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 Association is Born and Keeps Growing

COST is glad to announce that following the Resolution adopted by all the Representatives of the Governments of the 35 COST Member Countries on 6 September 2013, the 'COST Association' was established on 19 September 2013 with the aim of providing the legal entity for the implementation of COST activities in the near future.

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STReESSing inclusiveness

Action FP 1106 STReESS (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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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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Become a COST Expert!

COST invites independent experts from all scientific areas to participate in the evaluation of proposals for COST Actions collected twice a year through the COST Open Call.

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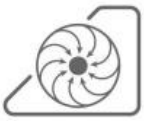
Registration for Trans-Domain (TD) Pilot Proposals is open!



COST responds to the research communities' need for a more lightweight and quickly evaluated instrument with a revised evaluation and selection procedure for highly interdisciplinary research networks. The Proposal registration opens on 15 February and closes on 29 March. Updated guidelines are also available.

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Prof. Dr Rainer Waser awarded the 2014 Leibniz prize

COST warmly congratulates Prof. Dr Rainer Waser on winning the Gottfried

Wilhelm Leibniz Prize, Germany's most prestigious research award. The Joint Committee of the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - DFG) announced the eleven recipients of the 2014 prize on 5 December 2013.

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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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COST Welcomes Horizon 2020

COST welcomes the official launch of Horizon 2020, the European Union's new research and innovation programme, announced on 11 December 2013 in Brussels. The highly anticipated announcement is an essential milestone in the transition to a more innovative and competitive Europe.

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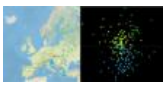
Mapping out Europeans' immunity genes: a step towards better tissue transplants



Despite more than 99% of human DNA being identical, our immunity genes are the ones setting us apart. Besides making us unique, such genes can indicate our ancestry, which can prove of tremendous medical help in terms of issue and organ transplants. COST Action BM0803 HLA-NET engaged in a collaborative exercise aiming to map European populations sharing similar genes that set the stage for the introduction of new standards in molecular biology and immunogenetics.

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