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Overview of Serbian involvement in COST framework – new open call and networking tools for young researchers and ITC participants

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Abstract: Serbia is COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) full member country and during the last decade there is an increasing interest of researchers and innovators from Serbia to actively participate in COST networking activities. In this paper the statistical overview of Serbian participants will be presented based on the available data for 2023. There is an increasing trend in country representation in active COST actions reaching 97% in 2023, and almost double leadership positions in actions comparing to 2018. Taking into the account activity, actions Management Committee (MC) members from Serbia have the leading role and mobilization of young researchers is among top five countries. Having in mind MC members are nominated by COST national coordinator following specific national procedure (Mijić and Marinković, 2024) these statistical indicators are useful to assess the quality of the current national rules and its possible improvements. New open call OC-2025-1 have been lunched and introduced young researchers and ITC (Inclusive Target Country) conference grants (Mijić and Marinković, 2024a) which will be discussed together with additional networking opportunities.

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