

COST Action Participation

1. COST Full Member and Cooperating Member participation

Individuals whose primary affiliation is with an institution located in a COST Full and / or a COST Cooperating Member can participate in a COST Action as an Action Participant once their respective country has accepted the MoU of the respective Action. Up to 12 months after the date the Action was approved by the CSO, COST Members are free to join the Action. When a period of 12 months has elapsed from the date the CSO approved the Action, the participation of additional COST Members becomes subject to formal approval by the Action MC of the Action.

Subject to Action MC approval, Action Participants can attend approved meetings / Training Schools and partake in Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) and can be reimbursed in compliance with the eligibility rules detailed in Section 3, 4, 5 and 7 of this document.

2. COST Partner Member participation

Individuals affiliated to universities, research centres, companies or other relevant legal entities located in COST Partner Members may participate in a given COST Action as Action MC Observers (having no voting rights within the MC) if their COST Partner Member has formally accepted the Action Memorandum of Understanding. MC Observers from COST Partner Members cannot be elected as an Action Chair / Vice-Chair / Working Group Leader. Individuals from COST Partner Members source their funding for their participation in COST Activities from national budget and are not eligible to receive funding from the budget afforded to the Action.

3. Non-COST Countries participation

Individuals affiliated to universities, research centres, companies or other relevant legal entities located in Non-COST Countries (NNC or IPC) may participate in a COST Action on the basis of ascertained mutual benefit. Individuals affiliated to institutions in Non-COST Countries that have been formally approved onto the Action may be invited by the Action MC as Action MC Observers (having no voting rights within the Action MC). Action MC Observers from Non-COST Countries cannot be elected as an Action Chair / Vice-Chair / Working Group Leader. The rules governing eligibility for the reimbursement of Action Participants from Approved Institutions located in Non-COST Countries are detailed in Section 3, 4, 5 and 7 of this document.

4. EU Commission, bodies, offices and agencies participation

EU Commission, bodies, offices and agencies may nominate representatives to participate as Action MC Observers (with no voting rights within the Action MC). Action MC Observers from EU Commission, bodies, offices and agencies cannot be elected as an Action Chair/ Vice-Chair/ Working Group Leader and cannot be reimbursed using COST funds unless there are special provisions enacted by the CSO.

5. European RTD Organisation participation

European RTD Organisations whose participation has been admitted onto a COST Action can nominate representatives to participate as Action MC Observers (having no voting rights within the Action MC). Action MC Observers from European RTD Organisation cannot be elected as an Action Chair / Vice-Chair or as a Working Group Leader. Action MC Observers from Approved European RTD Organisations are eligible for reimbursement in line with the rules detailed in Section 3, 4, 5 and 7 of this document.

6. International Organisation participation

An International Organisation (IO) may participate in a COST Action on the basis of ascertained mutual benefit. Individuals affiliated to IOs that have been formally approved onto the Action may participate in the Action MC as an Action MC Observer (having no voting rights within the Action MC). Action MC Observers from an IO cannot be elected as an Action Chair/ Vice-Chair or as a Working Group Leader. Individuals from Approved International Organisations.

Action Participants from International Organisations are not eligible for reimbursement, unless there shall be special provisions decided by the CSO.