

# COST ES1404 Gap analysis

Dear COST ES1404 HARMOSNOW Participant!

In order for us to better understand what you -as a participant- have gained during the meetings, workshops, conferences, schools and short-term scientific missions organized by the COST ES1404 HARMOSNOW Action (Action in the following) and by being part of the Action itself, we would like to ask you to fill out this short questionnaire! We will use the results in the final report of the Action.

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## 1. How did you participate in the Action? \*

Multiple answers are possible.

*Check all that apply.*

- I'm a WG and/or MC member
- I did a Short Term Scientific Mission
- I took part in a conference/workshop/conference session organised by the Action
- I took part in the Training School on Snow Observations and Data Assimilation in Bormio, Italy
- I got an ITC Conference Grant

## 2. Which stage of your career are you at? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Tenure research position or equal
- Postdoctoral researcher or equal
- PhD student
- MSc student
- BSc student
- Observer
- Technician
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Are you from an Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC, ITC countries are: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey)? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No

**4. What is your main field of work related to snow? \***

*Mark only one oval.*

- Climate research
- Hydrology
- Weather prediction
- Avalanche science
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. What are the main methods you are using during your research? \***

*Multiple answers are possible.*

*Check all that apply.*

- Developing models
- Applying/using models
- Field measurements
- Laboratory measurements
- Remote sensing
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Is there any improvement in the situation of your snow research work scientifically and financially from 2014 to 2018 due the participation in any of the following elements of the COST Action ES1404?**

*Multiple answers are possible.*

*Check all that apply.*

- Yes, as an MC, WG member
- Yes, by taking part in an STSM
- Yes, by taking part in the Training School organised in Bormio
- Yes, by attending COST meetings (Conferences, workshops, WG meetings, etc.)
- Yes, by receiving an ITC Grant
- Yes, by the material found on the webpage [harmosnow.eu](http://harmosnow.eu)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. If there is no improvement in the situation of your snow research work, what could be the reason? What could COST contribute to improve the situation?**

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**I'm a WG and/or MC member**

**8. Please list opportunities you gained and achievements you realized within the network of the Action!**

Multiple answers are possible.  
*Check all that apply.*

- New collaborations where we have already started working together on a project
- New future collaboration possibilities
- Research done together with partner(s) from the network
- Paper/poster together with partner(s) from the network
- Grant application submitted together with partner(s) from the network
- Opportunity to present/advertise own research
- Opportunity to discuss own research with fellow experts
- Opportunity to take part in conference(s)/workshop(s)
- Possible future job opportunity
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Did you gain any of these benefits by participating in the Action?**

Multiple answers are possible.  
*Check all that apply.*

- Confidence increase in own work
- Justification for own research
- Motivation for own research
- Multidisciplinary views, ideas
- New research ideas
- Personal contacts
- Knowledge gained, new skills learnt
- Knowledge passed over
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. If you clicked any of the boxes in the previous two questions, please give some details!**

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**11. If you think you haven't gained/achieved or benefited anything within the network, please explain why do you think this happened!**

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12. **Could you have gained/achieved the above without the support from the Action?**

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes  
 No  
 Maybe

13. **If not, why not? (e.g. financial reasons, lack of opportunity, lack of contacts, etc.)**

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14. **If you wrote or plan on writing a paper/report/poster based on research where the collaboration was built through the Action's network, what is it/will it be about? If already published, please give references! If not yet published, please briefly describe the topic.**

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## **I took part in one or more conference/workshop/conference sessions organised by the Action**

15. **How important was the conference/workshop/conference session in your research work?**

*Mark only one oval.*

1      2      3      4      5

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Could have easily done it without it as well

Very important

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16. **Please list opportunities you gained and achievements you realized by taking part in one or more conference/workshop/conference sessions organised by the Action!**

Multiple answers are possible.

*Check all that apply.*

- Presented a poster/talk  
 New skills learnt (field, lab, numerical or theoretical methods)  
 New collaborations where we have already started working together on a project  
 New future collaboration possibilities  
 Opportunity to present/advertise own research  
 Opportunity to discuss own research with fellow experts  
 Possible future job opportunity  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**17. Did you gain any of these benefits by participating in one ore more conference/workshop/conference sessions organised by the Action?**

Multiple answers are possible.

*Check all that apply.*

- Confidence increase in own work
- Justification for own research
- Motivation for own research
- Multidisciplinary views, ideas
- New research ideas
- Personal contacts
- Knowledge gained
- Knowledge passed over
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**18. If you clicked any of the boxes in the previous two question, please give some details!**

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**19. If you think you haven't gained/achieved or benefited anything by participating at one or more conference/workshop/conference sessions organized by the Action, please explain why do you think this happened!**

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## **I got an ITC Conference Grant**

**20. How important was the ITC Grant in your research work?**

*Mark only one oval.*

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Could have easily done it without it as well	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very important

**21. Could you have gone on the Workshop/Conference without the ITC Grant?**

*Mark only one oval.*

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

**22. Please list opportunities you gained and achievements you realized by taking part in the conference funded by the ITC**

Multiple answers are possible.

*Check all that apply.*

- Presented a poster/talk
- New skills learnt (filed, lab, numerical or theoretical methods)
- New collaborations where we have already started working together on a project
- New future collaboration possibilities
- Opportunity to present/advertise own research
- Opportunity to discuss own research with fellow experts
- Possible future job opportunity
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**23. Did you gain any of these benefits by participating in the conference funded by the ITC?**

Multiple answers are possible.

*Check all that apply.*

- Confidence increase in own work
- Justification for own research
- Motivation for own research
- Multidisciplinary views, ideas
- New research ideas
- Personal contacts
- Knowledge gained
- Knowledge passed over
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**24. If you clicked any of the boxes in the previous two questions, please give some details!**

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**25. If you think you haven't gained/achieved anything by getting the ITC grant, please explain, why do you think this happened!**

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