

## Participation of third countries in the COSME Programme

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

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

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

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

*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 entered into force on 24 February 2017.

*Kosovo\** signed the International Agreement on 19 December 2017 which has not entered into force yet.

\* 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

### **Eastern Neighbourhood countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine)**

*Moldova* signed the International Agreement on 29 September 2014 which entered into force on 7 April 2015. *Moldova* does not participate in the COSME financial instruments.

*Armenia* signed the International Agreement on 10 December 2015 which entered into force on 29 December 2015. *Armenia* does not participate in the COSME financial instruments.

*Ukraine* signed the International Agreement on 4 May 2016 which entered into force on 21 March 2017. *Ukraine* does not participate in the COSME financial instruments.

<b>Southern Neighbourhood countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia)</b>
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*No formal expression of interest to join COSME has been received from any of the southern neighbourhood countries.*

<b>EFTA countries</b>
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*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.*

<b>Other countries</b>
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*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.*

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