

**Under the Patronage of His Excellency Prof. Amjad Barham,  
Minister of Education and Higher Education of Palestine,  
we cordially invite Palestinian researchers to participate in this online**

## **COST awareness event**

**2 February 2026, 11:00-12:30 Palestine time**  
(10:00-11:30 Belgium time)

[Teams Meeting link](#) (click to join)

<b>Time (Palestine time)</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
11:00 – 11:05	Welcome and introduction	Prof. Amjad Barham, Minister of Education and Higher Education of Palestine  Dr Ronald de Bruin, Director, COST Association
11:05 – 11:10	Empowering Palestinian researchers: unlocking opportunities through international research networks and their impact on Palestine	Dr Basri Saleh, Deputy Minister, Higher Education
11:10 – 11:15	Aligning national research priorities with global networks: driving innovation and impact for Palestine	Dr Amin Nawahda, DG for Development & Sci Res., Ministry of Education & Higher Education
11:15 – 11:30	The COST Programme: understanding COST Actions and how to participate from Palestine	Katalin Alföldi, Policy Advisor, COST Association
11:30 – 11:40	Strengthening national participation: an overview of Palestine's engagement and support in COST Actions	Prof. Derar Eleyan, COST NNC Correspondent, President of Nablu Technical University Palestine
11:40 – 12:00	Practical workshop: steps to joining COST Actions	Marco Carulli, Science Officer, COST Association
12:00 – 12:20	Insights and benefits: experiences from Palestinian participants in COST Actions	Dr Kamel Jebreen, PTUK Dr Ismail Badran, Al Najah University Dr Bilal Younes, PTUK Dr Sharaf AL Taradeh, PPU Prof. Helal Zaid, AAUP
12:20 – 12:35	Q & A	Moderated by Prof. Derar Eleyan
12:35 – 12:45	Closing and recommendations for follow-up activities	Katalin Alföldi, Policy Advisor, COST Association  Prof. Derar Eleyan, COST NNC Correspondent, President of Nablu Technical University Palestine