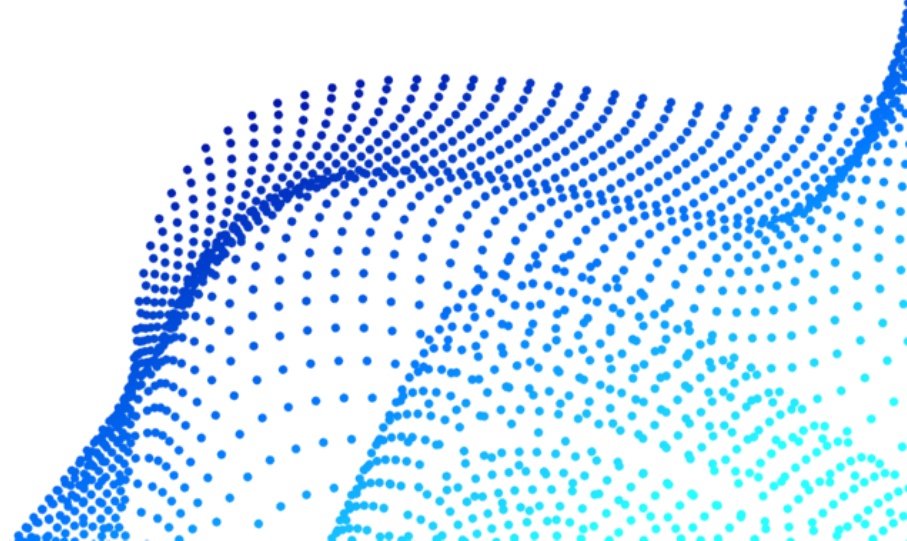




**CoARA**

**COALITION FOR  
ADVANCING RESEARCH  
ASSESSMENT**



# WHY CoARA ?



- There is broad agreement from the research community on the **urgent need to reform existing ways of assessing research**.
- Assessment processes relying predominantly on journal- and publication-based metrics **can be a hurdle to the recognition of diverse contributions and may negatively affect the quality and impact of research**. They also contribute to an unhealthy research culture and an unaffordable publication system.
- Building on progress made so far (DORA, Leiden Manifesto, Hong Kong Principles for assessing researchers), CoARA aims to **enable systemic reform of research assessment** on the basis of common principles and commitments within an agreed timeframe, as set in its Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment, **published on 20 July 2022**.

# VISION AND MISSION



- **Vision:** In line with the Agreement, CoARA's vision is that the **assessment of research, researchers and research organisations** recognises the diverse outputs, practices and activities that maximize the quality and impact of research.
- **Mission:** **Enable systemic reform of research assessment** on the basis of common principles and commitments within an agreed timeframe, as set in the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment. Through exchange of information and mutual learning between all those willing to improve research assessment practices.
- To effectively facilitate the achievement of this goal, member organisations of the CoARA **subscribe to the Guiding Principles** that underlie and steer the conduct and evolution of the initiative.

# THE AGREEMENT



CoARA's Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment establishes a **common direction for research assessment reform**, while respecting organisations' autonomy. It is based on

- **10 overarching principles**,
- **10 commitments**: 4 core and 6 supporting
- **timeframe** for reforms: 1 and 5 years after signing

Signature of the Agreement is open to all organisations involved in research assessment. **Signatory organisations can then apply to become members of the Coalition** and join a community to facilitate the implementation of their own reform and enable systemic change.

# THE COALITION



- **The Coalition offers a space for its members to learn from others' experiences** to advance the process of research assessment reform in Europe and beyond.
- **Signatory organisations**, having subscribed to the Guiding Principles and Code of Conduct, are invited to become members of the coalition and actively involved in advancing reform.
- The Coalition is governed by its **General Assembly of Members** and **Steering Board** and supported by a **Secretariat** hosted by the European Science Foundation (ESF).
- Coalition members are invited to be involved in **Working Groups** and other Coalition activities.



# BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Signatories assert their commitment for reform. CoARA members:

- **Actively support the reform** of research assessment.
- **Exchange knowledge**, test and pilot ideas, find support from peers, and work together to advance the process of reforming research assessment through participating in working groups.
- **Initiate and benefit** from communities of practice on subjects of your choice.
- Help members less advanced in the reform of research assessment, or at an early stage in this process, to **identify and learn** from successful ideas and practices in organisations that are further advanced in their reforms.
- **Give a platform** to members with more advanced assessment practices to share their expertise.
- Support the development of a **coherent assessment ecosystem** and **continuously improve evaluation methods**.

# JOIN AND ENGAGE!

Useful links:

- **CoARA website**  
**<https://coara.eu>**
- The governance documents
- The Agreement full text
- Sign the Agreement
- CoARA News
- FAQ

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