

# ANNEX I – LEVEL A: COUNTRY AND ORGANISATIONS TABLE

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
Version	Publication date	Changes
1.0	01.11.2021	Initial version  This document forms the Annex I of the <a href="#">Rules and Principles for COST activities</a>
1.1	01.04.2022	Georgia and Ukraine added as new COST Full Members
1.2	06.05.2022	Measures applicable to Russia
1.3	12.10.2022	List of European RTD Organisations updated
1.4	15.11.2022	Armenia added as a new COST Full Member (also Inclusiveness Target Country) and the Faroe Islands added as a Near Neighbour Country.  Clarification in a footnote on the ITC status of researchers and innovators from EU Member States Outermost Regions for the participation of the network of proposers.
1.5	02.03.2023	Measures applicable to Belarus and in non-government controlled territories of Ukraine.
1.6	04.07.2023	Implementation of the <a href="#">Council Implementing Decision 2022/2056</a> on measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary.
1.7	01.11.2023	List of European Research Infrastructure Consortia updated.  Measures applicable to several universities in Hungary.  Name of Turkey replaced by Türkiye in line with the practice of the European institutions following the UN decision.

## COUNTRIES

### COST Full Members:

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary<sup>1</sup>, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Republic

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<sup>1</sup>Following the CSO decision of the 16 October 2023, considering the new guidance from the European Commission, as of 1 November 2023 until further notice, individuals from universities maintained by public interest trusts established under Hungarian Act IX of 2021 and concerned by the [Council Implementation Decision 2022/2056](#) (see entities listed in [Annex I of the Hungarian Act IX of 2021](#)) are allowed to participate in COST activities without receiving financial support from the COST Association (either grants or via reimbursements). Individuals from the flagged institutions can apply to get funded via the Guarantee Fund established by the Hungarian government. Please find the relevant information regarding this Fund in [EN](#) and in [HU](#). . The [Hungarian Act IX of 2021](#) is available in Hungarian. You can use one of the frequent translation web-based tools in order to get an English translation. A non-exhaustive list of the affected Hungarian legal entities is available [here](#).

of North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine<sup>2</sup> and United Kingdom.

**Shall be considered as affiliated to a legal entity in a COST Full Member the following:**

- Researchers and Innovators affiliated to legal entities from **EU Member States Outermost Regions**.

EU Member States Outermost Regions are:

French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion Island and Saint-Martin (FR), Azores and Madeira (PT), and the Canary Islands (ES)

**COST Cooperating Member:**

Israel

**COST Partner Member:**

South Africa

**COST Inclusiveness Target Countries:**

Countries or Outermost Regions of the COST Full Members defined under 'widening participation and spreading excellence' strand of the Widening Participation and Strengthening ERA' part of Horizon Europe and associated countries as defined by the EC based on an indicator and published in the Horizon Europe Work Programme.<sup>3</sup>

Individuals or institutions affiliated to legal entities therein vested may benefit from dedicated support that enables participation in COST activities.

COST Inclusiveness Target Countries are as follows:

EU Member States	EU Member States Outermost Regions <sup>4</sup>	Full Members that are not EU Member States
Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary <sup>5</sup> , Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia	French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mayotte, Reunion Island and Saint-Martin (France), Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain)	Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Ukraine

<sup>2</sup> As of 2 March 2023 until further notice, measures are taken to suspend cooperation with non-government controlled territories of Ukraine for the execution of the COST Actions and COST activities. Amongst these measures, participation and eligibility of COST Action participants affiliated to a legal entity established in non-government controlled territories of Ukraine are suspended for all COST Actions and COST activities.

<sup>3</sup> REGULATION (EU) 2021/695 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013, article 2(17) : 'widening countries' or 'low R&I performing countries' means countries where legal entities need to be established in order to be eligible as coordinators under the 'widening participation and spreading excellence' component of the 'Widening Participation and Strengthening ERA' part of the Programme; from the Member States, those countries are Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, for the whole duration of the Programme; for associated countries, it means the list of eligible countries as defined based on an indicator and published in the work programme. Legal entities from outermost regions as defined in Article 349 TFUE shall be also fully eligible as coordinators under this component.

<sup>4</sup> It is important to note that for the participation of the network of proposers, the ITC status of researchers and innovators from EU Member States Outermost Regions will be counted as the EU Member State they are linked to. For example, researchers affiliated in a legal entity in e.g Guadeloupe will be counted as France (non-ITC), researchers affiliated in a legal entity in Azores will be counted as Portugal (ITC). Once the Action is approved, the researchers and innovators from these EU Member States Outermost Regions can benefit from the ITC status.

<sup>5</sup> Please refer to previous footnote regarding the participation of individuals affiliated to Hungarian legal entities implied by the Council Implementation Decision 2022/2056 for the execution of COST Actions and COST activities.

## **COST Near Neighbour Countries:**

Algeria, Azerbaijan, [Belarus]<sup>6</sup>, Egypt, the Faroe Islands, Jordan, Kosovo<sup>7</sup>, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine<sup>8</sup>, [Russia]<sup>9</sup>, Syria, and Tunisia.

## **SPECIFIC ORGANISATIONS**

### **1. EU Institutions, Bodies, Offices and Agencies (EC/EU)**

This list is subject to changes following changes in the EU structure or establishment of new EU offices, bodies or agencies and will be updated where required.

<b>EU Institutions</b>	
European Parliament	EP
European Council	EUCO
Council of the European Union	
European Commission (and its Directorates)	EC
Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)	CJEU
European Court of Auditors (ECA)	ECA
<b>EU interinstitutional bodies (institutions)</b>	
European Central Bank (ECB)	ECB
European External Action Service (EEAS)	EEAS
European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)	EESC
European Committee of the Regions (CoR)	CoR
European Investment Bank (EIB)	EIB
European Ombudsman	EO
European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)	EDPS
European Data Protection Board (EDPB)	EDPB
Computer Emergency Response Team	CERT
European School of Administration	EUSA
European Personnel Selection Office	EPSO
Publications Office	
The European Public Prosecutor's Office	EPPO
<b>EU Decentralised Agencies</b>	
Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators	ACER
Agency for Support for BEREC (the BEREC Office)	BEREC
Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union	CdT

<sup>6</sup> As of 2 March 2023 until further notice, measures are taken to suspend cooperation with Belarus for the execution of the COST Actions and COST activities. Amongst these measures, participation and eligibility of COST Action participants affiliated to a legal entity established in Belarus are suspended for all COST Actions and COST activities.

<sup>7</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

<sup>8</sup> This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

<sup>9</sup> As of 6 May 2022 until further notice, measures are taken to suspend cooperation with Russia for the execution of the COST Actions and COST activities. Amongst these measures, participation and eligibility of COST Action participants affiliated to a legal entity established in Russia are suspended for all COST Actions and COST activities.

European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training	CEDEFOP
The European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training	CEPOL
Community Plant Variety Office	CPVO
European Aviation Safety Agency	EASA
European Asylum Support Office	EASO
European Bank Authority	EBA
European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control	ECDC
European Chemicals Agency	ECHA
European Defence Agency	EDA
European Environment Agency	EEA
European Fisheries Control Agency	EFCA
European Food Safety Authority	EFSA
European Institute for Gender Equality	EIGE
European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority	EIOPA
European Labour Authority	ELA
European Medicines Agency	EMA
European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction	EMCDDA
European Maritime Safety Agency	EMSA
European Union Agency for Cybersecurity	ENISA
European Securities and Markets Authority	ESMA
European Training Foundation	ETF
European Union Institute for Security Studies	EUISS
European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice	EU-LISA
European Agency for Safety and Health at Work	EU-OSHA
European Union Intellectual Property Office	EUIPO
European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions	EUROFOUND
The European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit	EUROJUST
European Union Agency for Railways	ERA
European Police Office	EUROPOL
European Union Agency for the Space Programme : European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency	EUSPA /GSA
European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights	FRA
European Border and Coast Guard Agency	FRONTEX
European Union Satellite Centre	SatCen
Single Resolution Board	SRB
<b>EC Executive Agencies (EC)</b>	
European Education and Culture Executive Agency	EACEA
European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)	EISMA
European Communication Research and Education Association	ECREA

European Health and Digital Executive Agency 'HaDEA'	HaDEA
European Research Executive Agency	EREA
European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency	CINEA
<b>Joint Undertakings and EU bodies</b>	
European Institute of Innovation & Technology	EIT
Bio-based industries	BBI
Clean Sky Joint Undertaking	CLEANSKY JU
Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership	ECSEL JU
European High-Performance Computing Joint Undertaking	EuroHPC
European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (Euratom)	F4E
New Energy World Joint Undertaking, Fuel cells & Hydrogen for Sustainability	FCH JU
SESAR Joint Undertaking	SESAR JU
The rail joint undertaking	Shift2Rail
Innovative Medicines Initiative	IMI

## 2. European RTD Organisations:

This list is a closed list.

This list is subject to changes as International Organisations filling the criteria for being recognised as European RTD Organisation (see [Glossary](#), i.e. being an intergovernmental scientific research organisation whose members are States, the majority of which are COST Members) may request recognition by the COST Administration. Where recognised, those organisations will be reflected in the present list.

### 2.1 European Research Infrastructure Consortia

As recognised by the EU, see [ERIC Landscape | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

- AnaEE-ERIC
- BBMRI-ERIC
- CERIC-ERIC
- CESSDA ERIC
- CLARIN ERIC
- DARIAH ERIC
- EATRIS-ERIC
- ECCSEL ERIC
- ECRIN-ERIC
- ELI ERIC
- EMBRC
- EMSO ERIC
- EPOS ERIC
- ESS ERIC
- EU-OPENSREEN
- Euro-Argo ERIC
- Euro-BioImaging ERIC
- European Spallation Source-ERIC
- ICOS ERIC
- INSTRUCT ERIC

- JIV-ERIC
- Lifewatch ERIC
- MIRRI-ERIC
- Share-ERIC
- EU-SOLARIS ERIC

## 2.2 Others

Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire	CERN
European University Institute	EUI
European Forest Institute (and sub-entities)	EFI
European Molecular Biology Laboratory	EMBL
European Space Agency	ESA
European Southern Observatory	ESO
European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts	ECMWF
European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites	EUMETSAT
Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission (Helsinki Commission)	HELCOM
International Iberian Nanotechnology Laboratory	INL

## 3. International Organisations

This list is a non-exhaustive list.

This list includes commonly recognised International Organisations and International Organisations that were previously involved in COST activities.

Bank for International Settlements (BIS)	BIS
International Monetary Fund (IMF)	IMF
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development	OECD
World Bank (WB)	WBWB
World Trade Organization (WTO)	WTO
International Renewable Energy Agency	IRENA
International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology	ICGEB
International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)	ICIMOD
Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR)	JINR
Council of Europe	CoE
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	OECD
North Atlantic Treaty Organisation	NATO
European Free Trade Association	EFTA
International Criminal Police Organization	INTERPOL
International Criminal Court	ICC
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe	OSCE
United Nations	UN

<b>UN specialised agencies</b>	
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	FAO
International Labour Organization	ILO
International Civil Aviation Organization	ICAO
International Maritime Organization	IMO
International Telecommunication Union	ITU
Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS	
United Nations Capital Development Fund	UNCDF
United Nations Human Rights Council	UNHCR
United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund	UNICEF
United Nations Development Programme	UNDP
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	UNESCO
United Nations Environment Programme	UNEP
United Nations Human Settlements Programme	UNHSP
United Nations Industrial Development Organization	UNIDO
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction	UNISDR
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime	UNODC
Universal Postal Union	UPO
World Health Organization (WHO)	WHO
World Intellectual Property Organization	WIPO
World Food Programme	WFP
World Meteorological Organization	WMO
World Tourism Organization	UNWTO
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development	UNCTAD
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	UNESCAP
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa	UNECA
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe	UNECE
UNECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section Geneva	UNECE
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) - Expert Group on Resource Classification	UNECE
United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	UNECLAC
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	UNESCWA
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)	UNH
United Nations Statistics Division	UNSD
Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	OPCW
United Nations mandated University for Peace	
<b>Depending on WHO</b>	
European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies	

