



Election procedures Steering Committee Members

Steering Committee Member Profile

The member must:

- be individually committed to the COBATEST Network objectives;
- o work for and represent a COBATEST civil society member organisation;
- be located in the WHO European Region;
- o have a working level knowledge of English.

The member should:

- have global knowledge about the main policies, trends, issues and activities in his/her respective geographical sub-region;
- o have good networking skills and contacts with networks, NGOs and possible sponsors.

Election procedures

- The secretariat opens a call for applications three months before the Steering Committee seat is vacant.
- COBATEST member organisations that have submitted data within the last two years can nominate representatives for election. Candidates will apply up to four weeks after the call is launched with a CV, motivation letter and recommendation letter of the COBATEST member organisation they represent.
- All COBATEST civil society organisations members can vote for the Steering Committee. They must pre-register for the voting to have access to voting in the election process. One representative per organisation can pre-register for voting. The pre-registration form for voting is announced in the call. Members have the right to pre-register for voting up to 5 days before the start of the election.
- COBATEST member organisations that are part of a National Umbrella Organisation or a National Network are entitled to cast a single joint vote. This applies even if individual member organisations within the Umbrella Organisation or Network report their data separately. The process for determining how the joint vote is cast, is the responsibility of the member organisations within the National Umbrella Organisation or Network.
- The applications will be shared with the pre-registered COBATEST members before the voting starts. After the applications have been shared the election tool will be online for two weeks. Member organisations can cast their ballots (each organisation has as many votes as there are vacancies (1 vacancy = 1 vote, 6 vacancies = 6 votes).
- Candidates with a simple majority will be voted into the COBATEST Steering Committee. The
 Steering Committee reserves the right to review the results of elections in order to ensure
 geographical, gender and key populations balance.
- Within the next two weeks after the voting the secretariat informs about the voting results.