

Enlargement countries (Turkey, Serbia, Montenegro, 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 201, but it has not yet entered into force.

Albania is expected to sign the agreement in January 2015.

Serbia is still considering whether to participate in the programme in 2015.

Bosnia and Herzegovina has expressed an interest in joining COSME but there are for the moment no negotiations.

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

Eastern neighborhood 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) but it has not yet entered into force.

Armenia has officially expressed interest in participating in the programme in 2015 (except for the financial instruments). Negotiations are ongoing.

Ukraine has officially expressed interest in participating in the programme in 2015 Negotiations are ongoing.

Other countries: no other candidates currently.

Southern neighborhood 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 2015, 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.
