

# International Interdisciplinary Network on Smart Healthy Age-Friendly Environments



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# COST Actions

COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) is a funding organisation for research and innovation networks.

COST Actions help connect research initiatives across Europe and beyond and enable researchers and innovators to grow their ideas in any science and technology field by sharing them with their peers.

COST Actions are bottom-up networks with a duration of four years that boost research, innovation and careers.



# NET4Age-Friendly



# The aim

To establish an international and interdisciplinary network and local or regional ecosystems.

To collect good practices

To raise awareness, and to support smart, healthy indoor and outdoor environments.

Enable the practice and deployment of Smart Healthy Age-Friendly Environments (SHAFE).

# SHAFE

A thematic network, approved by the European Commission to build and deliver a Joint Statement in 2018.

The network released a Position Paper on recommendations aiming to promote healthier environments for all citizens and make environments accessible, sustainable and reachable for all, with the support of ICT.

# SHAFE

## Recommendations:

- 1 - Housing / Built Environments
- 2 - Social Participation
- 3 - Communication and Information
- 4 - Health and Community Services

[SHAFE-Position-Paper-011020.pdf](http://caritascoimbra.pt)  
(caritascoimbra.pt)

# Working groups

- 1) User-centred inclusive design in age-friendly environments and communities
- 2) Integrated health and well-being pathways
- 3) Digital solutions and large-scale sustainable implementation
- 4) Policy development, funding forecast and cost-benefit evaluations
- 5) Reference framework

# Research Coordination Objectives (RCO)

**RCO1:** To synthesise and improve existing knowledge (WG1, WG2).

**RCO2:** To critically investigate the creation of innovative solutions of digital health (WG3).

**RCO3:** To assess the impacts of SHAPE across the life course within economic, social service, civil rights, political, environmental, and social spatial domains (WG4).

**RCO4:** To envision a user-friendly, inclusive conceptual framework for SHAPE (WG5).

**RCO5:** To ensure innovative, flexible, implementable, policy and practice exploitation through dissemination, networking and ecosystem strengthening across disciplines all over Europe and beyond (WG4).

# Capacity Building Objectives (CBO)

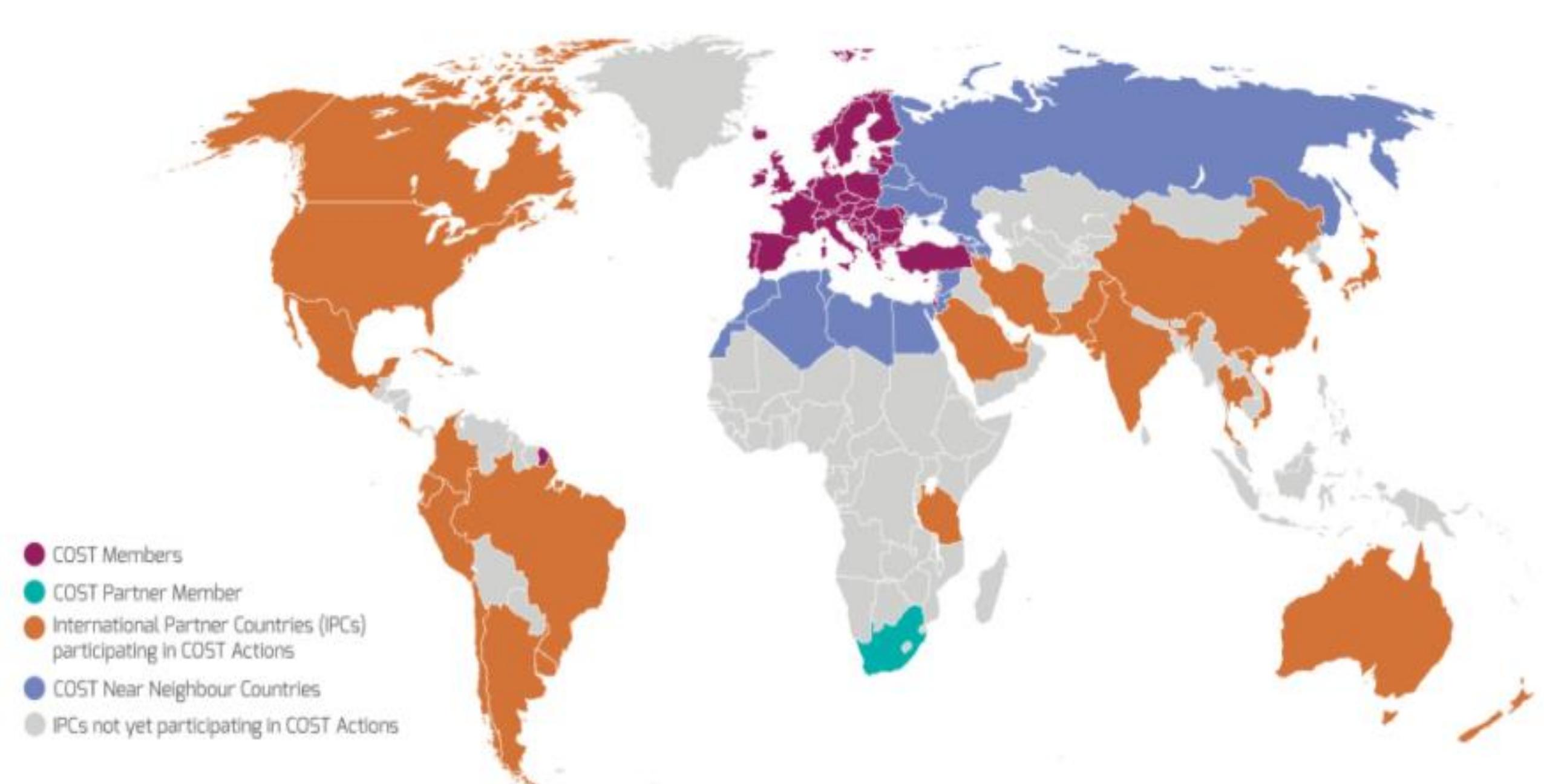
**CBO1:** To establish an innovative, transnational, and participatory network (WG5).

**CBO2:** To foster international cooperation between researchers from COST Countries, especially ITC, and researchers from NNCs and IPCs (WG1, 2, 3).

**CBO3:** To promote knowledge exchange and to foster a cross-European interdisciplinary research capacity (WG4, 5).

**CBO4:** To improve the cooperation and co-creation with cross-sectors stakeholders, (WG1, 2, 3, 4).

**CBO5:** To introduce and educate students, ECIs, entrepreneurs and other interested parties, including a citizen-oriented awareness approach by implementing the understanding and importance of future developments of SHAFE for a sustainable European society (WG5).



- COST Members
- COST Partner Member
- International Partner Countries (IPCs)  
participating in COST Actions
- COST Near Neighbour Countries
- IPCs not yet participating in COST Actions

# Participants

This NET4Age-Friendly Action is inclusive as it welcomes participants from COST Countries, COST Near Neighbour Countries (NNC) and COST International Partner Countries (IPC).

The network encourages end-users (citizen advocacy organisations, public authorities), expert researchers, ECIs, researchers from industry sector, healthcare, stakeholder associations, NGOs, policy makers, to cooperate in a two-way process with citizens, entrepreneurs and public authorities on the effective integration of SHAPE.

**MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE  
68 MEMBERS**



## FULL NETWORK – 213 researchers



# Participate in an ongoing Action

It is possible to participate in an ongoing project.

## As a Management Committee (MC) member.

For each Action, up to two representatives per COST Member can be nominated to the MC. To participate as an MC, please contact the [COST National Coordinator \(CNC\)](#) of your country.

## As a working group member.

To participate as a working group member, please contact the Action's working group leader and the MC member(s) from your country.

## As a participant in Action activities.

During their lifetime, Actions provide opportunities to get involved in activities through training schools, short-term scientific missions, workshops, conferences, etc.

There are various steps to follow to participate in COST Actions, which depend on the location of the institution.

## As a non-COST country participant.

To know more about international cooperation, go to [Global Networking](#).

## INFORMATION:

[What is NET4Age-Friendly? | NET4Age-Friendly](#)

[Action CA19136 – COST](#)

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