

## Get involved: Become a COST Expert!

COST invites independent experts from all scientific areas to participate in the evaluation of proposals for research networks (i.e. COST Actions) collected twice a year through the COST Open Call.

By being available for occasional, short-term assignments, you will contribute to fair, inclusive and fully transparent scientific project-assessment at European level.

COST aims to establish a gender and age-balanced expert pool, and therefore particularly encourages both young and female scientists to express their interest.

COST Experts must not necessarily belong to academic institutions. However, a university degree and considerable scientific or professional experience in the specific areas of expertise are a requirement.

### Why become a COST Expert?

You have the opportunity to:

- Contribute to the evaluation of COST Open Call proposals;
- Participate in the assessment of Action results and outcomes;
- Be invited to take part in the assessment of COST strategic activities.

You will also:

- Gain insight into the latest scientific and technological developments put forward by COST scientific communities;
- Build on your reputation in the research community through the recognition of your role as a COST Expert;
- Contribute to the success of a highly visible European funding scheme.



### How does it work?

As an independent external expert, you guarantee the excellence and the overall scientific quality of the proposal. You work remotely on the evaluation of the scientific and technological challenge addressed by the proposal, and assess the added value of networking to tackle this challenge.

New experts can express their interest via the COST Expert online registration form ([www.cost.eu/experts](http://www.cost.eu/experts)). An updated Curriculum Vitae with a list of publications is required to demonstrate competence in specific areas of expertise. More on COST Experts: [www.cost.eu/participate/experts](http://www.cost.eu/participate/experts).

We would like to participate in EU projects' evaluation

Become COST experts!



Experts from all scientific areas welcome!

COST encompasses nine scientific Domains:

Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences (BMBS)

Forests, their Products and Services (FPS)

Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies (CMST)

Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health (ISCH)

Earth System Science and Environmental Management (ESSEM)

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

Food and Agriculture (FA)

Materials, Physics and Nanosciences (MPNS)

Transport and Urban Development (TUD)

'Trans-Domain Proposals' (TDP) cover more than one Domain.

More information:  
[www.cost.eu/domains\\_actions](http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions)

# About COST

COST - European Cooperation in Science and Technology - is Europe's longest-running intergovernmental framework for science and technology cooperation. COST is a unique programme in the European Research Area (ERA) successfully funding COST Actions for over 40 years, bringing together communities of researchers, allowing innovative ideas to flourish, and adapting to evolving societal and scientific challenges.

## What is a COST Action?

A COST Action (a.k.a. a scientific network) is a COST-funded bottom-up project that starts upon the initiative of scientists and researchers. Running for a period of four years, COST Actions can grow in number, involving additional participants to further develop their networks of experts and meet to collaborate on their research topics. COST deploys its funding to support the networking of researchers working together. As such, COST does not fund research itself – which in Europe is still mainly funded at national level – but allows to pool and leverage national resources that individual countries invest in research. As a result, COST Action participants can benefit from sharing knowledge and research infrastructure.

## COST in a nutshell

- COST complements the activities of the EU Framework Programmes, 'bridging' scientific communities;
- COST's mission is to enable breakthrough scientific developments leading to new concepts and products, thereby contributing to strengthen Europe's research and innovation capacities;
- COST is a unique means for European researchers to jointly develop their own ideas and new initiatives across all scientific disciplines.

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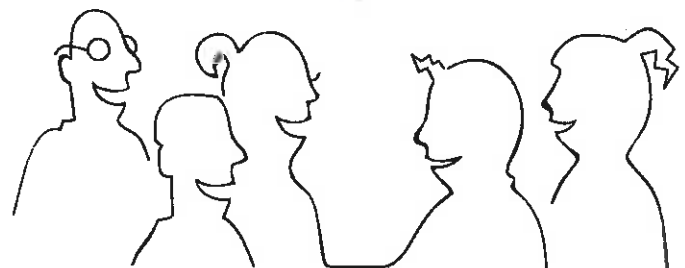
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COST is Europe's longest-running intergovernmental framework in science and technology cooperation, providing funding for research networking projects called 'Actions'. Supported by the EU's 7th Framework Programme, COST mobilises and connects extraordinary scientific potential, within Europe and beyond.

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