

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BECOME WORKING GROUP MEMBER OF THE COST ACTION PERIAMAR (CA18221)

In application of the section of COST Annotated Rules, it is established by the COST Action PERIAMAR (CA18221) Management Committee that Working Group membership applications will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

1. **Profile.** The applicant's scientific profile should be adequate to the Action's field(s) of knowledge and should match any one of the Areas of Expertise Relevant for the Action, as indicated on page 3 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This criterion will be evaluated from the applicant's profile and from the information provided in the field "Scientific Background" of the application form. For evaluation of this criterion, the career stage of the applicant will be considered.
2. **Potential to contribute to Working Group objectives.** The applicant should evidence that he/she has the expertise necessary to contribute, in some way, to the achievement of at least one of the Working Group objectives, as detailed on pages 17 and 18 of the Action's MoU (pages 11 and 12 of the technical document). This criterion will be evaluated from the information provided in the fields "Scientific Background" and "Working Group Contribution" of the application form. For evaluation of this criterion, the career stage of the applicant will be considered. This criterion will be evaluated separately for each Working Group the applicant is interested to join.
3. **Motivation.** The applicant should proof, through the description of specific activities he/she plans to carry out, or specific benefits he/she expects to obtain, that he/she is motivated for actively participating in the Action. This criterion will be evaluated from the information provided in the field "Motivation" of the application form. For evaluation of this criterion, the career stage of the applicant will be considered.
4. **Adherence to COST Principles.** When evaluating the application, the extent to which approving the application would contribute to COST Principles will be considered. In particular, applicants falling within the Young Researcher or Innovator definition, coming from Inclusiveness Target Countries (ITC), contributing to the geographical diversity, or contributing to gender balance within the Action, will be given special consideration.

The adherence to these criteria will be categorized as follows:

Criteria	Category	Description
1, 2 and 3	Sufficient	The provided information indicates that the applicant adheres to the requirements established for the criterion
	Attainable	The provided information indicates that the applicant does not fully adhere to the requirements established for the criterion, but that the adherence is possible during the action lifetime
	Insufficient	The provided information indicates that the applicant does not adhere to the requirements established for the criterion
4	Relevant	The applicant contributes to improve the ITC representation, geographical diversity, gender balance and/or empowerment of young researchers within the Action
	Not relevant	The applicant does not significantly contribute to the abovementioned principles

For an application being approved, one of the following outcomes should be achieved after evaluation:

- Both 1, 2 and 3 categorized as “sufficient”

OR

- Two of the criteria 1, 2 or 3 categorized as “sufficient”

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one of the criteria 1, 2 or 3 categorized as “attainable”

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the criteria 4 categorized as “relevant”