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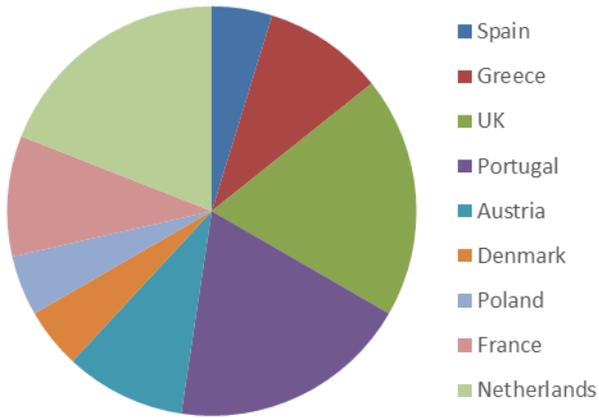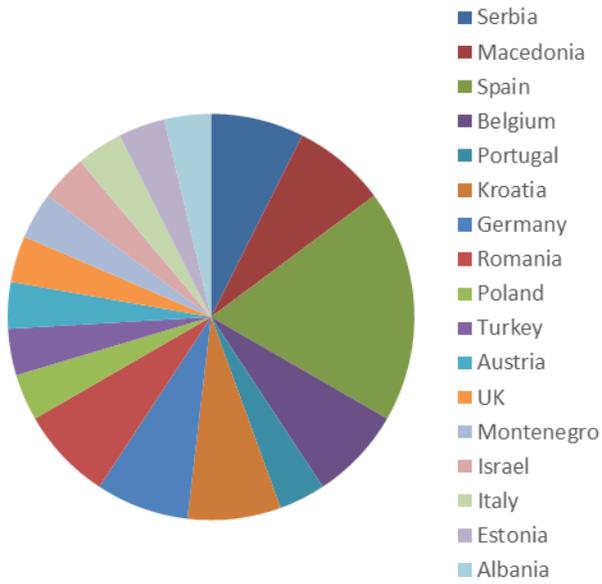
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The CA16101 STSM committee has received and reviewed a total of 25 STSM applications during grant period 1 through 4. The first grant period 8 applications were approved with a total budget of 19.400 Euro. The second grant period has approved 7 STSM with a total budget of 17.500 Euro. The third grant period has seen 9 awarded STSM's with a total spent value of 21920 Euro. Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic 2 STSM's had to be cancelled reducing the spent budget with 3920 Euro. In the grant period 4 2 STSM's were awarded in spite of the travel restrictions for a total budget of 4570 Euro. Ten out of the 25 STSM's were undertaken by early career investigators. The awarded STSM proposals were well balanced across the different objectives of the CA16101 action and were conducted by 15 male STSM awardees and 10 female awardees. The STMS's were also appropriately distributed over the countries participating in the action. 19 of the 25 STSMS had involvement of an ITC country, either sending or receiving. The STSM's took place by bringing together institutions from 14 sending countries and 12 receiving countries. The STSM's provisionally planned for GP4 had to be cancelled, awaiting the further development of global travel. Towards the end of the grant period a few new applications came in and were evaluated rapidly by the STSM committee.
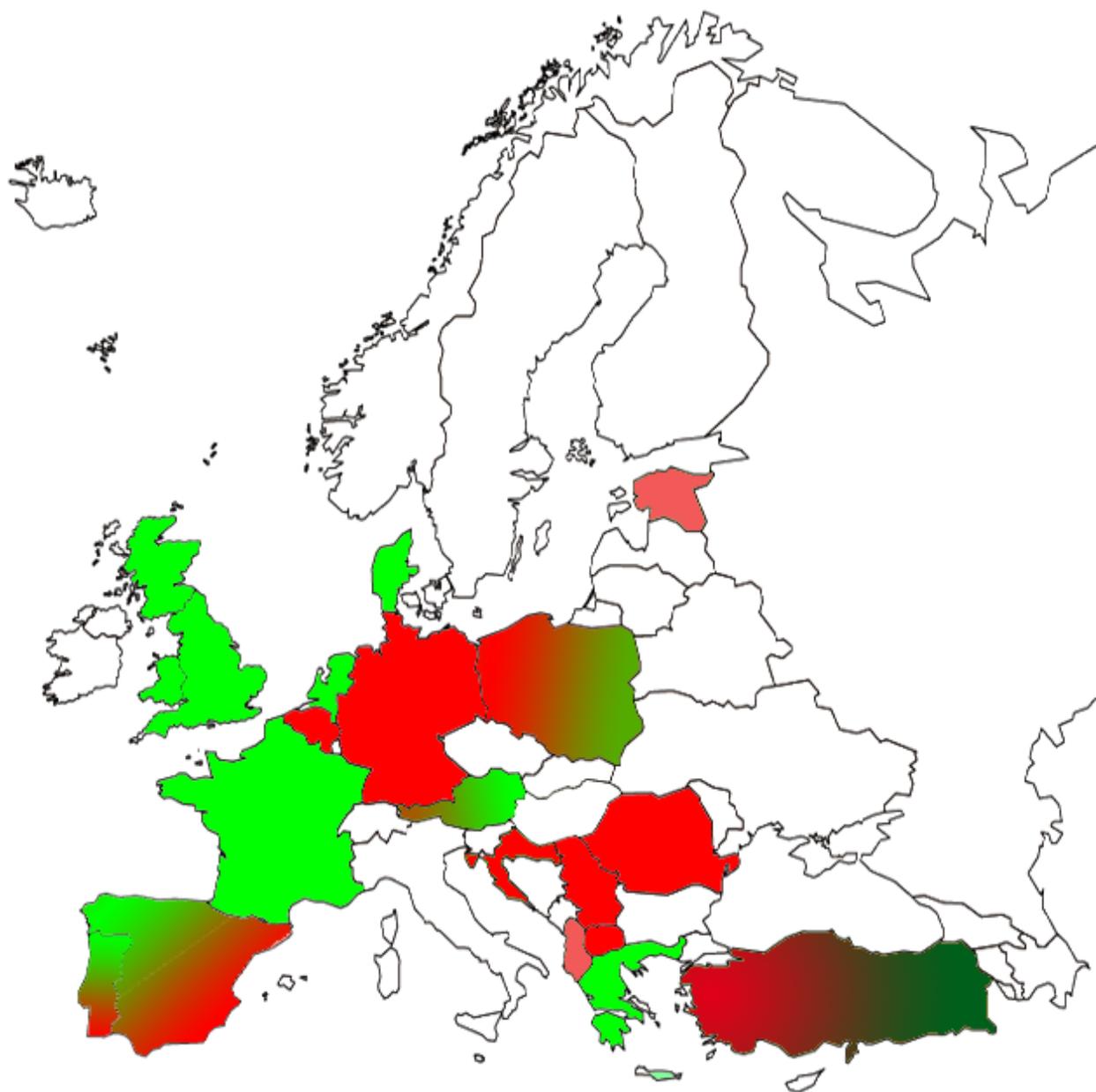
The review process of the STSM proposals is conducted fully digitally. The process starts after the STSM coordinator receives the documentation and performs a first check if all documents and information has been provided. The application package is than shared with the full STSM committee through email. The committee typically completes the evaluation and voting process in one week. Upon majority approval vote the coordinator approves the application in the eCOST system. After completion of the action, the scientific report is reviewed by the STSM coordinator who enters approval/rejection in the eCOST system. The STSM committee consists of Prof. Dr. R.M.A. Heeren (coordinator), Dr. Iwona Szynkowska, Dr. Michal Levin, Dr. Biljana Škrbić, Prof. Dr. Eva Cuypers and Dr. Ivančica Bogdanović Radović.

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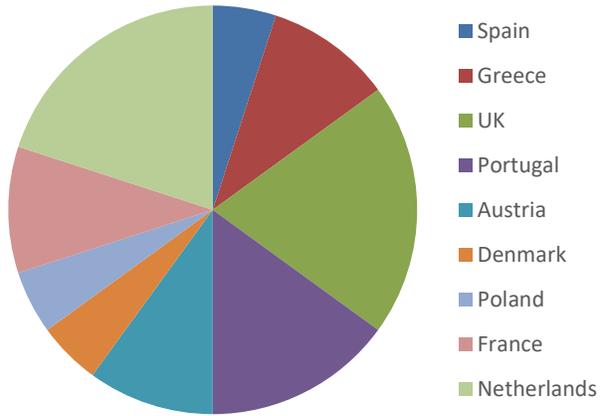- Portugal
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