

Enlargement countries (Montenegro, Turkey, Serbia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*)

Montenegro signed the International Agreement on 25 June 2014 which entered into force on 29 October 2014.

Turkey signed the International Agreement on 16 October 2014 which entered into force on 22 December 2014.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia signed the agreement on 29 September 2014 which entered into force on 16 January 2015.

Albania signed the International Agreement on 3 March 2015 which entered into force on 6 August 2015.

Serbia signed the International Agreement on 10 November 2015 which entered into force on 23 December 2015.

Bosnia and Herzegovina signed the International Agreement on 2 June 2016 which has not entered into force yet.

*Kosovo** does not have, for the time being, the necessary legal basis to participate in Union programmes and therefore cannot join COSME.

Eastern neighbourhood countries (Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Belarus)

Moldova signed the International Agreement on 29 September 2014 to participate in COSME (except for the financial instruments) which entered into force on 7 April 2015.

Armenia signed the International Agreement on 10 December 2015 to participate in COSME (except for the financial instruments) which entered into force on 29 December 2015.

Ukraine signed the International Agreement on 4 May 2016 to participate in COSME (except for the financial instruments) which has not entered into force yet.

Other countries: no other candidates currently.

Southern neighbourhood countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia)

No formal expression of interest to join COSME has been received from any of the southern neighborhood countries.

It is possible that in 2016, some of these countries could express their interest in joining COSME.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on Kosovo's declaration of independence.

EFTA countries

Iceland is fully participating in the COSME programme since 2014

Norway is not participating in COSME.

Liechtenstein is not participating in COSME.

Switzerland cannot participate as there is currently no legal basis under which it could do so.

Other countries

At present, there is no legal basis for other countries to join the programme. However, COSME legal basis allows entities from other countries to participate in certain projects on a self-financing basis.
