

COST Strategy for Early Stage Researchers

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CSO Strategy for Early Stage Researchers (ESR)

- In March 2007 COST CSO approved a document opening new opportunities for ESR within the COST framework
- The document:
 - Encouraged an increased involvement of ESR in COST Actions and activities
 - Encouraged an increased visibility of ESRs in COST activities as Action Chairs, proposers of COST Actions, MC Members
 - Foresaw additional financial support for activities involving ESR.

Measures to implement the strategy

- Short Term Scientific Missions:
 - Increased financial support for ESRs
 - Longer than 3 months
- Training Schools targeting ESRs: should be involved already at proposal level
- Action Think Tank of ESRs
- Conference Grants for participating in International Conferences: implemented at Domain level

Potential links with FP7 People

- Potential synergies with FP7 People programme:
- Marie Curie Initial Training: links with COST Actions for offering joint training
- Industry-Academia Pathways: idea to launch Private-Public sector STSMs (still under discussion)
- International Dimension: STSMs to Third Countries with a reciprocal agreement (Australia, New Zealand; upcoming: South Africa)
- Generally speaking: researchers holding a Marie Curie grant can take part in COST Actions and create new synergies

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your attention!**