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COST Stories

This section focuses on COST results mainly in terms of Actions and Domains.

The case studies reflect the impact COST has on European research, people and markets.

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COST hosts breakfast debate at K4I Innovation Summit



At the 6th European Innovation Summit held in Brussels, 17-20 November, COST organized a highly informative breakfast debate on the topic of 'Bottom-up versus Top-down innovation – How much funneling and prescription can ingenuity endure?'

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Europe's next generation innovators and their need for a garage



Featuring a central theme in the overall context of the 6th European Innovation Summit, the session was hosted by Victor Negrescu MEP and Brando Benifei MEP, gathering students, researchers, entrepreneurs, industry experts and policy makers. Approaching the concept of innovation in Europe, they looked at the impediments to a European innovation culture, but also discussed successful initiatives and ways of attracting support for future projects. An essential question hovered over the debate even before it started: who are Europe's next generation innovators?

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Capacity building in the Western Balkans

A newly established Targeted Network seeks to boost capacity building and economic development in the area by supporting efficient forest management.

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AAPELE: Ambient Assisted Living or what happens when science and industry talk ageing

A COST-funded Action of scientists and entrepreneurs in the field of ambient assisted living is coordinating European research on technologies meant to improve the lives of the elderly and disabled. In a recent initiative, the Action invited SMEs to showcase their latest technologies and products.

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The COST Association is up and running



Established in September 2013, the COST Association has incorporated the governing bodies and the administrative functions of COST into a single structure.

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STReSSing inclusiveness

Action FP 1106 STReSS (Studying Tree Responses to extreme Events: a SyntheSis) is a recent example of COST's commitment to promoting inclusiveness and supporting promising researchers from less research-intensive countries across Europe. In this case, research focuses on analysing the effects of extreme natural phenomena and climate change on the growth and wood quality of European tree species.

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Understanding proteins, understanding life



Recent medical advances have seen our life expectancy increase significantly. However, so has the risk of developing cancer and neurological, genetic, or autoimmune diseases, all caused by protein mutations. COST Action BM1307 "PROTEOSTASIS" has set up an international network focusing on the reasons behind protein mutations, investigating a particular role that proteins play in carrying out cellular functions.

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StanDerm stands tall for healthy skin at work

According to a recent European Commission report, occupational skin diseases (OSDs) represent 10% to 40% of the total occupational diseases in Europe. The economic impact of OSDs amounts to an annual economic loss of up to €5billion.

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Getting European cities ready for climate change



In times of resource scarcity, European cities are in need of reconfiguration. Urban areas need to pollute less and become generally more sustainable in order to increase their resilience to climate change effects.

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Maternity care – setting up the highest standard across Europe



Every year around 4.7 million European women give birth to a child. Optimal maternal and infant health is critical to societal wellbeing.

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