

How to join Science on Stage and how to found an NSC – guidelines and tasks



National Steering Committee (NSC) of Science on Stage Europe e.V.

1. How to constitute an NSC, the structure

An NSC consists of 3-8 members, such as national teachers, members of universities, teacher trainers, those involved in non-formal learning initiatives, education administration, the media etc. It is necessary that the NSC members cover different scientific subjects such as biology, chemistry, maths, physics and primary school teaching.

Your NSC should – if possible - be linked to an institution/organisation like a University, Ministry, Science Centre etc. It is easier if you have some kind of „official“ background.

The funding for national activities is supported by the Science on Stage Europe office (letter of recommendation, reports etc.) but the NSCs are in charge of finding national supporters for their activities.

2. The tasks

To organise national Science on Stage activities, including:

- Spreading information and promoting the reception of innovative ideas presented at SonS,
- Organising and participating in **national events***,
- Selecting participants for the European festival,
- Organising follow-up activities, e.g. take a workshop to your country
- Interacting with education authorities and decision-makers to further spread the results of SonS,
- Electing their main representative who has one vote in the Science on Stage General Assembly of Science on Stage Europe e.V.

*National events:

Spread the information about your national event to **ALL STEM teachers** (biology, chemistry, physics, technology, engineering and mathematics) of all school levels (primary and secondary)

Keep the focus on school teachers.

Please follow our **Science on Stage guideline “from teacher for teacher”** when selecting the delegates/projects for the European Science on Stage festival.

Selection criteria:

The ideal Science on Stage project

- promotes students interest in science,
- refers to everyday life,
- has a sustainable effect,
- is feasible in everyday school life and can be financed with reasonable expenses,
- promotes inquiry-based learning.

Please try to select a broad and balanced team of teachers according age and gender. All projects should be of high quality, representing the best school teaching of your country.

3. Further steps

As soon as you have found your NSC members, please send us a **written and signed application** via e-mail with the names, institutions and e-mail addresses of your NSC and tell us who the main contact person is. This person will also be your country representative in the General Assembly and represent your country in the non profit association Science on Stage Europe e.V., having one vote in the General Assembly.

The Executive Board will decide about the accreditation of your NSC¹. Membership implies acceptance of and the willingness to collaborate with all the NSCs (and their representatives) of Science on Stage Europe and the acceptance of the statute (download on www.science-on-stage.eu). Once your application has been accepted we will provide you with your national SonS- logo and further PR material.

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¹ The Executive Board will accept only those countries that are recognized as countries by the United Nations.