



Growing  
ideas  
through  
networks


**COST CONVERGES Kick off meeting**

Introduction

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**Introduction outline**

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## Welcome

- ≈ 50 participants, 27 countries
- Acknowledgement : Rennes 2 university for administrative support
- A word from
  - Lesley Lelourec (Vice president in charge of international relationships) and
  - Leszek Brogowski (Vice president in charge of research activities)



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## Needs – why a COST action ?

- Throughout European history, riparian areas have been heavily managed and modified
- Recognizing of the importance of riparian ecosystems has resulted in much research, notably on riparian vegetation
- Despite this body of work and policy motivation, progress in improving the state of riparian ecosystems across Europe has been very limited
- hypothesis = misalignment of 'frames' (i.e. the ways in which individuals or organisations with different backgrounds, geographical origin, cultural contexts, or purpose, know and conceive of such complex systems).



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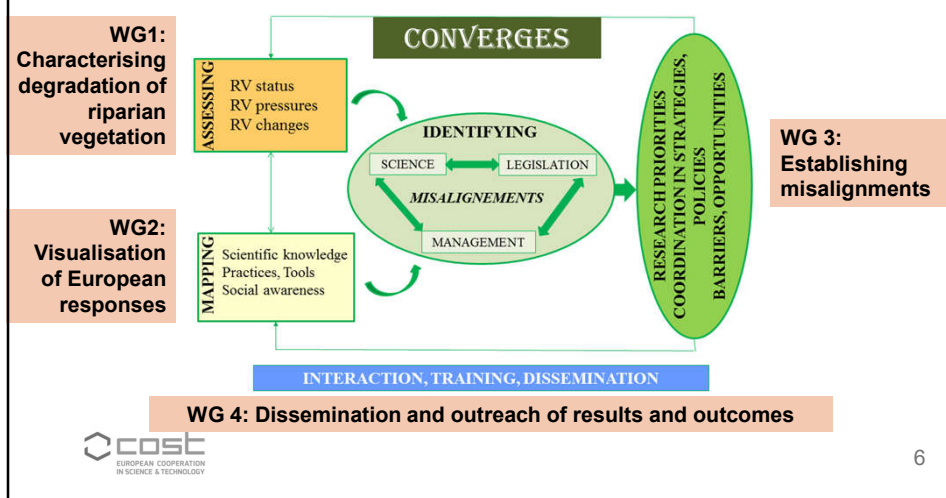
## Goals – why a COST action ?

- Bring together the diverse body of knowledge that exists across Europe for all aspects of riparian vegetation = provide new synthesis
- Across (sub-)disciplines, regions, stakeholders, etc.
- To build a “riparian science community”
- philosophy of COST projects:
  - based on a written proposal that we need to achieve
  - Open : new members incorporate to contribute
  - Very important to know what other participants are doing to get together a good balance between proposal accomplishment and enrichment/progress from a large and diverse group of people



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## Goals – COST CONVERGES



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## Goals - Meeting

- Meet, discuss, exchange, etc.
  - Presentations, time for discussion, lunch, coffee breaks, etc.
- Organise the Action
  - Conferences, meetings, workshops
  - Scientific missions
  - Training schools
  - ITC conference grants

## Organisation

- **Sign the attendance list to be reimbursed !**
- Schedule

	Day 1	Day 2
Morning	Introduction	Presentations
	Discussion about WG (goals, content...)	Collective discussion about the work done Day 1 afternoon by WGs
Afternoon	Presentations	Definition of road map for the Grant period 2 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milestones (meetings, training, stsm)</li> <li>• Deliverables (reports...)</li> </ul>
	Work by WG (general organisation of the WG)	MC meeting

## Organisation

- Rooms :
  - Today : Askoria
  - Building A (Room Jacques Leonard ; 3<sup>rd</sup> floor) and Building T
- Lunchs / coffee breaks :
  - this building => room 04 and 05
  - Tomorrow => building T
- Diner : free, enjoy the « galettes » (salty) and « crêpes » (sweet) downtown !



## Questions ?



## **Tools**

- COST meetings, workshops and conferences
- Training schools
- STSM
- ITC Conference Grant
- Dissemination

## **COST meetings, workshops and conferences**

- in a Participating COST Country
- Eligible
  - Any Action Participant from Participating COST Countries
  - Any Action Participant from approved NNC Institutions
  - Any Action Participant from approved European RTD Organisations
  - Invited Speakers from Participating COST Countries
  - Up to four Invited Speakers from: those researchers whose primary affiliation is with an institution located in a non-Participating COST Country
- Co located

## Training schools

- Trainers can be reimbursed for their travel, accommodation and meal expenses
- Trainees are entitled to receive a fixed Grant
  - cannot exceed EUR 1500
- MC must define from amongst eligible participants those Trainers who are to be reimbursed \$
- Local organiser support (maximum 10000 euros)
- Invited Speakers are specialists who are not Action Participants but can partake in one Training School throughout the lifetime of the Action. Repeated participation of the same Invited Speakers cannot be funded under the COST Grant

## STSM

- exchange visits aimed at supporting individual mobility, strengthening existing networks and fostering collaboration between researchers
- 5 to 90 days (more for ECI)
- Max 2500 euros (per diem 160 /days)

Home Institution	Host Institution
From a Participating COST Country	To another Participating COST Country
	To an approved NNC institution
	To an approved IPC institution
From an approved NNC institution	To an approved EC / EU Agency / an approved European RTD Organisation or an approved International Organisation
	To a Participating COST Country
From an approved European RTD Organisation	To a Participating COST Country

## **ITC Conference Grant**

- PhD student or an Early Career Investigator (ECI) and is affiliated with an institution located in an ITC

## **Dissemination**

- Website
- Material for display or distribution (flyers, posters etc.)
- Multimedia content
- Publications (peer reviewed journal papers, book of abstracts, handbooks, guidelines etc.)
- The following expenses can be considered as eligible (excl. V.A.T.):
  1. Open Access licenses or the purchase and distribution of a fixed number of copies of high-quality publications produced by a renowned publisher (usually books or journals).
  2. Proofreading, editing, layouting, production and distribution expenses.