

## COST Reciprocal Agreements

# What is a Reciprocal Agreement?

**IF** an institution from a reciprocal agreement country is approved as a non-COST country participant in the COST Action,

**THEN** COST can pay for Action members to go on a Reciprocal Short-Term Scientific Mission (RSTSM) in that country,

**AND/OR** the implementing agent from the country can pay for their participants to attend COST Action meetings.

### The application process depends on your location!

First, make sure that your institution is an Action member

- If not, turn page for further instructions.

Action participants from COST countries wishing to travel to the approved AR/AU/NZ/ZA institution:

- Contact the Action Chair and the COST Science Officer
- The contact details are on the COST Website.

Approved AR/AU/NZ/ZA participants wishing to travel to the approved COST country

- Contact the country's implementing agent



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**Australia (AU)**

**New Zealand (NZ)**

**South Africa (ZA)**

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# How to join a COST Action?

### For institutions from COST countries

#### Step 1: Choose a COST Action

- From the COST pocket guide 'About COST 2010' or the COST website

#### Step 2: Contact your COST National Coordinator (CNC)

- The contact details are on the COST website

### For institutions from non-COST countries

#### Step 1: Choose a COST Action

- From the COST pocket guide 'About COST 2010' or the COST website

#### Step 2: Contact the Action Chair and the COST Science Officer

- Ask for a non-COST country application template and explain your interest

#### Step 3: Send the template and a motivation letter to the Action Chair + the COST Science Officer

- ⌚ The Action's Management Committee, the relevant Domain Committee, and the executive group (JAF) of the COST Committee of Senior Officials each evaluate your application

### What happens when my application is approved?

- You receive a confirmation by e-mail
- You are asked to create an online 'e-COST registration'
- You appear on the COST website as a non-COST country Action participant

#### 36 COST countries

#### 35 member states:

Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Serbia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and **one cooperating state:** Israel

#### Who's who section on the COST website

[www.cost.eu/about\\_cost/who](http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/who)

Contains contact details of the

- COST National Coordinators (CNC)
- COST Science Officers

#### Domains and Actions section on the COST website

[www.cost.eu/domains\\_actions](http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions)

Contains contact details of the

- COST Actions



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