

COST: Framing The Future

Where have we been?
Where are we heading?
How do we get there?

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Benefits of networking



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COAST is the largest running intergovernmental framework to support internationally funded research cooperation in Europe and beyond – through COAST Actions.

- Create new opportunities for cooperation and research
- Gain knowledge, experience and expertise
- Addressing EU-topics
- Necessary practical platform in Europe and beyond to increase and improve research and innovation

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COST in Figures

- 1971
- 19 → 36
- 850+ (200+)
- 0.42% (210 MEUR) or 0.49% (250 MEUR)
- 40 000
- 1%
- 4
- 356

Who do we work for?

"Thank you for a great scientific experience, the possibility to meet scientists from all around Europe and to share ideas with them."

Tomas Jelenik, (Charles University and Institute of Physiology, Czech Republic)

"COST gave me the chance to discover a new horizon."

Josepa Roca (University of Girona, Spain)

"Providing the opportunity to build international scientific relationships to young researchers is a really good goal that's been achieved."

Nicoletta Vittadini, Italy (Catholic University of Milan, Italy)



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Ministerial Messages

- COST's progress has been successful and should continue
- The CSO/CNC to steer COST towards the future
- COST as contributor to the ERA
- The European Union should maintain a strong and active involvement in all aspects of COST

Ministerial messages

COST must:

- Maintain an efficient organisation in serving the European scientific community and society at large
- Respond in a flexible manner to any future developments

Next steps

- Celebrate 40 years COST
- Shape COST governance for the 21st century
- Prepare for the next programming period
- Find, through science, practical solutions to societal challenges
- Tackle common problems through global networks

Thank you!

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