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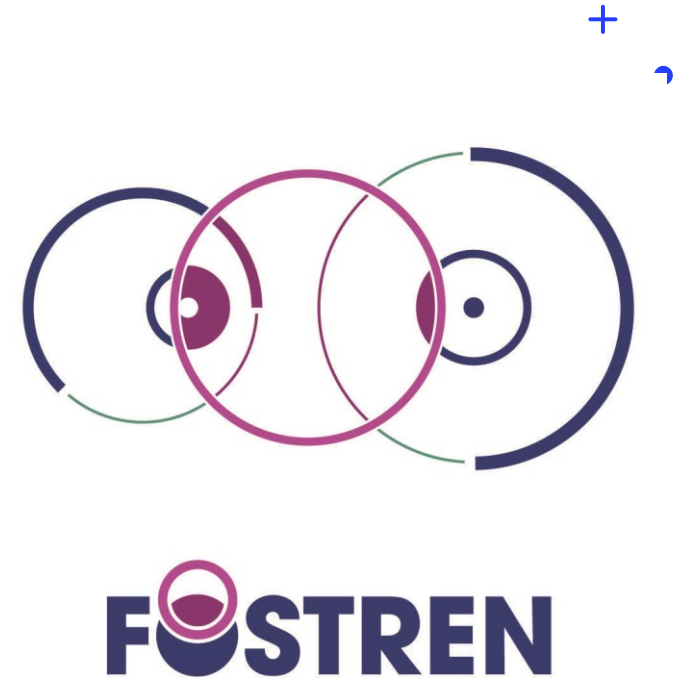
SUSTAINABILITY OF COST
ACTIONS (AND OTHER)
NETWORKING

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Note !

Within 11 months of end of Action; apply for a 6 months extension ! (sorry, no money involved...)

Start to plan for prolonging/sustaining the network NOW !



Support from the COST Association after the funding

- A lot of support during the Action, which also feeds into the life after the Action.
- COST thinks about ways to support the network. COST will look into this.
- e-COST: It would be easy to keep the database alive after the end of the network. Majority of the participants would be in favour of this.

SME's. How to involve them?

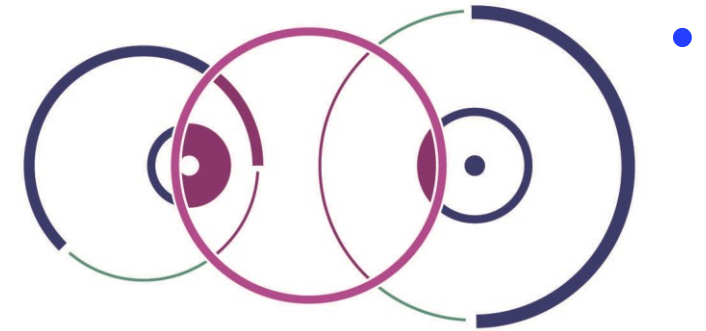
1. Companies have time-pressure. You need to offer them something. Be translational, and applicable. Data and science should be applicable for them. Might be useful to have them involved for future applications.
2. Also more chances to get access to research infrastructures when involving SME's

How to get funding, other than EU or SMEs?

- ✓ Universities and institutes provide support for the organisation of conferences and events.
- ✓ Sponsorships
- ✓ Private sector foundations

Ideas

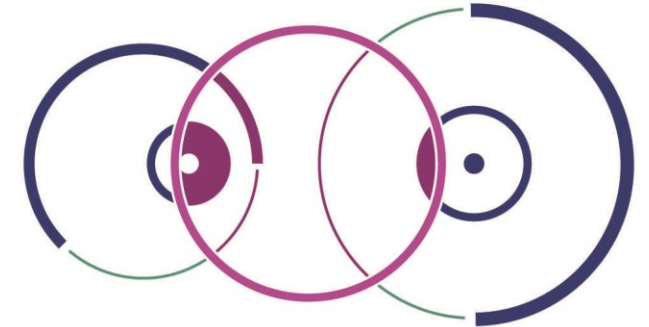
- Establish a Journal (<https://www.scienceopen.com>)
- Look for other Actions ? COST provides infrastructure
- Are the objectives of our Action still of interest ?
 - Contact national COST office/liaise with COST
 - E-COST available after end of Action
- HopOn facility (500k/3 years)
- Co-organise Symposia w/other Actions



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More ideas

- Set up National networks – cooperate
- Bilateral cooperation and funding (e.g. EEA)
- Apply for research projects within the Action
- Set up associations and/or research societies
 - Several funding options available



Break out rooms/Group work

Discuss the following and write down

Motivation/Strengths

Challenges

Opportunities

Next Steps

