

National Chapter:

Poland

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Introduction

Objectives:

The Polish National Chapter (NC-PL) was initiated by the Jagiellonian University and the Koszalin University of Technology, under the auspices of the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland and the Polish Academy of Sciences, to monitor the commitments declared by individual signatories so that they are coherent and complementary. At present it brings together 37 CoARA signatories and aims to actively engage researchers, from PhD candidates to reputable leaders, as well as science managers to discuss key topics from a variety of viewpoints.

The main mission of the NC-PL is to assess the coherence of the solutions agreed within the Coalition with the current national regulations, and to balance common principles and institutional autonomy. The focus will be set on the scope and feasibility of peer-review in the evaluation of researchers and research performing institutions, as well as on how the reform can be used to initiate changes in the legal framework and research culture towards promoting cutting-edge studies conducted in the long-term perspective.

The ultimate long-term goal will be the development of fair criteria for creating predictable career paths to support the most talented researchers. We want to prepare recommendations for policy-makers aimed at improving the employment conditions of postdocs to reduce the precarity, and at increasing the stability of recognized investigators to facilitate building of highly-trained teams. We also want to develop recommendations on how to support objective peer reviews in the assessment of broadly understood academic activity and in the comprehensive assessment of institutions, with narrative descriptions as their basis.

In October an online meeting is scheduled to define the Chapter organization structure, elect appropriate coordinators and indicate the topics of the first workshop. That event, planned for December, will focus on sharing stakeholder opinions on the reform, and on facilitating an exchange of views with experts in the research-on-research field. The most important output will be a summary of the current rules of evaluations used by various institutions operating within the same legal system, to boost the implementation of best practices. The NC-PL is open to collaborate with other CoARA signatories, National Chapters and Working Groups.



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5. University of Silesia in Katowice
6. University of Gdansk
7. University of Lodz
8. AGH University of Science and Technology
9. Silesian University of Technology
10. Koszalin University of Technology
11. Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences
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 30. FNP Foundation for Polish Science
 31. Academy of Physical Education in Katowice
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