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## Press Release

### 188th MEETING OF THE COST COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS<sup>1 2</sup> COPENHAGEN, 13-14 NOVEMBER 2013

The 188<sup>th</sup> meeting of the COST Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) was held in Copenhagen on 13-14 November 2013. The meeting was chaired by Dr Angeles Rodríguez-Peña (ES), President of the CSO.

The Committee focused its work in particular on arrangements designed to allow continuity in the implementation of COST during its expected transition from Framework Programme 7 to Horizon 2020.

#### Election of the Vice-President of the CSO

The Committee re-elected as its new Vice-President Dr. Primož Pristovšek for a second and final mandate, which will begin on 3 December 2013. Dr. Primož Pristovšek has held the CSO Vice-Presidency since December 2010 and will complete his second mandate in December 2016. (For more information on Dr. Primož Pristovšek see Annex 1)

#### Approval of COST Actions

The CSO approved the COST Actions from the Open Call 2013-1 listed in Annex 2.

#### COST Open Call

The next Collection date for proposals for new COST Actions is envisaged as 28 March 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> COST, established in 1971, is an intergovernmental framework for cooperation and networking of European research activities. COST does not fund research itself, but supports networking activities such as meetings, conferences, short term scientific exchanges and outreach activities. COST receives financial support for its coordinating activities from the EU RTD Framework Programme (FP).

<sup>2</sup> Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Republic of Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom; Israel (Cooperating State).



## **Approval of COST Association Internal Rules**

The CSO approved the COST Association Internal Rules, based on the work of the JAF Task Force “Internal Rules”. The approval of the Internal Rules constitutes a further significant step for the COST Association towards the implementation of the Horizon 2020 Programme.

## **Approval of COST Association Mandate for Transfer Agreement between the ESF and the COST Association**

The CSO gave the COST Association a mandate to finalize a transfer agreement between the ESF and the COST Association to provide for continuity between the end of the EC-ESF COST II Grant Agreement in FP7 and the future COST Agreement in Horizon 2020, marking a further crucial step for COST towards Horizon 2020.

## **Timetable and procedures for the negotiations on the COST Grant Agreement in Horizon 2020**

The CSO approved a timetable and procedures for the negotiation of the COST Grant Agreement in Horizon 2020, giving the COST Association a mandate to draft a grant proposal.

## **Approval of high-level expert panel for the assessment for the organisation of COST Scientific Committees**

The CSO approved a proposal to form a high level expert panel tasked with providing the CSO with independent advice and recommendations on the future structure of Scientific Committees.

## **Approval of COST International Cooperation Rules**

The CSO adopted a revised version of the COST International Cooperation Rules reflecting the end of the Reciprocal Agreement with Australia and changed definitions.

## **Next CSO meeting**

The next meeting of the CSO is scheduled for 19 - 20 February 2014.

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## Annex 1 – CV of Dr Primož Pristovšek

### Current position

Head of the Department of Research Infrastructure and International Cooperation at the Slovenian Research Agency ([www.arrs.si](http://www.arrs.si)), since Feb. 2008; contact: [primoz.pristovsek@arrs.si](mailto:primoz.pristovsek@arrs.si))

### Previous positions

Jan. 1991 – Nov. 2006 Researcher at the National Institute of Chemistry (NIC), Ljubljana. Slovenia.

June 1997 – July 1999 Humboldt Foundation post-doctoral fellow at the Institute of Biophysical Chemistry of the J.W.Goethe-University in Frankfurt a.M., Germany.

Nov. 2006 – Feb. 2008 Director General, Directorate for Science and Higher Education at the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Slovenia

### University education

June 1996 Ph.D. in Chemistry, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.



## **Annex 2 –COST Actions approved from Open Call 2013-1**

### **Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences (BMBS)**

- BM1306 Better Understanding the Heterogeneity of Tinnitus to Improve and Develop New Treatments (TINNET)
- BM1307 European network to integrate research on intracellular proteolysis pathways in health and disease (PROTEOSTASIS)
- BM1308 Sharing Advances on Large Animal Models (SALAAM): Sharing advances in genetic engineering and phenotyping of non-rodent mammals to develop predictive animal models for translational medicine
- BM1309 European network for innovative uses of EMFs in biomedical applications (EMF-MED)

### **Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies (CMST)**

- CM1305 Explicit Control Over Spin-states in Technology and Biochemistry (ECOSTBio)
- CM1306 Understanding Movement and Mechanism in Molecular Machines
- CM1307 Targeted chemotherapy towards diseases caused by endoparasites

### **Earth System Science and Environmental Management (ESSEM)**

- ES1306 Connecting European connectivity research
- ES1307 Sewage biomarker analysis for community health assessment
- ES1308 Climate Change Manipulation Experiments in Terrestrial Ecosystems: Networking And Outreach (ClimMani)
- ES1309 Innovative optical Tools for proximal sensing of ecophysiological processes (OPTIMISE)



### **Food and Agriculture (FA)**

- [FA1304](#) Swimming of fish and implications for migration and aquaculture (FITFISH)
- [FA1305](#) The EU Aquaponics Hub: Realising Sustainable Integrated Fish and Vegetable Production for the EU
- [FA1306](#) The quest for tolerant varieties: Phenotyping at plant and cellular level
- [FA1307](#) SUstainable Pollination in Europe: joint Research on Bees and other pollinators (SUPER- B)
- [FA1308](#) DairyCare

### **Forests, their Products and Services (FPS)**

- [FP1304](#) Towards robust PROjections of European FOrests UNDER climate change (PROFOUND)
- [FP1305](#) Linking belowground biodiversity and ecosystem function in European forests (BioLink)
- [FP1306](#) Valorisation of lignocellulosic biomass side streams for sustainable production of chemicals, materials & fuels using low environmental impact technologies

### **Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)**

- [IC1305](#) Network for Sustainable Ultrascale Computing (NESUS)
- [IC1306](#) Cryptography for Secure Digital Interaction
- [IC1307](#) The European Network on Integrating Vision and Language (iV&L Net): Combining Computer Vision and Language Processing For Advanced Search, Retrieval, Annotation and Description of Visual

### **Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health (ISCH)**

- [IS1307](#) New Materialism: Networking European Scholarship on 'How Matter Comes to Matter'
- [IS1308](#) Populist Political Communication in Europe: Comprehending the Challenge of Mediated Political Populism for Democratic Politics
- [IS1309](#) Innovations in Climate Governance: Sources, Patterns and Effects (INOGOVS)
- [IS1310](#) Reassembling the Republic of Letters, 1500-1800 A digital framework for multi-lateral collaboration on Europe's intellectual history
- [IS1311](#) Intergenerational Family Solidarity across Europe (INTERFASOL)
- [IS1312](#) Structuring Discourse in Multilingual Europe (TextLink)



### **Materials, Physical and Nanosciences (MPNS)**

- MP1305    Flowing matter
- MP1306    Modern tools for spectroscopy on advanced materials: A European Modelling Platform (EUSpec)
- MP1307    Stable Next-Generation Photovoltaics: Unravelling degradation mechanisms of Organic Solar Cells by complementary characterization techniques (StableNextSol)
- MP1308    Towards an Oxide-Based Electronics (TO-BE)

### **Transport and Urban Development (TUD)**

- TU1304    WINd Energy Technology Reconsideration to enhance the CONcept of Smart ciTies (WINERCOST)
- TU1305    Social networks and travel behaviour
- TU1306    Fostering knowledge about the relationship between Information and Communication Technologies and Public Spaces supported by strategies to improve their use and attractiveness (CYBERPARKS)

### **Trans-Domain Proposals (TDP)**

- TD1305    Improved Protection of Medical Devices Against Infection (IPROMEDAI)
- TD1306    New Frontiers of Peer Review (PEERE)
- TD1307    European MOdel Reduction NETwork (EU-MORNET)
- TD1308    Origins and evolution of life on Earth and in the Universe (ORIGINS)
- TD1309    Play for Children with Disabilities (LUDI)