



COST Action CA15206, Payments for Ecosystem Services (Forests for Water)

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CSO approval: 26/02/2016

Start of Action: 18/10/2016

End of Action: 17/10/2020

Duration: 4 years

Parties: Currently 31

Parties							
Country	Date		Country	Date		Country	Date
Austria	26/04/2016		Belgium	03/10/2016		Bosnia and Herzegovina	05/04/2016
Croatia	21/07/2016		Czech Republic	27/05/2016		Denmark	01/04/2016
Finland	30/03/2016		France	20/04/2016		Germany	30/03/2016
Hungary	27/10/2016		Ireland	29/03/2016		Italy	12/05/2016
Luxembourg	27/07/2016		Montenegro	17/09/2016		Netherlands	28/09/2016
Poland	14/03/2016		Portugal	28/04/2016		Romania	09/05/2016
Slovakia	29/04/2016		Slovenia	04/05/2016		Spain	03/05/2016
Switzerland	30/06/2016		United Kingdom	29/02/2016		fYR Macedonia	11/03/2016
						Bulgaria	10/05/2016
						Estonia	19/08/2016
						Greece	09/03/2016
						Latvia	04/08/2016
						Norway	15/08/2016
						Serbia	07/04/2016
						Sweden	13/09/2016

1st Grant Period: 1 nov 2016 – 30 apr 2017

Grant - Yearly Financial Report (YFR)

COST Action Number CA15206
 Period of reporting 2016-11-01 to 2017-02-27
 Grant Budget 70,500.00 EUR

Table 1 - Costs	Contract Budget EUR a	Actuals EUR b	Accruals EUR c	Total EUR d=b+c	Delta EUR g=d-a
A. Science Expenditure					
A1. Total Meetings (*)	53,304.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	-53,304.35
A2. Total STSMs (*)	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-5,000.00
A3. Total Training Schools (*)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A4. Total Dissemination, publications (*)	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3,000.00
A5. Total OERSA(**) (*)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Science Expenditure (sum: A1 to A5)	61,304.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	-61,304.35
B. FSAC (Max. 15% of A) (***)	9,195.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	-9,195.65
C. Total Costs (= A+B)	70,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,500.00



Still running...

2nd Grant Period (1 may 2017 – 30 Apr 2018): *draft WBP*

- The W&B establishes the **S&T goals for the Grant Period and details the COST Networking tools** to progress on the achievement of MoU objectives and deliverables.
- Prepare a first draft for mid March.
- Adjust to the budget proposed by COST (**156.000 EUR**)
- Implement the COST policies (enhance meetings and events in ITC)

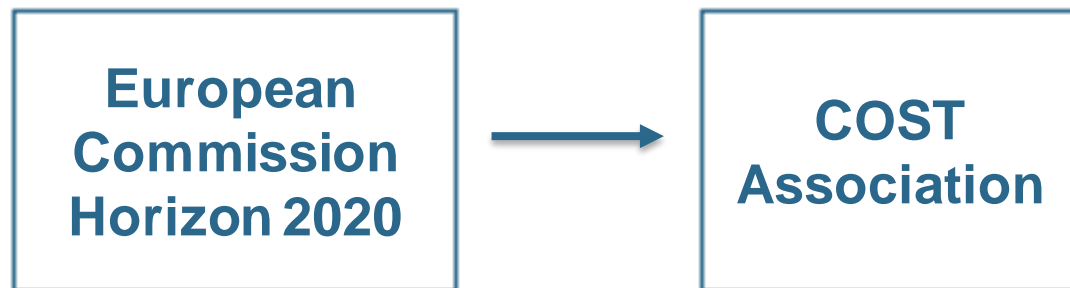
COST Policies



COST Budget in H2020

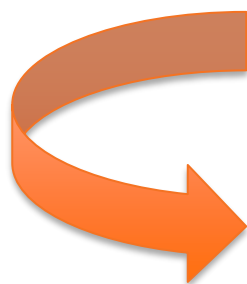
EUR 300 million for 7 years from two H2020 work programmes:

- ❑ Challenge 6 “Europe in a changing world – inclusive, innovative and reflective Societies”
- ❑ “Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation”



Monitoring and Final Assessment of CA15206

Element	Purpose and features
1st Progress report by the MC	Monitors progress to date
1st Progress Review by the SC <i>(month 12)-Oct 2017</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Implementation of Scientific Committee Recommendations & COST Policy on Excellence and Inclusiveness.- Identifies any specific interventions needed- The Action will have to assess their implementation of the COST Policy on Excellence and Inclusiveness



NEW ON-LINE SYSTEM

What is expected from a COST Action?

- Fulfil MoU objectives and deliverables
- Disseminate and exploit the results
- Implement the COST policies
- Contribute to the COST Mission



Some news and comments...

- New **on-line monitoring system** (e-cost, update deliverables)
- New **VADEMECUM** (informed to Action Chairs, [doc](#))
- Keep your CVs updated
- **Keep us posted** about any Action event/new (for the communications department)
- New **Open Call 2017**: deadline 7th Sept
- Become external evaluator
- New possible events: clustering meetings.



Final Considerations

- Keep your focus on the **Achievement of your Objectives**
- Always **spend your annual budget**. *There is no carry forward from previous grant period of underspent budget.*
- Always send to COST Association (SO and AO) the **minutes of the MC meetings and upload them in e-COST**.
- Adding activities (meetings, TS, etc) not included in the Grant Agreement needs **SO and MC approval**.



COST Important documents

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Scientists and researchers from the 35 COST Member Countries and the Cooperating State can participate in science and technology networks known as COST Actions by:



- Submitting a proposal for a new COST Action
- Joining an existing COST Action
- Becoming involved in specific COST Action activities
- Becoming a COST Expert

What are COST Actions?

COST Actions are bottom-up science and technology networks, open to researchers and stakeholders with a duration of four years. They are active through a range of [networking tools](#), such as workshops, conferences, training schools, short-term scientific missions (STSMs), and dissemination activities. **COST does not fund research itself.**

COST prides in its support for high-risk, innovative and emerging research themes. However, **COST does not set any research priorities.**

COST Actions can also pave the way to or establish synergies with [EU-funded research projects](#). Moreover, collaboration within research projects can also lead to new Actions, thus enhancing the networking potential of such consortia.

COST Implementation Rules

- ▶ Action Proposal Submission Evaluation Selection and Approval (PDF, 276 kB)
- ▶ Rules for Participation in and Implementation of COST Activities (PDF, 308 kB)
- ▶ Action Management, Monitoring and Final Assessment (PDF, 299 kB)
- ▶ International Cooperation and Specific Organisations Participation (PDF, 338 kB)

Vademecum

- ▶ COST Vademecum (PDF, 2 MB)

COST Action Template Centre

- ▶ COST Grant Agreement Template (PDF, 359 kB)
- ▶ Monitoring Progress Report Template - MC Chair (DOCX, 156 kB)
- ▶ Monitoring Progress Review Template - Action Rapporteur (DOCX, 122 kB)
- ▶ Final Action Dissemination Grant request form (DOCX, 117 kB)
- ▶ e-COST Action Management Tool User Guide (eCAMT) (PDF, 2 MB)

Key Documents

- ▶ Technical Annex (DOCX, 176 kB)
- ▶ COST Open Call – Submission, Evaluation, Selection and Approval (SESA) Guidelines (PDF, 236 kB)
- ▶ Guidelines for the Dissemination of COST Action Results and Outcomes (PDF, 2 MB)
- ▶ Guidelines for Action Management, Monitoring and Assessment (PDF, 566 kB)

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