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Join an Action

There are various steps to follow to join or initiate a COST Action. It mainly depends on the location of the institution.

For institutions from the 36 COST countries:

a) If your country has not yet accepted the Action's Memorandum of Understanding:

- contact your [CNC](#) who can launch your country's participation procedure in the relevant [Action](#) (only possible if national funding for the [Actions'](#) activity is available). Once done, the [CNC](#) can officially nominate you as a representative of your country to the [MC](#) committee.
- it is also recommended that you inform the Chair of the [Action](#) of your interest.

b) If your country has already accepted the Action's Memorandum of Understanding,

- but has not yet nominated 2 representatives:

- contact your COST National Coordinator ([CNC](#)) who can officially nominate you as a representative of your country to the Management Committee ([MC](#)).
- it is also recommended that you inform the Chair of the [Action](#) of your interest.

- and has already nominated 2 representatives:

- contact the [Action](#) Chair for possible nomination by the Management Committee ([MC](#)) to a Working Group ([WG](#)).

For institutions from non-COST countries:

Scientists from non-COST countries can be reimbursed from the [Action's](#) budget under the condition that the scientist has been formally invited as an "invited expert" for a specific meeting.

Furthermore, researchers from non-COST country institutions can participate in [COST Actions](#) on the basis of mutual benefit (see [Vademecum – Non-COST Institutions](#)), to be approved by the [JAF](#) on a case-by-case basis. The [COST Office](#) does not reimburse participants from non-COST country institutions except in the case of formally approved institutions from Near Neighbour countries and provided funds are available.

Non-COST 'near neighbouring countries' are Balkan countries (Albania, Montenegro); Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, The Palestinian Authority, Syria and Tunisia) and Eastern European countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine).

In addition, [COST](#) has signed reciprocal agreements with Argentina, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for their institutions to participate in [COST Actions](#). Detailed information is available on the [reciprocal agreements page](#).

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