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CHIPME

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I am excited to be part of a new COST action So far only [the EU description](#) has been on-line while now also the brandnew website can be reached at chipme2.promoscience.com (twitter channel is @IS1303CHIPME).

The screenshot shows the homepage of the CHIPME website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the COST logo and the text 'CHIPme'. Below this, there are links for 'ABOUT US', 'COST COUNTRIES', 'WORKING GROUPS', and 'MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE'. There are also icons for 'EVENTS', 'SCHOOLS', and 'SCHOLARSHIPS'. The main banner features a crowd of people and the text 'CHIP ME - IS1303' and 'Citizen's Health through public-private Initiatives: Public health, Market and Ethical perspectives (COST Action IS1303)'. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'CHIPme is' with the subtitle 'a community of researchers and stakeholders to promote public-private initiatives in public health genomics'. There are three tabs: 'ETHICS', 'LAW', and 'SCIENCE'. The 'SCIENCE' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there are two main articles. The first article is titled 'Research, development and clinical implementation and use of genetic tests and genetic screening programs - Seven prevalent misapprehensions' by Jan Helge Solbakk on March 1st, 2014. The second article is titled 'Over-the-counter genetic testing services' by George P. Patrinos on March 1st, 2014. To the right of the articles, there is a section titled 'the WORKING GROUPS' with three sub-sections: 'RESEARCH & ETHICS', 'GENOMICS & MARKETS', and 'SCIENCE & VALUES'. At the bottom right, there is a section titled 'CHIPME NEWS' with two entries: 'April 2nd, 2014 First CHIP ME articles available' and 'March 7th, 2014 1st CHIP ME Working Group'.

From the official project description

The falling cost of genome sequencing is making genetic information more easily accessible to the ordinary citizen. The proliferation of different actors in COST countries and beyond, engaging with the generation and interpretation of genetic data represents a tremendous opportunity but also a new challenge for society. The public health care system will increasingly be asked to provide interpretation and counselling relating to genetic information that has been generated privately and to satisfy the legitimate curiosity of participants in large-scale population genetic research. Existing ethical and regulatory frameworks may not be suitable to allow an efficient and ethical meeting of demand and supply of genetic knowledge and health, as well as a virtuous interaction between public and private actors. This Action aims to improve the state of the art by creating a community of researchers and stakeholders and linking existing initiatives which bring critical expertise in bioethics, social studies of science and technology, genetic technology, information and communication technology, stakeholder deliberation, and patient centred initiatives (PCI).