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About COST

COST is an intergovernmental framework for European Cooperation in Science and Technology, allowing the coordination of nationally-funded research on a European level.



COST has a very specific [mission and goal](#). It contributes to reducing the fragmentation in European research investments and opening the European Research Area to cooperation worldwide.

As a precursor of advanced multidisciplinary research, COST plays a very important role in building a [European Research Area \(ERA\)](#). It anticipates and complements the activities of the [EU Framework Programmes](#), constituting a "bridge" towards the scientific communities of emerging countries. It also increases the mobility of researchers across Europe and fosters the establishment of scientific excellence in the [nine key domains](#):

- [Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences](#)
- [Food and Agriculture](#)
- [Forests, their Products and Services](#)
- [Materials, Physics and Nanosciences](#)
- [Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies](#)
- [Earth System Science and Environmental Management](#)
- [Information and Communication Technologies](#)
- [Transport and Urban Development](#)
- [Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health](#)

In addition, [Trans-Domain Proposals](#) allow for broad, multidisciplinary proposals to strike across the nine scientific domains.

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