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**COST**

COST- the acronym for European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research - is the oldest and widest European intergovernmental network for cooperation in research. Established by the Ministerial Conference in November 1971, COST is presently used by the scientific communities of 35 European countries to cooperate in common research projects supported by national funds.

The funds provided by COST - less than 1% of the total value of the projects - support the COST cooperation networks (COST Actions) through which, with only around €20 million per year, more than 30.000 European scientists are involved in research having a total value which exceeds €2 billion per year. This is the financial worth of the European added value which COST achieves.

The main characteristics of COST are: 'bottom up approach', 'à la carte participation', 'equality of access', and 'flexible structure'.

As precursor of advanced multidisciplinary research COST has a very important role for the realisation of the European Research Area (ERA) anticipating and complementing the activities of the Framework Programmes, constituting a 'bridge' towards the scientific communities of emerging countries, increasing the mobility of researchers across Europe and fostering the establishment of 'Networks of Excellence' in many key scientific domains.

The Scientific Domain MATERIALS, PHYSICAL and NANO-SCIENCES is home to materials science and physics, extending from conception through production, characterization, examination, evaluation, fabrication, joining to actual application and service, including related databases, simulation tools, standards and inspections.

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**Dresden Capital of Saxony**

Department of Economic Development

Nanotechnology in Dresden – a high-technology region sparks new ideas all over the world.

Over the last few years, nanotechnology in Dresden has developed into a high-performing branch of industry with a well-developed research environment. According to a study by the Association of German Engineers, as many as 80 companies, out of 500 in nanotechnology nationwide, have settled in Dresden, making the region a centre for this sector in Germany.

Dresden also plays a leading role internationally: the city's research institutes are at the international forefront and intensive cooperation between researchers in the region sets the course for their results quickly being put to use all over the world.

If you have any questions, we will be glad to help you.

Our services include:

- one-step-agency for investments in Dresden
- assistance in finding industrial real estates
- contacts with regional researchers

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