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COST Actions

COST Actions are a flexible, fast, effective and efficient networking instrument for researchers, engineers and scholars to cooperate and coordinate nationally funded research activities. COST Actions allow European researchers to jointly develop their own ideas in any science and technology field.

COST Actions are bottom-up **science and technology networks, open to researchers and stakeholders** with a duration of four years. They are active through a range of [networking tools](#), such as workshops, conferences, training schools, short-term scientific missions (STSMs), and dissemination activities. **COST does not fund research itself.**

COST prides in its support for high-risk, innovative and emerging research themes. However, **COST does not set any research priorities.**

COST Actions can also pave the way to or establish synergies with [EU-funded research projects](#). Moreover, collaboration within research projects can also lead to new Actions, thus enhancing the networking potential of such consortia.

COST Actions cover scientific and technological research activities for peaceful purposes and of public interest, aiming to contribute to the [COST Mission](#).

Every COST Action has an objective, defined goals and clear deliverables. These are described in a Memorandum of Understanding, accepted by at least seven participating COST Member States.

You can browse through all the [running COST Actions](#).

COST Actions are:

Pan-European

Spanning 36 Member States

Researcher-driven

In terms of proposed topics, objectives and work organisation; researchers choose their own topics; all decision are entrusted to the Action's Management Committees

Open and Inclusive

Open to all researchers, engineers and scholars, irrespective of gender, field or career stage. Actions can expand, as researchers from new countries can join in during the first three years

Multi- and interdisciplinary

Building, bridging and expanding multi- and interdisciplinary science and technology research communities

Future-oriented

Engaging the next generation of young researchers

Lightweight

They are a light platform to coordinate national research funding through easy networking tools and simple rules.

On the basis of mutual benefit, researchers, engineers and scholars from Near Neighbour Countries and International Partners Countries may join.

Notice board

During FP7 (2007-2013), all COST Actions followed the Domain structure. COST Actions funded under the [new COST Open Call](#) will no longer follow this structure.

The new scientific organisation reflects a fully open and bottom-up approach through a single Scientific Committee. The new approach includes a [renewed Submission, Evaluation, Selection and Approval](#) favouring excellence and encouraging multi- and interdisciplinary approaches.

Key Documents

- ▶ Financial Reporting - External User Guide (PDF, 620 kB)
- ▶ Approved Actions - June 2017 (PDF, 336 kB)
- ▶ Approved Actions - October 2016 (PDF, 274 kB)
- ▶ Approved Actions - February 2016 (PDF, 425 kB)
- ▶ Approved Actions 2015 (PDF, 370 kB)
- ▶ Approved Actions 2014 (PDF, 964 kB)
- ▶ Approved Actions 2013 (PDF, 2 MB)
- ▶ Approved Actions 2012 (PDF, 4 MB)
- ▶ Approved Actions 2011 (PDF, 5 MB)
- ▶ Approved Actions 2010 (PDF, 3 MB)



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