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COST Strategy

Since 2011, COST has been shaping its future and preparing for the new challenges to be taken up under Horizon 2020.

COST at a turning point

COST has established its next seven-year framework, strategy and roadmap for pan-European science and technology cooperation, demonstrating its commitment to European values.

Major building blocks

- [COST Strategy for preparing the future \(2011\)](#)
- [COST Position Paper: "The COST Framework – A Cornerstone of the ERA" and Action Plan for Inclusiveness and Excellence \(2012\)](#)
- [COST Association](#), a dedicated legal entity integrating governance, management and support functions to best serve COST mission (2013)
- [Framework Partnership Agreement](#), a strategic roadmap for the next seven years, signed with the European Commission (July 2014)
- [Specific Grant Agreement](#), a description of the first year's work plan, signed with the European Commission (July 2014)
- [Transfer of ESF-COST Office to the COST Association](#), acted between the [ESF](#) and the [COST Association](#) (September 2014)

COST goals

- Steering [COST Actions](#) towards **new concepts** and **products**, a result of the networks' science- and technology-driven nature and support for innovative ideas
- Enabling **inclusive** and **open cooperation** within [COST Member States](#) and beyond
- Measuring [COST Action results, outcomes and impact](#), as reflected in the [2009](#) and [2014 impact assessment studies](#)
- Ensuring **quality performance in implementing** its activities, as reflected in the [2014 customer satisfaction survey](#)

COST Position Paper

All the [COST Member States](#) approved this paper in March 2012 to emphasise the unique role of COST within the European Research Area ([ERA](#)) and anticipate its contribution to the future EU Research and Development Framework Programme.

COST Action Plan for Inclusiveness and Excellence

As a follow-up of the [COST Position Paper](#), the [COST Action Plan to increase inclusiveness](#), approved in June 2012, aims at increasing inclusiveness in COST activities while fostering scientific excellence throughout Europe

Targeted Networks

CSO-driven, [COST Targeted Networks](#) function similarly to [COST Actions](#). Four have been running since 2012, initially part of the [2012-2014 Plan for Strategic Activities](#):

- [genderSTE](#)
- [Sci-GENERATION](#)
- [BESTPRAC](#)
- [CAPABAL](#)

Key Documents

- ▶ [COST FP9 Position Paper \(PDF, 254 kB\)](#)
- ▶ [Preamble to the Framework Partnership Agreement \(PDF, 172 kB\)](#)
- ▶ [COST Communication Strategy 2015-2017 \(027/15\) \(PDF, 337 kB\)](#)
- ▶ [2014 COST Impact Assessment \(PDF, 5 MB\)](#)
- ▶ [2014 COST Customer Satisfaction Survey \(PDF, 347 kB\)](#)
- ▶ [COST Action Plan to increase Inclusiveness \(COST 4156/12\) \(PDF, 29 kB\)](#)
- ▶ [COST Position Paper \(COST 4106/12\) \(PDF, 158 kB\)](#)
- ▶ [COST Strategy: Renewing our strengths, shaping our future \(COST 4157/11\) \(PDF, 35 kB\)](#)
- ▶ [COST response to EC Consultation \(COST 4151/11\) \(PDF, 86 kB\)](#)



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