



Invitation: South Africa- European Cooperation in the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) Seminars

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Meraka, we have the pleasure to invite you to a series of seminars dedicated to explore South Africa–European Cooperation in the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (S&T) (COST) for the ICT sector.

Background on European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

COST has a very specific mission and goal. It contributes to reducing the fragmentation in European research investments and opening the European Research Area to cooperation worldwide.

COST anticipates and complements the activities of the EU Framework Programmes, constituting a “bridge” towards the scientific communities of developed and emerging countries. It also increases the mobility of researchers across Europe and fosters the establishment of scientific excellence in the nine key domains:

- Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences
- Food and Agriculture
- Forests, their Products and Services
- Materials, Physics and Nanosciences
- Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies
- Earth System Science and Environmental Management
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Transport and Urban Development
- Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health





The seminars will provide a platform for sharing of information on South African and European policies, strategies and experiences with regard to participation in the European COST Actions in areas related to **Information and Communications Technology (ICT)**. Funding opportunities and other instruments, which could support South African-European S&T cooperation, will also be presented.

Details of the seminars are as follows:

Date: Monday 24 March 2014

Venue: CSIR ICC in Pretoria <http://www.csiricc.co.za/>

Time: 13h00-15h30

Date: Tuesday 25 March 2014

Venue: Limpopo Province, University of Limpopo <http://www.ul.ac.za/>

Time: 08:30-12:30

Date: Wednesday 26 March 2014

Venue: CSIR Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC) in Cape Town
<http://www.chpc.ac.za/>

Time: 10:00-13:00

You are requested to access the agendas and register your participation by indicating the session you will be attending at: www.esastap.org.za

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We look forward to your participation in this event.