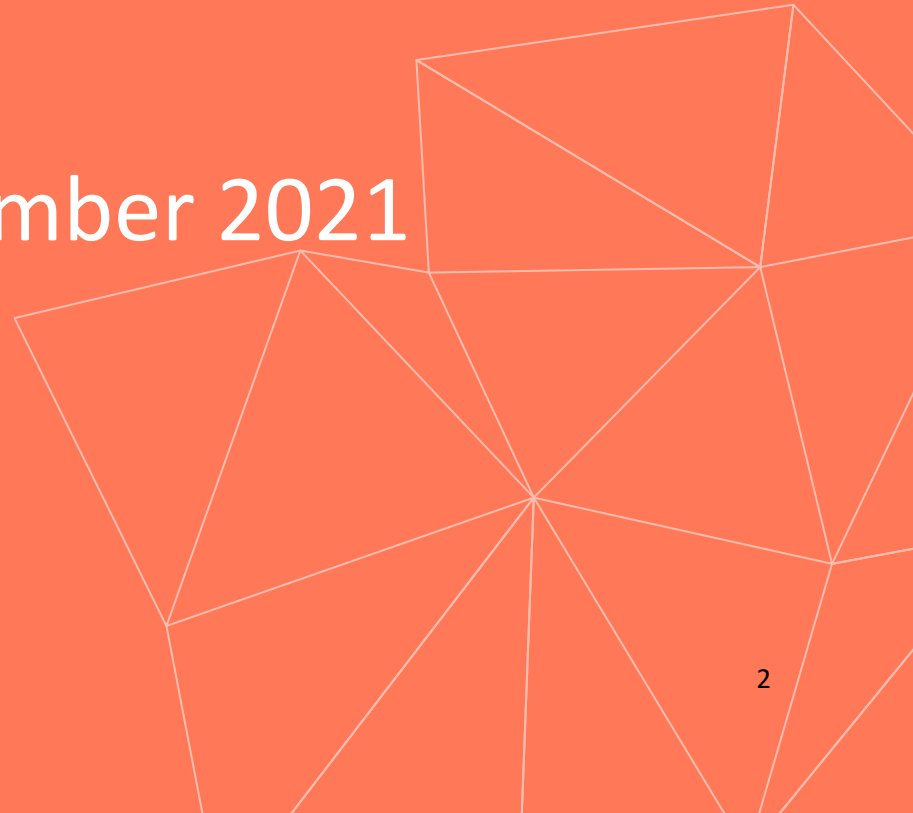
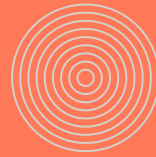


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# Change of Rules

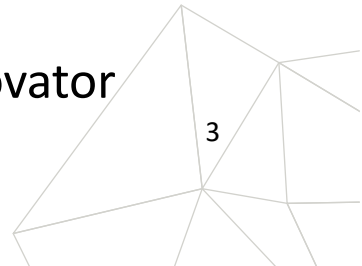
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# People and Countries



- Membership in Actions
  - all 40 COST member countries part of an Action
    - no need for MC nomination
  - Closed list of Specific Organisations (Annotated rules)
- Participation of Individuals to COST Actions
  - Strengthening of WG membership
    - open to any individual affiliated in a legal entity in the world - subject to MC approval
    - reimbursement subject to MC decision under the COST eligibility framework
    - visibility and application possibility on COST Action web page
- Young Researcher and Innovator (YRI) = researcher or innovator under the age of 40. YRI replaces the ECI.



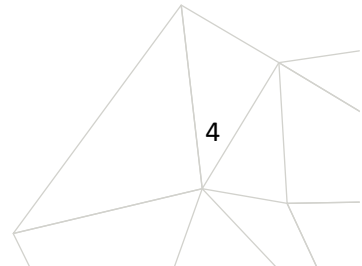
# Leadership Positions



- Only Chair, Vice Chair and GH SR need to be MC members\*
- WG leaders and Science Communication Coordinator anybody from COST Member states \*\*
- **New** - Grant Awarding Coordinator
  - STSM, ITC Conference Grant, Dissemination Grant
- Possibility to create other leadership positions
  - also open for any researchers in the world
  - visibility of all leadership positions on COST Action web page

\*) or MC Observer from EC, EU bodies, offices, agencies, European RTD organisations

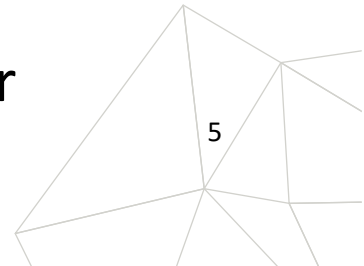
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# Management Committee



- No permanent MC substitutes anymore
- MC Observers only from Specific Organisations or COST partner member states (currently ZA only)
  - Not from NNC or IPC anymore
- Started Action to approve all MC members within 4 weeks
  
- Virtual/hybrid MC meetings possible
- Formalisation of Core Group and delegation of power



# Eligibility



- Reimbursement of individuals
  - MC Meeting
    - Open to any relevant participant (even if not MC member) as attendee
    - MC can decide to reimburse only 1 MC member per country
  - Invited Speakers
    - No more limit of 4 per event
- Location of activities
  - Meetings
    - In any of the 39 COST Full or Cooperating Member states
    - Near Neighbour Countries (NNC)
  - Training Schools and other networking activities
    - Anywhere
  - Virtual Environment

