



Introduction to COST Actions

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COST Objectives

European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research

A funding scheme for research groups:

- To enhance systematic networking
- To increase interdisciplinarity
- To support young researchers and new research groups
- To promote new fields of science and technology

COST Offering

Available for all topics and initiatives from all fields of science and technology.

Four year support for the research group.

100 000 Euros per year for:

- Meeting and workshop costs
- Communication costs (web-portals, conferences)
- Short training periods (< 2 weeks)
- Short researcher visits (< 3 months)
- Secretary service for meetings

COST Constraints

Within the research group, there must be participants from at least five COST-countries.

The participating research group must have funding for their research.

The networking and implementation must be of a high-level and innovative.

COST Call

Continuous call for applications.

Applications are evaluated twice a year.

About 50 applications are chosen yearly.

On-line call at www.cost.esf.org