

My experience with COST Actions

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My COST Actions

- 2017–2021: A member of the Management Committee: the COST Action CA16121 „From Sharing to Caring: Examining Socio-Technical Aspects of the Collaborative Economy“ (SHARING&CARING)
- 2017–2021: A member of the Management Committee: the COST Action CA16226 „Indoor living space improvement: Smart Habitat for the Elderly“ (SHELDON)
- 2015–2018: A member of the Management Committee: the COST Action IC1404 „Multi-Paradigm Modelling for Cyber-Physical Systems“ (MPM4CPS)
- 2013-2017: A substitute member of the Management Committee: the COST Action IC1303 „Algorithms, Architectures and Platforms for Enhanced Living Environments“ (AAPELE)
- 2008–2012: A member of the Management Committee: the COST Action IC0801 „Agreement Technologies“ (AT)

Experience

- Great format for networking – have obtained many diverse research contacts
- Several publications from COST projects
- STSM is a very useful tool specially for Early Career Investigators
- Low-bureaucracy financial reporting
- Enhances networking of researchers residing in smaller countries
- A lot depends on the leader of the Action and on the grant-holding institution
- Pre-determined vs emerging positions of WG leaders and substitute leaders
- One joint H2020 project proposal arising from my COST projects – have not detected a great interest in making proposals
- “No time” syndrome: the more work is done in meetings, the better
- Dissemination with posters, T-shirts, and souvenirs is often overkill and waste of money
- Gender quotas are nuisance because different research domains are simply different