

SCIENCE FOR POLICY WORKSHOP

27 June 2023



Welcome

Dr Ronald de Bruin

Ice-breaker exercise



Agenda

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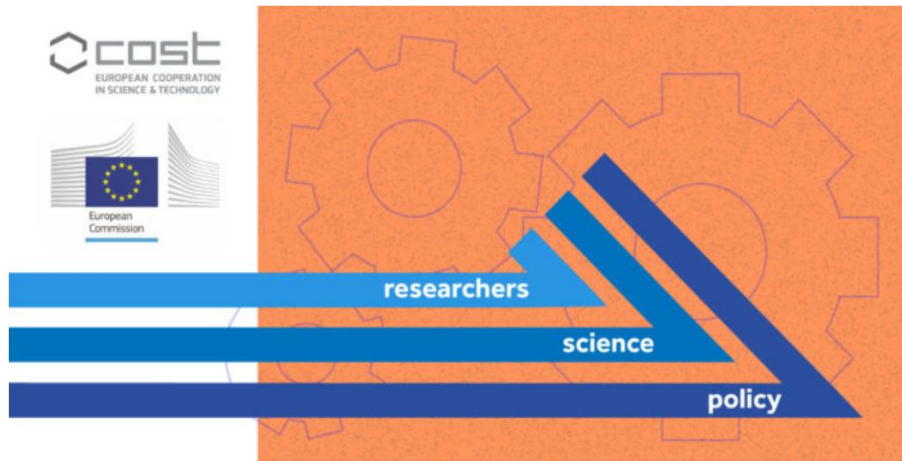


Science for Policy activities at COST

Judith Litjens
COST Policy Officer



COST policy brief 'Actions to Actions'



COST publishes first ever policy brief 'Actions to Actions'

This policy brief is based on the information, recommendations, tips and good practices that were shared by (former) Chairs, Vice-Chairs and participants of 10 highly successful COST Actions in the workshop 'COST Actions and Policy Impact', held on 17 November 2020. This event provided participants with a platform to share their experiences on the process of achieving policy impact and working together with policy stakeholders.



ACTIONS TO ACTIONS POLICY BRIEF



Policy brief 'Actions to Actions'

Practical guidance from 10 COST Actions on how to achieve policy impact

Offering concrete advice to running COST Actions, the policy brief focuses on:

- When and how to approach policy stakeholders
- Effective ways of communicating (complex) research findings relevant for policy
- The need to consider the timeliness of messaging
- Inspirational examples of policy impact achieved by the Actions that participated in the workshop



Key points raised by 10 COST Actions

- Policy makers are "part of the solution": involve them at an early stage and make them co-creators of the policy impact of your Action.
- The need to formulate clear, concise and specific messages to policy makers.
- How to align the strive for uniformity in the EU context while respecting the diversity of various national contexts.
- The mandate for a research network does not necessarily involve a mandate to instruct policy makers, which means that time has to be specifically dedicated to the policy process.

Tips from COST Actions

Tip from ENRESSH

"Be present where it counts", indicating the importance of choosing your platform and audience carefully.

Insight from E-READ

"The Action's findings were counterintuitive. In a time when policy makers are fully focused on the digitisation of education, the Action's key finding that the use of printed text books sometimes still makes more sense than using digital textbooks was an unpopular one. In order to get the policy makers on our side, we engaged with stakeholders from an early stage and we fully informed them of every step in the research process. At the same time, we were conscious of the need to build a network of stakeholders that were interested in hearing our messages."

Tip from ASF-STOP

"Kick off your Action with a workshop identifying the problem and attracting key persons that have footing in both research and policy."

Tip from InDust

"Several Action members are part of scientific expert committees of several UN agencies and initiatives."



Examples of policy impact by COST Actions

- **ICSHNet** published an Action Consensus Statement on contaminated sites and health, recognised by the UN European Environment and Health Task Force (EHTF) as a guiding example for Member States in preparing their national portfolios of action in this priority area.
- **SACURIMA** has provided input into the EUROSTAT Farm Injury Survey and several Action participants met with Commissioner Gabriel and relevant MEPs, to promote their policy recommendations.
- **ENRESSH** impacted national discourses (Poland, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland and the Republic of North Macedonia) on research evaluation in the social sciences and humanities, and advised national funders and ministries on national evaluation procedures.



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The need for science-informed policy advice at both national and international levels...

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Trainings for COST Actions

COST supports its Actions with the [COST Academy](#) trainings: 'Science4Policy' for starting COST Actions and 'Understanding EU decision-making processes – how to advocate your interest'. The trainings support and connect researchers with the world of policy and aim to help COST Actions increase their policy impact.

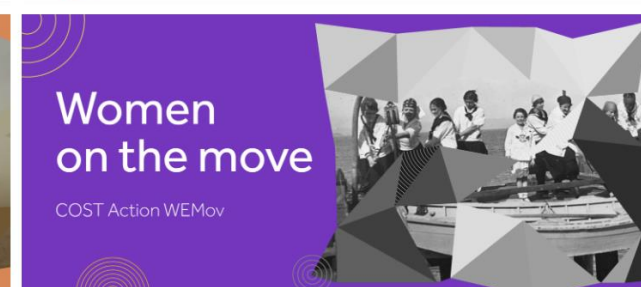
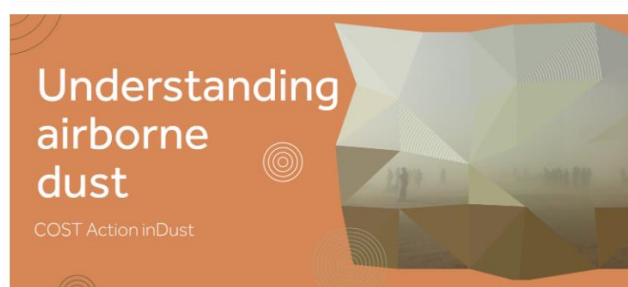
The Science4Policy workshops are often organized in cooperation with the Joint Research Centre (JRC), and focus on familiarising COST Action participants with the [JRC Competence frameworks for policymakers and researchers](#). Similarly, COST Action participants are invited to reflect on their work on policy with the 'Science for Policy online reflection tool', also developed by the JRC. Its purpose is to help policymakers and researchers working in science-for-policy reflect on their level of competence in various fields.



Competence Framework 'Science for Policy' by the JRC

Science-informed policy advice in action

Click on the success stories below to discover various examples of COST Action policy impact:



COST-JRC collaboration in 'science for policy'

- [COST-JRC Memorandum of Understanding – extended in 2023](#)
- [COST participation in JRC workshop series 'Science for policy across the EU'](#)
- [COST-JRC 'Science for Policy' seminar](#)
- [JRC-COST satellite session 'Independence in science advice' as part of the 2021 INGSA Conference](#)

Basecamp

Creation of a virtual space for COST Actions to exchange good practices, experiences and to ask questions



Science for Policy

Add/remove people

JL

KBS

Message Board

KBS Welcome
Announcement —

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To-dos



Make lists of work that needs to get done, assign items, set due dates, and discuss.

Docs & Files



Share docs, files, images, and spreadsheets. Organize in folders so they're easy to find.

Campfire



Chat casually with the group, ask random questions, and share stuff without ceremony.

Schedule



Set important dates on a shared schedule. Subscribe to events in Google Cal, iCal, or Outlook.

Automatic Check-ins



Create recurring questions so you don't have to pester your team about what's going on.

Basecamp

JRC Competence frameworks for policymakers and researchers

Lene Topp
Science for Policy expert



Science to Policy interface – How to achieve meaningful impact?

Gemma Rodríguez
Science for Change expert



Coffee break 11.30 – 11.45



Presentation on the European Commission 'Science for policy' Staff Working Document

Policy Officer Alessandro Allegra (DG RTD)
Policy Analyst Kristian Krieger (JRC)



How to achieve policy impact?

Experience from the field

Prof. Marie Ruiz

*Chair of the 'Women on the Move'
COST Action*

Lunch break

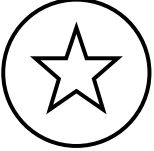
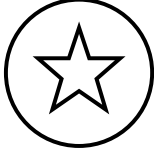
12.30 – 13.30



Break-out sessions (1): drafting a stakeholder engagement strategy for your Action



Stakeholder engagement

Participant/ Stakeholder	What is the benefit? ⁴	Engagement level ⁵	How to? Next steps ⁶	Priority
				

First round of discussions: 13.30 - 14.05

- Focus the discussion on what **type of stakeholders** you would like to approach and what would be the **benefit** of their participation in the Action.
- 6 break-out groups meet in different rooms to discuss



Break

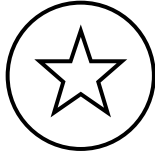
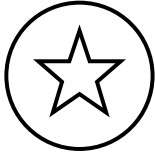
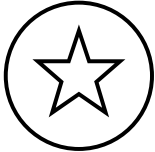
14.15 – 14.25



Break-out sessions (2): drafting a stakeholder engagement strategy for your Action



Stakeholder engagement

Participant/ Stakeholder	What is the benefit? ⁴	Engagement level ⁵	How to? Next steps ⁶	Priority
				

Second round of discussions: 14.25 – 15.15

- Focus the discussion on the **engagement level** you foresee for the participation of new stakeholders; **how to involve** the new stakeholders; and the **priority level** of each potential new stakeholder.
- 6 break-out groups meet in different rooms to discuss.
- Please make sure to be back in the plenary room by **15.15**.





How to achieve policy impact?

Experience from the field

Dr Sara Basart

*Chair of the 'International Network to
Encourage the Use of Monitoring and
Forecasting Dust Products'
InDust COST Action*



How to achieve policy impact?

Experience from the field

Dr Wolf Von Klitzing

*Chair of the 'Quantum Technologies
with Ultra-Cold Atoms' (AtomQTech)
COST Action*

Closure of the workshop



THANK YOU!

