

# Lithuania

## Participation in COST Activities

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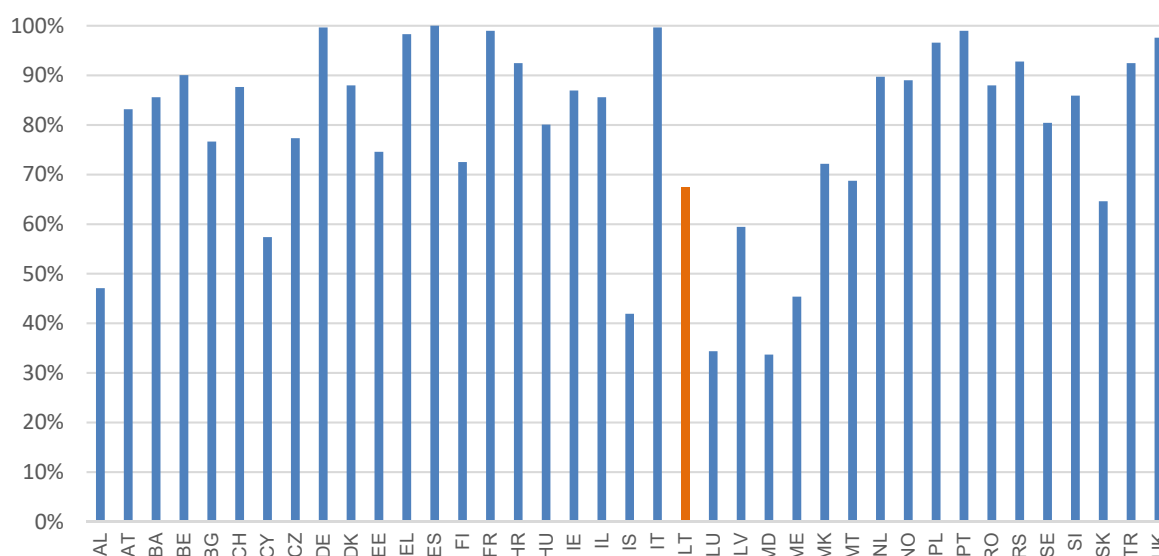
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The purpose of this note is to present evidence-based information on benefits that COST can offer to the research community in Lithuania, and through them to the national research and innovation system. COST Actions are flexible, effective and efficient 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).

## 1. PARTICIPATION IN COST ACTIONS FROM LITHUANIA

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

In 2020, Lithuania participated in 196 Actions out of 291 Actions running at any time of the year (67.4%).



## 2. PARTICIPATIONS FROM LITHUANIA IN COST ACTION NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

In 2020, a total of 104 participants from Lithuania were reimbursed by COST for their participation in COST Action networking activities (meetings, Short Term Scientific Missions, Training Schools).

## 3. PARTICIPATIONS IN NETWORKING ACTIVITIES BY EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATORS FROM LITHUANIA

COST stimulates the participation of Early Career Investigators - ECI (between PhD and PhD + 8 years) In 2020, 20% of the participants from Lithuania in networking activities (meetings, Short Term Scientific Missions, Training Schools) holding a PhD were ECI. The average for all COST countries was 25%.

## **4. COST ACTIONS' BUDGET TRANSFERRED TO LITHUANIA**

The total amount that benefited participants from Lithuania in 2020 was EUR 133.000. 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.

Lithuania's share in relation to the total budget of the Actions is 1.7%.

## **5. STSM AND TRAINING SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT FROM LITHUANIA**

In 2020, 20 participants from Lithuania were involved in Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) and 13 trainees were involved in Training Schools. There were also 2 Conference Grant participants from Lithuania.