

# **Survey on Outputs and Impact of the COST Action MODENERLANDS**

## **Summary Report**

### **1. Respondent Profile**

- Total 90 respondents (90% from academia)
- Geographic distribution (Top contributing countries with 23 countries represented overall):
  - Turkey – 17 respondents
  - Portugal & Serbia – 9 each
  - Italy – 8
  - Spain & Croatia – 5 each
  - Bosnia & Herzegovina, Norway, Ireland – 4 each

### **2. Engagement & Participation**

- Attendance in-person events: most common: 3 or more events
- Among the 30 respondents that attended Training Schools: highly beneficial; indicates need for more TS capacity
- Publications co-authored directly from the Action: 53% reported 2-3
- Proposals submitted: 60% reported participation in proposals
- Proposals successful: 17% success rate; majority still pending
- Would proposals occur without the Action? - Majority said No

### **3. Competency & Career Development**

- Career development impact score (1–5 scale): Mean = 3.4, Median = 3, Max = 5
- Strongly improved skills in:
  - Offshore resource assessment
  - Sustainability analysis
  - Collaboration & project development
  - Digital twins and hydrogen integration (where available in Training Schools)

### **4. Qualitative Themes & Significant Quotes**

- Respondents provided many insights into the value and future direction of the network. Key recurring positive impact themes:
  - Creation of new collaborations
  - Access to datasets & tools otherwise unavailable
  - Opening career opportunities
  - Practical learning in industrial-relevant topics
- Representative feedback extracts:
  - “More face-to-face activities would help maintain the momentum.”
  - “In-person communication is essential to strengthen communityties.”
  - “Network already well managed — keep continuity.”
  - “Joint proposal writing created long-term collaborations.”

- Improvement Suggestions
  - Increase number of physical meetings
  - Maintain joint proposal development
  - Continue activities through Horizon consortia / follow-up COST
  - Create structured legacy community (Thematic clusters / Innovation groups)

The survey highlights that the most important impact has been the formation of collaborations that will continue beyond the Action, offering strong evidence of sustainability and long-term value for Europe.

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**Questionnaire:** <https://forms.gle/B28itwVG8eakC7pN7>

## Section 1 — Introduction

This survey aims to collect information on the outputs and impacts of the COST Action CA20109 MODENERLANDS.

We are particularly interested in:

- research outputs and collaborations,
- project proposals and funding,
- career and networking impacts,
- perspectives for future cooperation.

The inquiry is anonymous. Therefore, no feedback or acknowledgement of submission will be sent. Please answer only once.

The answers will remain confidential and will be used only in aggregated form. The list of publications and other outputs will be collected in another email to assure anonymity of this inquiry.

**Would you like to share a “Success Story” with us and the Cost Office? If yes, please send the text in an email to the Action Chair: [crebelo@dec.uc.pt](mailto:crebelo@dec.uc.pt)**

Thank you for your contribution!

## Section 2 — Respondent Profile

### Q1. Country of your institution

Type: *Dropdown*

Options: [List COST member countries + “Other”]

### Q2. Institution type

Type: *Multiple choice*

- University
- Research institute
- Industry
- Government / NGO
- Other

### Q3. Your role in the Action

Type: *Multiple choice*

- WG member

- WG leader
- MC member
- Early Career Investigator
- PhD student
- Other

#### **Q4. Working Group(s) you participated in**

Type: *Checkboxes*

- WG1 – Assessment of Sustainable Energy Resources
- WG2 – Modular Offshore Floating Energy Islands
- WG3 – Network, Energy Storage and Resilience Analysis

### **Section 3 — Participation & Activities**

#### **Q5. How many WG meetings/workshops did you attend in person?**

Type: *Multiple choice*

- None
- 1–2
- 3–4
- 5 or more

#### **Q6. Did you attend any Training Schools?**

Type: *Yes/No*

#### **Q7. Did you participate in COST-supported activities?**

Type: *Multiple choice*

- STSM
- ITC Grant
- Dissemination conference
- Third party conference
- Other
- None

### **Section 4 — Outputs**

#### **Q8. Did your involvement in MODENERLANDS lead to publications?**

Type: *Checkboxes*

- Yes, single-country publication
- Yes, co-authored with 2 COST countries
- Yes, co-authored with more than 2 COST countries
- No

**Q9. How many publications do you co-authored as a direct result of the Action?**

Type: *Multiple choice*

- None
- 1
- 2–3
- 4 or more

**Q10. Did the Action help you access/develop datasets, models, or methods that you would not otherwise have?**

Type: *Yes/No*

“If yes, please specify” \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 5 — Networking & Collaboration**

**Q11. Has MODENERLANDS led you to new collaborations?**

Type: *Checkboxes*

- Yes, within my WG
- Yes, across WGs
- Yes, with industry / government / NGOs
- No

**Q12. Are you currently part of a formal or informal research group or research project that somehow originated from MODENERLANDS?**

Type: *Yes/No*

**Q13. If yes, how do you expect this group to continue?**

Type: *Multiple choice*

- Joint project proposals
- Regular meetings
- Informal exchange only
- Not expected to continue

**Section 6 — Impact on Projects & Funding**

**Q14. Did MODENERLANDS networking contribute to project proposal submissions?**

Type: *Yes/No*

**Q15. If yes, how many proposals?**

Type: *Multiple choice*

- 1
- 2–3
- 4 or more

**Q16. Were any of these proposals successful?**

Type: *Multiple choice*

- Yes
- No
- Still pending

**Q17. Without MODENERLANDS, would you have been likely to join these proposals?**

Type: *Linear scale (1–5)*

1 = Not at all likely ... 5 = Very likely

**Section 7 — Capacity Building & Career Impact**

**Q18. Did your involvement improve your skills in any of the following areas?**

Type: *Checkboxes*

- Technical/scientific methods
- Grant writing / project development
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Stakeholder engagement / policy
- Communication & dissemination

**Q19. To what extent did MODENERLANDS contribute to your career development?**

Type: *Linear scale (1–5)*

1 = Not at all ... 5 = Very much

**Section 8 — Future Perspectives**

**Q20. Which areas should future multinational collaborations focus on?**

Type: *Checkboxes (select up to 3)*

- Floating platform technologies
- Energy storage
- Hydrogen / Power-to-X
- Resilience and risk management
- Marine spatial planning
- Digital twins and monitoring
- Socio-economic and policy aspects
- Other (short answer option)

**Q21. Would you be interested in continuing collaboration in a follow-up initiative (e.g., Horizon Europe project, new COST Action, industrial partnership)?**

Type: *Yes/No*

**Q22. What format would best sustain the network?**

Type: *Multiple choice*

- Regular workshops
- Online seminars/webinars
- Joint project proposals
- Permanent research consortium

## **Section 9 — Open Feedback**

**Q23. What do you consider the main impact of MODENERLANDS in your own work?**

Type: *Paragraph*

**Q24. What recommendations would you give to strengthen the network's legacy?**

Type: *Paragraph*

**Q25. What recommendations would you give to improve the management of the action?**

Type: *Paragraph*