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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 has done much with little; imagine what it could do with more



COST's position paper 'The COST Framework - A cornerstone of the ERA' was approved by the CSO at its 184th meeting on 19 March 2012. This initiative aims at underlining COST's valuable role in the European Research Area (ERA), as it has been recognised throughout the years by consecutive reviews and assessments – including the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) mid-term evaluation of COST in 2010.

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### European year for active ageing and solidarity between generations



The European Union has designated 2012 as the European Year for Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations. Europe must be more age-friendly and better adapted to its ageing population. This view is reflected in the work of COST.

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### Enhancing Research on Early Autism



2 April 2012 marked the fifth annual World Autism Awareness Day. Every year, autism organisations around the world celebrate the day with unique events and initiatives.

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### Transgenic Trees – The science behind future EU policy, regulations and safety assessments



COST Action FP0905 addresses the issue of biosafety for transgenic trees on the January issue of Nature Biotechnology.

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### COST Save the Bees



The first research results in this area suggests that bee colony losses are not due to one single factor only, but rather to highly complex interactions of various factors (pests and pathogens; environment, e.g. nutrition use of agrochemicals; management; and reduced bee vitality/diversity). If we do not know the factors and the extent of the problem, we cannot implement effective mitigating measures.

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### New Life Beneath Sea and Ice



Scientists have long known that life can exist in some very extreme environments. But Earth continues to surprise us.

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### Healthy food and feed? An answer from COST



COST Action FA0905: Mineral-improved Crop Production for Healthy Food and Feed

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### Sheep or goat: can you tell the difference?



Did you know that in regard to many diseases, it has been considered for some time that goats are similar to sheep, and that results acquired from sheep were applicable to goats? For instance, for many years, the registration of anthelmintic drugs (drugs that expel parasitic worms – helminths – from the body) did not discriminate between the two hosts. Drugs that were registered for sheep could automatically be prescribed to goats.

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### Watch COST's interview with 2010 Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics Prof Konstantin Novoselov!



In the latest years graphene research has witnessed a tremendous explosion. This two-dimensional dream material has come into the main spotlight of fundamental and applied research in diverse nano-science fields but, surprisingly rapidly, it has also attracted the interest of major stakeholders in the private sector, such as the ICT industry.

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### Maintaining road pavements to improve Europe's road safety



The UN Road Safety Collaboration has developed a Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, which is officially launched on 11 May 2011. COST Action 354, 'Performance Indicators for Road Pavements', has been working towards a common set of indicators and a tool to manage these, boosting both the potential safety and management of the European road network across Europe.

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