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COST Action CA18202

Network for Equilibria and Chemical Thermodynamics Advanced Research
NECTAR

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MC meeting, 2nd NECTAR Conference, Lisbon, August 27th, 2021



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Belgium (BE)	P	Greece (EL)	O	Portugal (PT)	P
Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	P	Hungary (HU)	P	Romania (RO)	A
Bulgaria (BG)	O	Iceland (IS)	A	Serbia (RS)	P
Croatia (HR)	A	Ireland (IE)	O	Slovakia (SK)	P
Czech Republic (CZ)	P	Italy (IT)	P	Slovenia (SI)	P
Denmark (DK)	A	Lithuania (LT)	P	Spain (ES)	P
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4. Approval of minutes and matters arising of last meeting

- Minutes have been sent to MC via email
- **Voting for Approval**



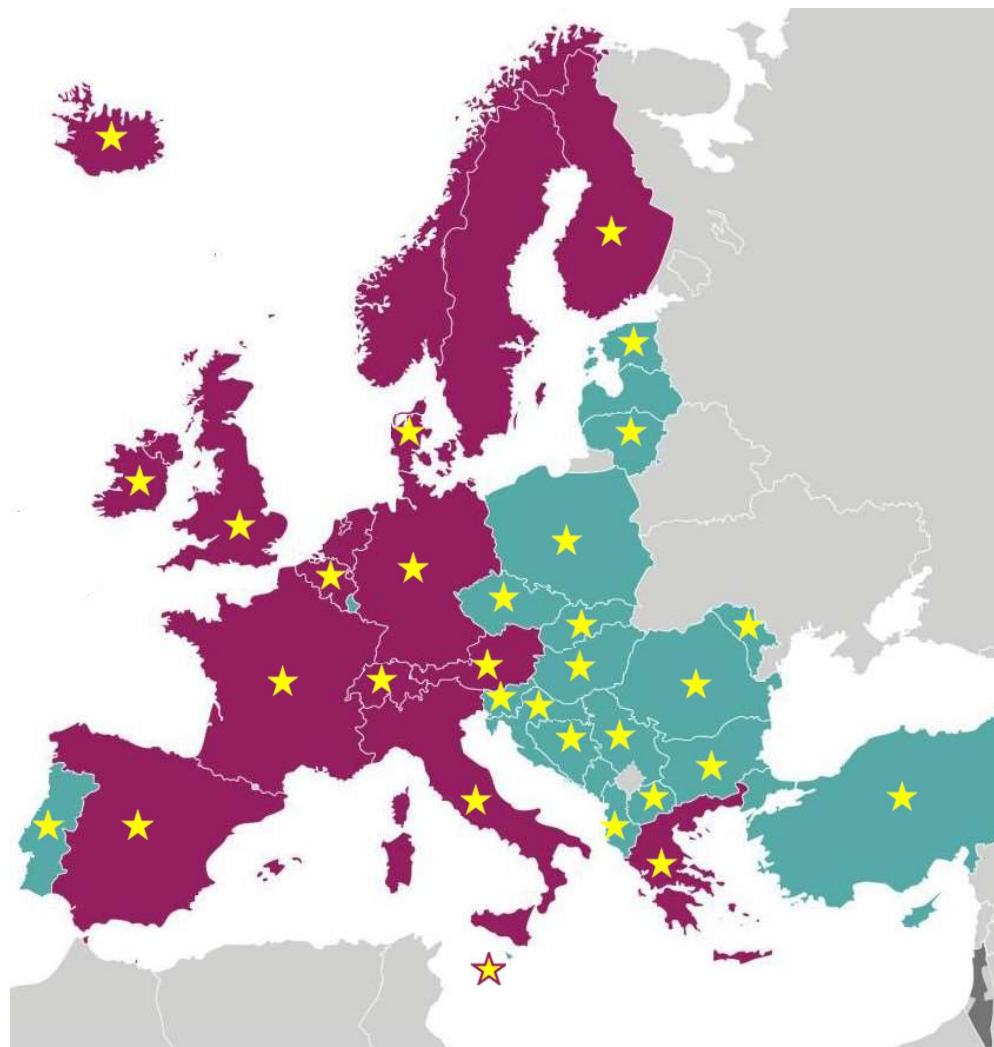
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(Actual) Member Countries – 31 (18 ITC)



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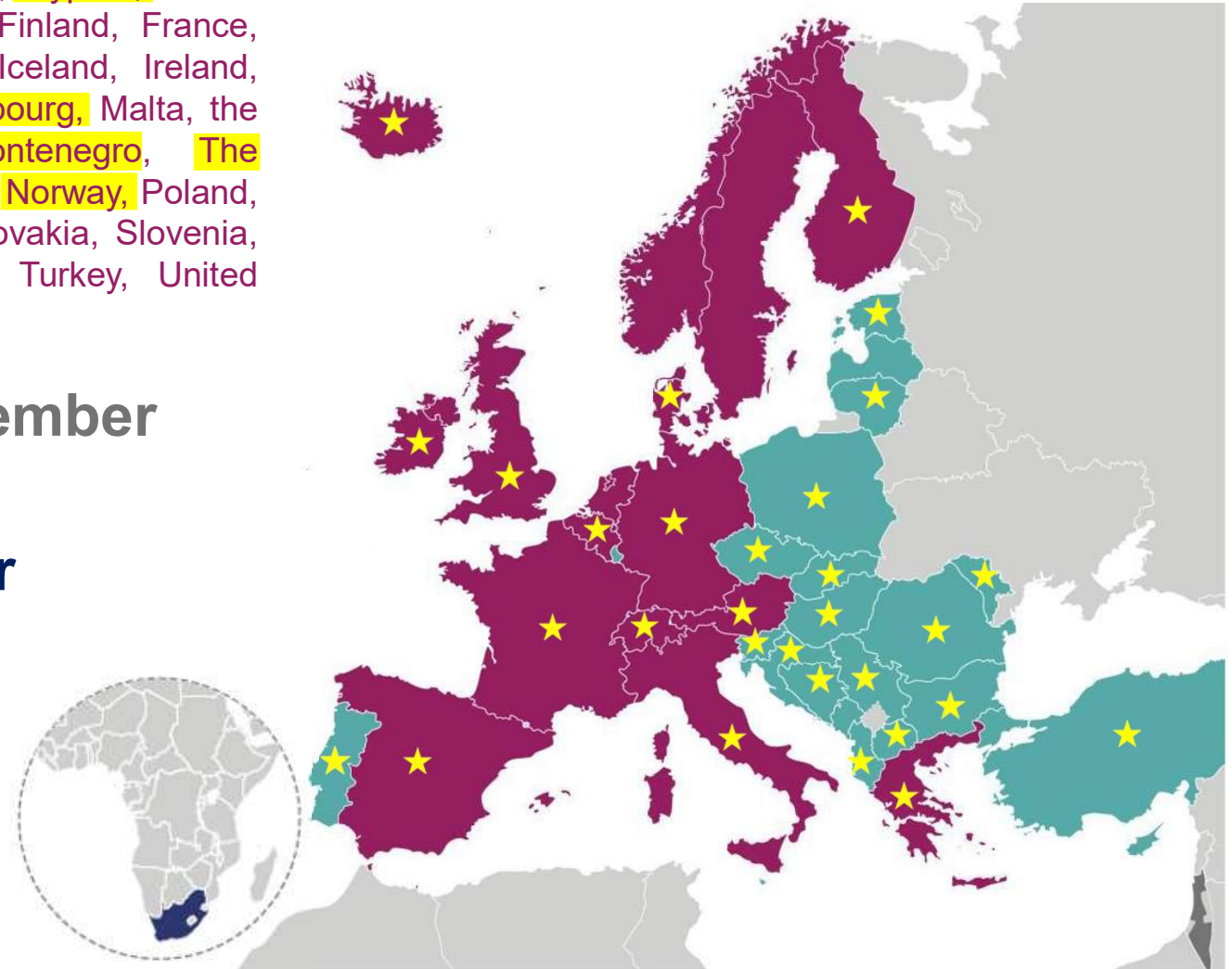
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1 Cooperating Member

Israel

1 Partner Member

South Africa





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- New Vademecum, New Rules, New Networking tools
- VNT: Virtual Networking Support (VNS) Grant and Virtual Mobility (VM) Grant
- GP duration uncertainty (Oct 2022?)
- Intermediate report
- Instalment delivery delayed – later payments
- Leftovers



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- b) Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM): review of completed reports and new applications



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GP2 Goals

Grant Period Goals

Action Objectives Overview

#	Description
1	Promote and advertise Action and Action's aims
2	Consolidate (and expand) the existing Network
3	Identify and involve new stakeholders
4	Compilation and critical assessment of hydrolysis constants and solubility products for some selected elements (WG1).
5	Development and testing of recommended procedures for the accurate determination of stability constants for some selected systems (WG2).
6	Development of methodologies for determination of constants characterizing weak interactions of components involved in the equilibria and for investigations of equilibria in non-aqueous solvents (WGs 2, 3 and 4).
7	Investigation of multicomponent systems including non-covalent, ion-ion and ion-solvent interactions, ternary systems, and mixed solvents and ionic liquids (WG3).
8	Participating and co-Organizing high-level meetings and TSs on thermodynamic data analysis and correct use of experimental techniques for thermodynamic data determination (WGs 4 and 5).
9	Compilation of first data collections and guidelines according to WGs results (WG4 and 5).

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Action Objectives Overview

#	Objective Number	Objective Description
1	Challenge	provide a scientific and technological platform to gather together, under a unique network, a critical mass of European research groups with a strong expertise in chemical equilibria with industrial stakeholders, with the valuable reinforcement of international partners and European enterprises.
2	Secondary objective 1	Give response to actual scientific and technological challenges. In the wide field of equilibrium thermodynamics, particular attention will be paid to four specific areas: i) biology and medicine; ii) environmental science; iii) technology and industry; iv) modelling and software development.
3	Secondary objective 2	Develop new technologies. The multidisciplinary and diversity of expertise within NECTAR will bring about a demand for developing new technological solutions, which will successfully combine all stakeholders' interests.
4	Secondary objective 3	Identify new industrial stakeholders and applications. One of NECTAR's aims is to enlarge the perception about the potential of the use of different thermodynamic studies on specific industrial and technological applications (including environmental and biological/medical).
5	Secondary objective 4	Promoting mobility and multidisciplinary training between the different participants of the Action.
6	Secondary objective 5	Transferring knowledge and promoting industrial awareness.
7	Secondary objective 6	Supporting a high proportion of ECIs, ITCs and assuring gender balance in the COST Action
8	Secondary objective 7	Promoting the sustainability of the network beyond the Action.



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A. COST Networking Tools	
(1) Meetings	3rd NECTAR + 5 WG meetings
(2) Training Schools (TS)	1
(3) Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)	20
(4) ITC Conference Grants	2
(5) COST Action Dissemination	
(6) Other Expenses Related to Scientific Activities (OERSA)	
(7) VNT	0



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A. COST Networking Tools	
(1) Meetings	90'000.00
(2) Training Schools (TS)	15'000.00
(3) Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)	30'000.00
(4) ITC Conference Grants	2'500.00
(5) COST Action Dissemination	5'000.00
(6) Other Expenses Related to Scientific Activities (OERSA)	850.00
(7) VNT	2'000.00
B. Total Science Expenditure (sum of (1) to (7))	145'350.00
C. Financial and Scientific Administration and Coordination (FSAC) (15% of B)	21'802.50
Total Grant (B+C)	167'152.50



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