

## **COBATEST Network's Steering Committee Member Elections 2023**

*COBATEST Steering Committee opens the COBATEST Steering Committee member elections 2023!*

There are currently 2 vacancies in the COBATEST Steering Committee for the 3-year term 2024 – 2026, starting on 1. Jan 2024. One of the seats is reserved for a representative of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

In accordance with the COBATEST Election Procedure and COBATEST Steering Committee Terms of Reference, the Steering Committee members are directly elected by the COBATEST members. This procedure ensures transparency and fair participation of the network's members in the decision-making.

**The election will take place from October until December 2023. It will include the following steps:**

- 1. October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>. The call for vacancies is open.** There are **two vacancies** in the COBATEST Steering Committee at this round of elections. Each member organisation can nominate one representative to the Steering Committee (*the application process is now open*).
- 2. October 5<sup>th</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup>.** Members are invited [to pre-register to vote](#) in the elections. Each COBATEST member organisation can assign one person who has the authority to vote (*pre-registration is now open*).
- 3. November 13<sup>th</sup>. Candidates' applications will be shared with the COBATEST member representatives who have pre-registered to vote in the elections.** Members of the network will have the opportunity to learn about the candidates.
- 4. November 20<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup>. The voting will take place online via an anonymous voting tool.** Each organisation will have one vote for each vacant Steering Committee seat.
- 5. The Secretariat will share the results of the elections by the end of the year after confirming with the newly elected Steering Committee members.**

**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 a civil society organisation 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.

COBATEST member representatives from Eastern Europe and Central Asia are particularly encouraged to apply.

**How to apply?**

- Applications are accepted from October 4<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.
- The application needs to be completed with a CV, Motivation letter (no more than 500 words) and a recommendation letter of the COBATEST member organisation represented.
- Applications should be sent to Shabnam Abdullayeva at [shabnam.abdullayeva@aidsactioneurope.org](mailto:shabnam.abdullayeva@aidsactioneurope.org) and Oksana Panochenko at [Oksana.panochenko@aidsactioneurope.org](mailto:Oksana.panochenko@aidsactioneurope.org) with the subject line **“Call for Candidates to the COBATEST Steering Committee 2023”**

**Who can vote?**

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

- be a civil society organisation
- and**
- having pre-registered for voting.

**How to vote?**

- [Pre-registration for voting](#) is open from October 5 to November 15
- Each COBATEST member organisation can assign one person who has the authority to vote

- Once the election is open, the assigned person will receive the voting link to the email address entered at pre-registration.

*Information about each of the next steps will be announced via emails. If you have any questions, please Shabnam Abdullayeva at [shabnam.abdullayeva@aidsactioneurope.org](mailto:shabnam.abdullayeva@aidsactioneurope.org) and Oksana Panochenko at [Oksana.panochenko@aidsactioneurope.org](mailto:Oksana.panochenko@aidsactioneurope.org) visit <https://www.cobatest.org/>.*

## **Attachments**

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