COST - European Cooperation in Science and Technology

A Networking Programme to enhance European Research

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What is COST ?

> " "COST constitutes an experimental laboratory for European cooperation which will provide valuable information for the future" "

Camillo Ripamonti,

Italian Minister of Scientific and Technical Research, Chairman of the Ministerial Conference held in Brussels in Novembre 1971, founding event of COST

COST Objective

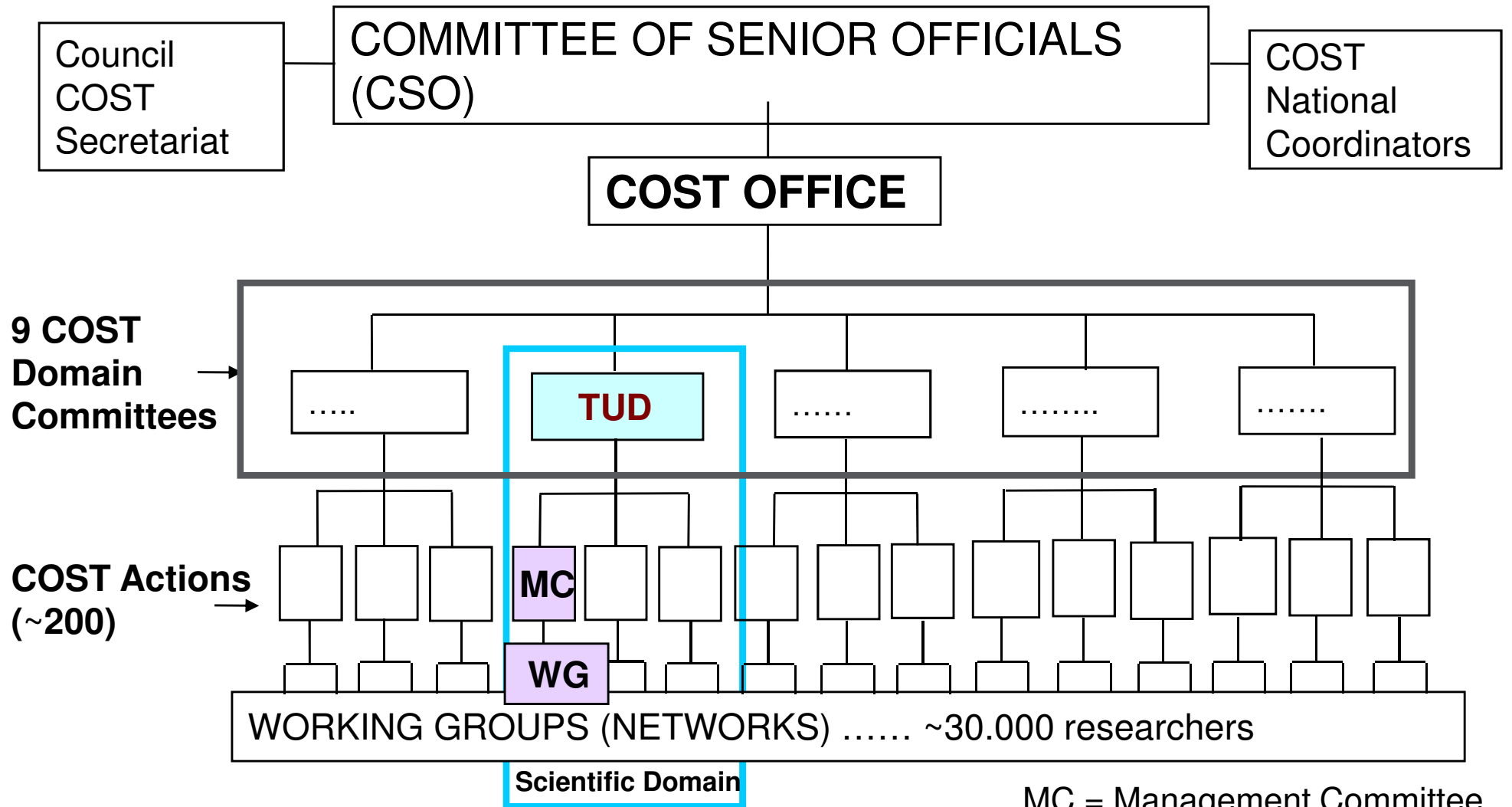Strengthen Europe in scientific and technical research

For peaceful purposes

Through the support of cooperation and interaction between European researchers

COST Characteristics

- Intergovernmental Organisation

- Center stage Instrument : COST Action (Networking projects of on-going or starting RD&I)

- National funding of researchers and research

- Pan-European

- Open to wider cooperation

- Worldwide bridge

- "Non-competitive" (pre-normative; public utility)

- "Interdisciplinary Exploratoria" (Multi/Trans-disciplinary)

- Bottom-up – Open Call

- Flexible (à la carte) participation – join in if you are interested (… when you are interested and for how long you can)

- Enabling agent: focus on Early Stage Researchers (ESR)

COST Governance

Council COST Secretariat

COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS (CSO)

COST National Coordinators

COST OFFICE

9 COST Domain Committees →

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COST Actions (~200) →

MC

WG

WORKING GROUPS (NETWORKS) ...... ~30.000 researchers

Scientific Domain

MC = Management Committee

Let's have a fruitful workshop

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