



Context

The Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA), together with the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology, INESC TEC, University of Minho and Science Europe, is pleased to invite high-level representatives of the CoARA National Chapters (NCs) as well as coalition members who are considering setting up a National Chapter to a knowledge sharing event on the 22–23 February 2024 in Porto, Portugal. The objectives of the event are:

- i) To better understand and communicate CoARA National Chapters; and explore possibilities to build synergies and collaboration,
- ii) To respond to questions, share experiences, and inspire countries that have yet to establish a National Chapter.

The event will be onsite with possibilities to follow online.

What are CoARA National Chapters?

National Chapters contribute to CoARA's mission by facilitating the exchange of knowledge, mutual learning and discussions on CoARA-relevant issues specific to different types of organisations of a given country. National Chapters are dedicated to help CoARA members in the implementation of the commitments of the [Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment](#) in a national/regional context. National Chapters are proposed at the initiative of CoARA members and participation from members is voluntary. Any CoARA member from the given country can participate in the call for their respective National Chapter.

National Chapters are tasked with developing specific outputs within a two-year timeframe to support the overall implementation of the Agreement in their national context(s). They are expected to add value beyond current efforts within their country, ensuring inclusivity by involving at least half of the CoARA member organizations. Mechanisms should also be put in place to ensure that a broader range of organisations, including from outside CoARA, can contribute to and benefit from the National Chapter. Commitment to sharing lessons learned with other National Chapters and fostering synergies with relevant CoARA Working Groups is essential.

Agenda

Day 1 – 22 February 2024

9:00	Registration/Accreditation
9:30	Welcome and opening
9:45	Introduction to CoARA and an overview of the growth of the coalition
10:15	Highlighting the Portuguese landscape – key players and ongoing efforts towards the reform of research assessment
10:30	Showcasing CoARA National Chapters – Session 1, including Q&A <i>Presentations from NCs (10 minutes each): Italy, Spain, Poland, Ukraine, Norway.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Local context and motivations for setting up the National Chapter</i>• <i>Special characteristics of the National Chapter</i>• <i>Challenges and opportunities that could be shared across National Chapters.</i>
11:40	Coffee Break
12:00	Showcasing CoARA National Chapters – Session 2, including Q&A <i>Presentations from NCs (10 minutes each): Ireland, Hungary, France, Cyprus, Switzerland, Finland.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Local context and motivations for setting up the National Chapter</i>• <i>Special characteristics of the National Chapter</i>• <i>Challenges and opportunities that could be shared across National Chapters.</i>
13:10	Lunch
14:30	Breakout group discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Exploring possibilities for building synergies</i>• <i>Reflections on good practices to foster a multilingual CoARA</i>• <i>Addressing shared challenges, such as expanding CoARA's outreach in national contexts.</i>
16:00	Coffee Break
16:20	Plenary session – reporting back from the breakouts
17:00	End of day 1 followed by Social event: Dinner

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Day 2 – 23 February 2024

9:30	Highlighting new and developing CoARA National Chapters <i>Presentations from upcoming National Chapters</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Context and motivations for setting up a National Chapter</i>• <i>Including reflections and lessons learned from Day 1</i>
11:00	Coffee Break
11:15	Discussion on shared lessons learned and next steps
12:30	Closing remarks
12:45	Lunch