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COST is an EU-funded programme that enables researchers to set up their interdisciplinary research networks in Europe and beyond. We provide funds for organising conferences, meetings, training schools, short scientific exchanges or other networking activities in a wide range of scientific topics. By creating open spaces where people and ideas can grow, we unlock the full potential of science.

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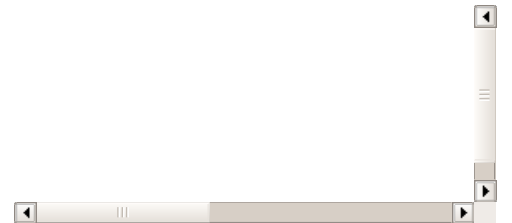
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▶ **Novel tools to improve plant production could boost food security**

Food insecurity is deadly – 9 million people die of hunger and hunger-related illnesses annually. This problem is set to continue, with the global population predicted to rise from 6.9 billion in 2010 to 9.8 billion people by 2050.

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▶ **New safeguards to protect Europe's communication networks**

A network of COST researchers is developing innovative solutions to strengthen Europe's communication systems and increase their resilience to terrorist attacks, natural disasters and hardware or software failures.

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▶ **COST President, Prof Sierd Cloetingh, attending EU Parliament event on the relevance of foresight and its impact on policy decisions**

A deeper reflection about how to ensure a successful interplay between science and policy is key. During a panel debate organised at the EU Parliament COST President, Prof Sierd Cloetingh, shared his views on foresight from a research-funding perspective.

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▶ **BESTPRAC: a model for empowering research administrators in Europe**

The network that kicked off four years ago could serve as a model for other targeted COST networks, according to network leader Jan Andersen.

Testimonials

The COST Action I am a member of had a huge, unquestionable impact on the field of quantum thermodynamics. This field has been dormant for several decades and it was amazing to see how in a very short time a very active community formed due to the COST activities: the conferences, work meetings, and the short-term scientific missions. The COST Action and the interaction with other COST members have contributed significantly to my own research.

Raam Uzdin, Israel

Events

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▶ **Building with Bio-Based Materials: Best Practice and Performance Specification - COST FP1303 final meeting**

06 - 07 September 2017 | Faculty of Forestry, University of Zagreb

▶ **COST Connect: An interdisciplinary forum on Next Generation Internet**

12 - 13 September 2017 | COST Association, Brussels

▶ **COST info session at UNIZA Grants Week**

20 September 2017 | University of Žilina, Slovakia

▶ **IS1404 E-READ Conference : «Books and Screens and the Reading Brain»**

27 - 29 September 2017 | Vilnius University, LT

▶ **COST Action SaPPART Final Conference - "Satellite Positioning Performance Assessment for Road Transport"**

04 October 2017 | BluePoint Brussels, 80 Bd. A. Reyers, Brussels, Belgium

COST in the Headlines

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04 July 2017 - Purple Revolver

▶ **Sperimentati a Londra e Aveiro i sensori anti smog frutto dell'alleanza transnazionale EUNETAIR**

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