

FP NC2-060623 Norway

Your Organisation and Contact Details

Your organisation's country (or europe, global)*

Norway

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Consent Agreement

Authorisation to submit the Proposal on behalf of organisations*

✓ By ticking this box, I confirm that my organisation is a member of CoARA and that I have the authority to submit the Proposal on behalf of my organisation and on behalf of the organisations mentioned here.

Please indicate if you are submitting a proposal for a Working Group or a National Chapter?*

National Chapter

Lead Proposer

Lead Proposer name*

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Details on other CoARA member organisations involved

What country is this National Chapter submitted for?*

Norway

Please list other CoARA member organisations from your country endorsing this National Chapter. Please note: Listed organisations should represent at least half of the country's overall CoARA member organisations*

1. Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences
2. MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society
3. NIFU Nordic institute for studies of innovation, research and education*
4. Norwegian Research Council
5. Norwegian University of Life Sciences NMBU
6. NTNU
7. Oslo Metropolitan University
8. The Norwegian School of Sport Sciences*
9. UiT The Arctic University of Norway
10. Universities Norway
11. University of Agder
12. University of Bergen
13. University of Oslo*
14. University of South-Eastern Norway
15. University of Stavanger
16. VID Specialized University

17. Østfold University College
18. Molde University College

* Signed ARRA, but not CoARA member, pending amendment of CoARA Code of conduct, due at GA June 23.

Short description of the mission and objectives of the group, and of how it fits with the overall CoARA vision (200 words max)*

We propose that the existing NORCAM Network is made into a Norwegian National Chapter. The network was established in September 2022 by Universities Norway and has a two-fold purpose:

1. To share experiences and best practices on the development of institutional versions of the NORCAM framework
2. To create an arena for discussing practical and strategic aspects of the European Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment (ARRA) as well as CoARA, both for the institutions that have signed the agreement and for those who are considering this.

Hence, in Norway the NORCAM and the CoARA processes is two parallel tracks enforcing each other towards the same goal. See illustration: <https://tinyurl.com/ycyhra2x>

Member institutions are normally represented by two persons: one representing the rectorate and one from the HR department.

The network meets regularly (digital and in-person), for instance prior to major meetings or processes in CoARA, as well as sharing documents, progress reports and information on a Teams-site.

Expected impact (notably expected adoption and implementation scenarios) (300 words max)*

Most Norwegian institutions are already working with implementing the principles of NORCAM, which is aligned with the principles of ARRA. Hence, by working with NORCAM, the members are also meeting the expectations in both core and supporting commitments in ARRA. Sharing best practice in planning, implementing and reporting on CoARA commitments will be key.

Added value of the National Chapter over and above what is currently being done within the country (300 words max)*

As described above, Norwegian institutions are already quite active in advancing/reforming research assessment. We see an important added value that the NOR-CAM network will be able to exchange information and best practice with other national chapters, as well as being closer to all activities in CoARA. News, updates and information from and about the working groups may also be disseminated effectively from CoARA to the Norwegian institutions (including non-CoARA members) through NORCAM network as a National Chapter. Activities in CoARA working groups with Norwegian participation will effectively be disseminated among all institutions in the NORCAM network.

Work plan and outputs / deliverables, that can be accomplished within the timeline proposed (600 words max)*

- Consolidate NORCAM as a national hub for discussions, reflections and sharing of best practice regarding both institutional versions of NORCAM as well as engaging in CoARA's activities. This will be through:
 - Regular digital meetings, including pre-meetings before key CoARA events
 - One annual face-to-face meeting/seminar/workshop
 - Digital platform for sharing information and discussions (Teams)

- Regular exchange of information on progress and challenges regarding developing and implementing institutional versions of the NORCAM-framework, as well as progress on the CoARA commitments for member institutions.
- Share Norwegian experiences with the rest of the CoARA community, not least to relevant CoARA Working Groups

Envisaged co-chairs leading the National Chapter, representing different types of organisation and countries / regions*

Anne Karine Nymoen, Senior Adviser, Universities Norway

Mechanisms to ensure that a broader range of organisations, including from outside CoARA, contribute to and benefit from the National Chapter (300 words max)*

As stated in mission and objectives above, NORCAM has a two-fold purpose; 1. to work with NORCAM 2. to be a national arena for CoARA, both for members and non-members. The network has members from a large majority of Norwegian higher education institutions, including all the major universities. In addition, non-CoARA members, as well as stakeholders and organisations, such as The Norwegian Research Council, government bodies and researcher's unions, takes part in the NORCAM network.

Envisaged support needed from the Secretariat and resources expected to be provided in-kind by National Chapter members. Please note: this will be provided for information only and will not be evaluated by the CoARA Steering Board. Please also have a look at section 2.6 in the Call Document for an overview of the possible support that can be offered to National Chapters.

None, other than facilitating contact and networking with other National Chapters.