

## **Science Summit at 76<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of United Nations UNGA76 (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021).**

EU COST Action SACURIMA Chair Professor Risto Rautiainen provided a presentation at this prestigious Event. The session was organised by [COST](#), European Cooperation in Science and Technology. COST is a funding organisation for the creation of research networks, called COST Actions. These networks offer an open space for collaboration among scientists across Europe and beyond and thereby give impetus to research advancements and innovation. COST creates spaces where scientists are in the driving seat (bottom-up) and ideas can grow through a flexible and open approach. By enabling researchers from academia, industry and the public and private sector to work together in open networks that transcend borders, COST helps to advance science, stimulates knowledge sharing and pools resources.

The session has been designed to portray COST as an existing instrument allowing and encouraging global Research Technology, Development and Innovation (RTDI) collaboration. It aims to advance the broader discussion on the needs and challenges of global RTDI collaboration and how these could contribute to the realisation of the UN Strategic Development Goals (SDGs.). The COST Programme, [celebrating its 50th birthday in 2021](#), has a vast experience in establishing and maintaining long-standing and trust-based collaboration among research and innovation partners from the different continents.

At the event, four different COST Actions including SACURIMA were presented to explain their journeys and share their experiences on global collaboration. The four real life examples brought to the audience will be complemented with an overview on the COST Programme and its operation. The voice of the external user will be given from the national research policy angle and the European strategic thinker point of view.

Further Information available at: <https://unga76sciencesummit.sched.com/2021-09-24/overview>