

How to become a member of Cost Action B28.

1. General rules from COST.

Depending on your own position and that of the Action (for details visit the COST web site and look for the relevant Action details) there are series of different forms of co-operation.

1. If your laboratory or institution is in a **COST member country** (this has nothing to do with your own nationality) you can join the Action as

1.1. Member of the Management Committee of an Action in case your country has not yet nominated 2 scientists but is already signatory of the Action.

Contact your COST National Coordinator (CNC) who can officially nominate you as representative of your country to the MC committee. It would be recommended that you also contact the chair of the Action about your interest.

1.2. Member of the Management Committee if your country is not yet signatory of the Action. In that case your country has first to sign its participation in the relevant Action. (Note: If your country wishes to become member 12 months after the approval of the Action the approval of the Management Committee of the Action is required)

Contact your COST National Coordinator (CNC) who can launch the participation of your country in the relevant Action. He will analyze whether the national funding for the Actions activity is there. The CNC can then launch the official participation of your country in the relevant COST Action and he can officially nominate you as representative of your country to the MC committee. In case of an established COST Action (more than 12 months after CSO there is also the agreement of the MC committee required. In any case it would be recommended that you contact the chair of the Action about your interest.

1.3. Member of a working group of an Action

Contact the chair of the Action (directly or via a colleague from the Action or via the |COST Office) and obtain the invitation to participate in the suitable COST working group.

1.4. Invited expert to specific events of an Action (Meetings of the MC, WG, workshop participation etc.)

Contact the chair of the Action (directly or via a colleague from the Action or via the |COST Office) and obtain the invitation to participate in a specific event of the Action.

2. If **your Institution is in a non-COST member state** there is the possibility

2.1. to participate from an Institution with the status of "non-COST participating Institution" if this was recognized by the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) as in the mutual benefit. This allows to participate in the MC and WG meetings although without voting right The participants from non-COST countries are normally not eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses although for specific countries exceptions may be possible.

2.2. To participate as invited expert to specific events of an Action (Meetings of the MC, WG, workshop participation etc.)

2. As For COST Action B28.

If the general rules as described by COST (see under 1) are fulfilled, you can submit an application. If you have questions on the COST rules, you may always contact the chair of the COST Action.

One can joint upon a request to the chair, vice-chair or WG chair, through whatever channel.

You should submit a detailed CV including running projects. Additionally you should submit a plan for participation (one page).
Upon these data, the chair, vice chair and the WG chair of the WG whom you will joint will judge on the acceptance.