

ERA Policy Action 3: Progress and Prospects in Research Assessment

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Need for reform of research assessment

- To reflect **evolving research processes**
 - ✓ Digital transition; Iterative and recursive; Collaborative and open
- To reflect **increasing demands on research**
 - ✓ Societal, environmental, economic challenges; Diversity of outputs
- To move away from **inappropriate uses** of journal- and publication-based metrics
 - ✓ Rewards quantity and publication venue rather than quality; does not reward sharing, collaboration and outputs other than publications
- To further support the **quality of research** and the **attractiveness of research environments and careers**
 - ✓ Requires a system and cultural change, involving institutions, funders and researchers

Progress with reforming research assessment

Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment

Published in July 2022



798 signatories
(25 November 2024)

Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment

Launched in December 2022



700 members of CoARA
(25 November 2024)

Implementation of commitments by the signatories

Ongoing activities



127 Action Plans
(25 November 2024)

CoARA Working Groups

Recognizing and rewarding
peer-review

Multilingualism and
language biases

Reforming academic
career assessment

Responsible metrics and indicators

Open infrastructure for responsible research
assessment

Early and mid-career researchers
assessment

Practices in the assessment of research
proposals

Experiments in assessment



Ethics and research integrity policy in
RRA for data and AI

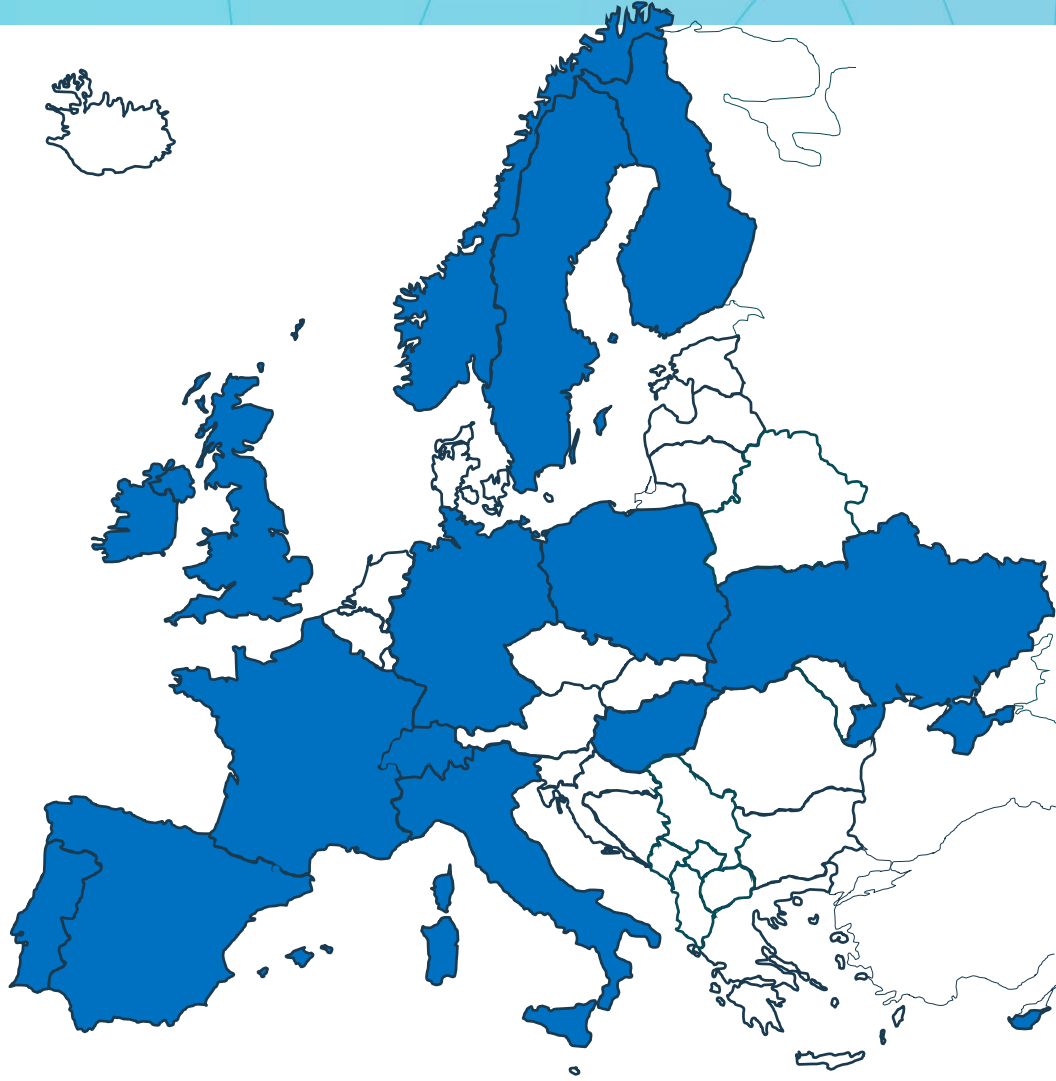
Trans-disciplinarity; Applied/practice-based
research; Impacts

Inclusive evaluation of research

Global framework for research evaluation
in the SSH

Biomedical disciplines

CoARA National Chapters



- Andorra
- Cyprus
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

Some changes to assessment implemented in 2024 by the European Research Council

- Changes in the evaluation processes and evaluation forms for the **2024 calls for research proposals**
- Objective: Allow applicants to provide a **fuller account** of their research careers and contributions.
- **Changes introduced:**
 - ✓ CV and track record combined as a single template;
 - ✓ For the research achievements, the number of examples is **limited to ten**;
 - ✓ Type of research output **left open**: it can be publications, data sets, code, etc.;
 - ✓ Each one can be accompanied by a **brief narrative**;
 - ✓ **Additional information** can also be provided on career breaks, diverse research career paths and major life events, particular contributions

ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027

- **Proposal** for activities to reform research assessment under the next ERA Policy Agenda, with the following expected outcomes:
 1. **Knowledge, awareness, and engagement to research assessment practices and reforms** raised by CoARA, research organisations (including research performing, research funding and research assessment organisations), national authorities and EU institutions;
 2. **Support, mapping and analysis of the changes introduced** in national frameworks and in individual research institutions;
 3. **Identification of remaining gaps in reforms and of measures** still needed at all levels (institutional, national, European).

Thank you!



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