

INVITATION TO THE CONFERENCE

16 May 2022

25 YEARS IN COST

Estonia joined COST in May 1997. On **16 May 2022**, the Estonian Research Council, together with the COST Association and the Academy of Sciences, will organise a conference to mark the **25th anniversary** of Estonia's participation in COST.

The conference will look back at Estonia's participation and discuss future directions. What has been the importance of COST for Estonia, and how has it changed over time? How do COST networks contribute to collaboration between researchers and society? Could and should active participation in COST be supported better? Experts from the COST Association will introduce the workings and principles of COST and the ongoing Open Call. See agenda below.

The conference will take place in English at Estonian Academy of Sciences in Tallinn. The conference will be neither livestreamed nor recorded.

Please register by **9 May** here: etag.ee/en/cost25

Conference 25 years of Estonia's membership in COST

16 May 2022 at Estonian Academy of Sciences in Tallinn

Agenda

10:30–11:00 Welcome coffee and registration

11:00–11:25 Welcome

Mart Kalm, Vice President of the Estonian Academy of Sciences

Anu Noorma, Director General of the Estonian Research Council

Ronald de Bruin, Director of the COST Association

11:25–12:40 Presentations and testimonies

Estonia's first 25 years in COST: a brief history. **Ülle Must**, COST CSO and CNC in Estonia 2001–2019

COST Association and Estonia: a view from the Scientific Committee. **Tõnu Meidla**, University of Tartu, member of the COST Scientific Committee

Impact and benefits of COST Actions. **Elwin Reimink**, COST Association, Data and Impact Analysis Officer

Experience of Estonia's first COST Action Chair. **Anu Toots**, Tallinn University, Chair of the COST Action 'Transdisciplinary solutions to cross sectoral disadvantage in youth'

12:40–13:30 Lunch

13:30–15:15 Panel and plenary discussion: Benefits, challenges and impacts of COST Actions

Ronald de Bruin, COST Association, Director

Renno Veinthal, Ministry of Education and Research, Deputy Secretary General of Research and Development, Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training Policy

Katrin Niglas, Tallinn University, Vice-Rector for Research

Maarja Kruusmaa, Tallinn University of Technology, Vice-Rector for Research

Katri-Liis Lepik (tbc), Tallinn University, Chair of the COST Action 'Multi-disciplinary innovation for social change'

Mart Susi, Tallinn University, Chair of the COST Action 'Global Digital Human Rights Network'

15:15–16:00 Reception

Moderator of the event: Innar Liiv, Estonian Young Academy of Sciences