

First elections of the COBATEST Network' Steering Committee members

The transition COBATEST Steering Committee, together with the Secretariat, are happy to announce the first elections of the network's Steering Committee members.

The current Steering Committee was established in 2019 for a transition period, in order to develop the governance structure of the COBATEST Network. During 2019-2021 the following governing documents were developed:

- [COBATEST Membership Terms of Reference](#)
- [Steering Committee Terms of Reference](#)
- [Secretariat Terms of Reference](#)
- [Election Procedure](#)

In order to ensure transparency and fair participation in the decision making process of the network, the newly developed election procedure foresees that COBATEST network members directly elect their Steering Committee.

The first election round will take place from September until November 2021. It will include the following steps:

- 1. September 20th – October 17th. The call for vacancies is open.** During this time candidates can apply by sending their CV, motivation letter and recommendation letter of the COBATEST member organisation they represent. Each member organisation can nominate one representative to the Steering Committee.
- 2. October 18th – November 11th. Candidates' applications will be shared within the network via email.** Members of the network will have the opportunity to learn about the candidates.
- 3. November 11th – November 25th. The voting will take place online via a voting tool.** Each organisation will have one vote for each vacant Steering Committee seat.
- 4. The newly elected Steering Committee will be presented at the Member meeting in December 2021.**

Who can apply?

Steering Committee members attend on a personal title and in recognition of their personal expertise and secondly as representative of the COBATEST member organisation.

In order to apply, you need to meet the following criteria:

- be committed to the COBATEST Network objectives;
- be affiliated with and selected as a representative of an organization that
 - has been a member of the COBATEST network for at least 6 months;
 - and**
 - actively participates in the network and has submitted testing data at least once in the last 2 years;
- be located in the WHO European Region;

have a good working knowledge of English.

Who can vote?

Each organisation will have one vote for each vacant Steering committee seat. Again, in order to be able to vote, the member organisation should fit the following criteria:

- having been a member of the COBATEST network for at least 6 months; **and**
- having actively participated in the network and submitted testing data at least once in the last 2 years.

Information about each of the steps will be announced via emails and on the COBATEST website. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the COBATEST Secretariat [Megi Gogishvili](#) and [Oksana Panochenko](#) or visit <https://www.cobatest.org/>

Stay tuned!