

To: COST Action Chairs and COST Grant Holders

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Subject: Letter from COST Director - Extension of COST Actions

Dear COST Action Chairs,
Dear COST Grant Holders,

We fully understand the challenges you are continuing to experience in running a COST Action(s) due to the pandemic and related measures.

The mission of COST aims to serve the COST community. We continue to do our utmost to support the Actions in delivering activities to meet their objectives. As, mentioned in our communication last month, we are working actively to find optimal solutions for COST Action participants and to keep the momentum within the COST Actions alive. We will inform you as soon as we can about the outcome of these discussions.

In the meantime, in recognition of these challenges faced by Actions in spending their budget, we would like to share the following decision:

COST will extend the current Action Grant Period until the end of the current EC-COST contract in Horizon 2020 as follows:

- CA161XX cohort up to the end of the approved extension date;
- CA162XX to CA191XX cohorts up to 31 October 2021.

We encourage you to continue planning and implementing activities in a virtual and/or hybrid manner whenever possible.

We trust this news will be positively received by you and Action members.

Further instructions on the process will be provided shortly by your Scientific Officer.

With our very best regards,

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