



COST ACTION DIVERSIFY

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Cost = Cooperation in Science and Technology

- **COST funds pan-European, bottom-up networks of scientists and stakeholders across all science and technology fields. These networks, called 'COST Actions', promote international coordination of nationally-funded research.**
- **COST Actions are active through a range of networking tools, such as meetings, workshops, conferences, training schools, short-term scientific missions (STSMs) and dissemination activities.**
- **COST Actions are open to researchers from universities, public and private research institutions, as well as to NGOs, industry and SMEs.**
- **COST does not fund research itself, but provides support for networking activities carried out within COST Actions.**

COST Mission Statement

- COST enables breakthrough scientific developments leading to new concepts and products and thereby contributes to strengthen Europe's research and innovation capacities.

- COST key features are:
 - Building capacity by connecting high-quality scientific communities throughout Europe and worldwide;
 - Providing networking opportunities for early career investigators;
 - Increasing the impact of research on policy makers, regulatory bodies and national decision makers as well as the private sector.



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- Promote cooperation between national research projects, industry projects and DIVERSIFY to bring together researchers and stakeholders working on bottlenecks in the development of culture methods for finfish species new to aquaculture.
- Disseminate culture methods to stakeholders interested in culturing the finfish species new to aquaculture.

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Important industry involvement

- Industry contribution: Must recognize private companies have been leaders in certain species, e.g. meagre
- Knowledge base to improve debate on methods and possible solutions to solve bottlenecks
- The ultimate aim is to increase production of these species and this will only be possible by informing industry stakeholders about advances

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Mechanisms or networking tools

Provides money for one big meeting per year:

- Meetings, large general meeting
- Workshops, particular species, particular bottlenecks
- Conferences, or sessions particular species / bottlenecks
- Training schools, on methods for a particular bottleneck
- Short-term scientific missions (STSMs)
- Dissemination activities

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- Papers, reviews and books
- On-line delivered information
- Young researchers trained in STSMs / training schools
- Young industry people trained in STSMs / training schools

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Time line for proposal:

- 21st February first draft of pre-proposal for circulation
- 21st March submit pre-proposal
- 28th March, 2014, 5pm Brussels time Call closed
- 21st May Assessment
- 2nd June Selection for full proposals
- Results usually in Sept-Oct