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**EXAMPLE OF
EXPERIENCE AND BEST
PRACTICE**

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Participation in COST Actions

Since 2007, participation in 7 COST Actions

- as a Management Committee member (4)
- as a member of working groups (7)



Participation in COST Actions as a Management Committee member

- CA16209: Natural Flood Retention on Private Land (2017-2021)
- IS1304: Expert Judgment Network: Bridging the Gap Between Scientific Uncertainty and Evidence-Based Decision Making (2013-2017)
- ES1106: Assessment of EUROpean AGRiculture WATER use and trade under climate change (2012-2016)
- FP0603: Forest models for research and decision support in sustainable forest management (2007-2011)

Activities within the Actions

- MC meetings
- WG meetings
- Workshops
- Conferences
- Training schools
- Short Term Scientific Missions

Results of the activities

... thanks to the COST programme

- Articles in national/international journals (1/4)
- Conference papers (12)
- 6 Ph.D students recommended to and participated in training schools
- Several project proposals submitted to various funding programmes
- Projects selected for funding within:
 - Danube Transnational Programme (DTP)
 - Bilateral project with Portugal (Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of Serbia)
 - Central European Initiative (CEI)

Intangible results of the activities

COST programme enabled

- Networking and building strong personal relationships with colleagues from COST partner countries
- Sharing common terminology within various scientific fields and better mutual understanding
- Better understanding of work environments, range of the problems (professional, social, legal) and solution framework in different countries
- Exchange expertise and experience on research activities and practice
- Being introduced to culture and heritage of 16 European countries

Example impacts on wider society

- Promoting multidisciplinary approach
- Creating links between participating institutions
- Policy making based on scientific methods and results (Guidance on Expert Knowledge Elicitation in Food and Feed Safety Risk Assessment by European Food Safety Authority)
- Best practice examples presented on Workshops communicated vertically and horizontally to stakeholders to bridge the gap between science and practice

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Thank you for your attention!