



PARAQUA

Action sustainability

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Sustainability of COST Actions

- Different ways to maintain, expand and leverage on the initial COST network after the end of the COST Action
- Continuation through funding on the continuity of the COST Action → COST Innovators Grant



Why a follow up project?

Keep mutualising on built capacity

Hold progress on the topic

Job not finished

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Challenges

Organise

Keep the network together –>

Finance

In an environment with less money

Keeping your partners motivated to actively participate

Sustain

Emphasise the network's usefulness to your partners

Link with industrial partners



Steps already set

Website domain open until March 2028

Unlimited life time of SM and public database

Special issue on Zoosporic Parasite will run until end 2026



Stories form other Actions

(COST Academy training February 2024)

Rare disease - Ectopic calcification (CA16115)

International Network - main operating channel website

(www.itnINTEC.com)

Evidence-Based RESEARCH (CA17117)

Established a more permanent network (non-profit Association)

All countries, not just those in Europe

- Beyond health science



Opportunities for funding

Establishing a Founding Steering Committee to explore the best way forward

Evaluate other related organisations' structure and funding (Cochrane Collaboration, Guidelines International Network, Campbell Collaboration, Joanna Briggs Institute)

Register the Network as a nonprofit organisation - Negotiating with a candidate hosting institution and country > Establish Business Model



Funding sources – nonprofit organisation

- Membership fee
- Grants
- Sponsorships
- Revenue from products, events and services
- Donations



Challenges

Previous experience within setting up a nonprofit organisation

No sustained funding streams established yet to continue and expand the work

Difficult to gauge fees for members and conference participants



COST Innovators Grant



The COST Innovators Grant aims to enhance the pace and success of research breakthroughs



Eligible Actions are invited to apply by the COST Association



Funding for the COST Innovators Grant is awarded for one year

COST Actions are eligible to apply upon invitation by the COST Association towards the end of their lifetime

Between 4 and 7 CIGs per year since 2020



New COST Action



**Collection dates -
April / October
every year**

At least seven peers from different COST Members - half are ITC