COST Actions support trans-national cooperation among researchers, engineers and scholars across Europe.

COST Actions create synergies where two partners together know and achieve more than both partners individually.

COST Actions enable breakthrough developments that would not have happened without the networking.

**WHAT IS A COST ACTION?**

**HOW TO JOIN?**

- Are you a member of one of the COST countries?
  - Contact your National Coordinator (CNC).

- Are you a member of an International Partner (IPC) or Near Neighbouring country (NNC)?
  - Contact the COST Action Coordinator (Y. de Haas: yvette.dehaas@wur.nl).

*Check www.cost.eu for more information.*

**WHAT TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE?**

**WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?**

- Annual meeting with full consortium.
- Regional workshops targeting specific topics.
- Expert meetings to address in-depth questions.
- Yearly training schools, each focussing on a different aspect.
- Opportunities for short term scientific missions (STSM) to visit another expert to learn and share expertise.

COST does not fund research itself, but provides support for networking activities carried out within COST Actions like METHAGENE.

- Costs for travel, transport, hotel and meals will be reimbursed for meetings, based on lump sums.
- Fixed amount for each trainee at a Training School.
- Contributions to budget needed for STSMs.