



Building Researchers Communities and Networks From COST Networks to European Projects

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Introduction

- ULiège and CRM Group
- Business development, advanced manufacturing, energy transition, circular economy and digitalisation
- Involved in the COST programme since 2007
- 6 COST Actions and 1 CCA

My COST Journey

- 2007 - First COST Action “Thixosteel”
- Participation in 6 Actions and 1 CCA
- Roles held:
 - Action Chair
 - Grant Holder (the 1st in COST history)
 - Management Committee member
 - Working Group leader
 - Organizer of workshops
 - STSM Coordinator
 - ...

What COST Enabled

- Building European research networks
- Access to new scientific communities
- Collaboration between academia and industry
- Supporting young researchers
- Exploring new topics before large projects

Concrete Impact

- New collaborations created
- Joint publications
- Workshops or conferences organized
- Follow-up projects (Horizon Europe, national projects)
- Industrial partnerships

Personal Takeaways

- Expansion of professional network
- Interdisciplinary learning
- Opportunity to take leadership roles
- Long-term collaborations

Message for Future Participants

- COST is a powerful networking tool
- It helps build future European projects
- It supports young researchers and innovation



Thanks!

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