Call for Candidates

Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) –Vice-Chair, and Steering Board Members

**Call Launch:** 4 October 2023

**Call Deadline:** 13 November 2023 (midnight CET)

**Submission via email**\***:**  [secretariat@coara.eu](mailto:secretariat@coara.eu)

*\***Please make sure to mention “****CoARA SB Call 2023****” in the email subject as reference*

Call

The Secretariat of the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) seeks candidates for the positions of 5 Steering Board members including one Vice-Chair to be presented and elected at the General Assembly of the Coalition on Friday, 15th of December 2023. Their term will start as of the announcement of the voting results.

The Steering Board of CoARA is responsible for the overall oversight, strategy, work plan and sustainability of the CoARA. The Steering Board provides the environment to support the participation of the member organisations, and the work of the Working Groups and General Assembly of Members. It ensures that the organisational perspective remains focused on the longer term aims and vision of the CoARA.

Objective

To ensure the staggered renewal of the Steering Board members, the CoARA Rules of Procedure for Chair, Vice-Chair(s), and Steering Board Members put special provisions in place for the first composition of the Steering Board, in which the term for the 10 Steering Board members (including the up to two Vice-Chairs) will be one year for five of them, and two years for the five others. Existing Steering Board members may re-stand for election for up to two further terms. Given that the 5 Steering Board members are appointed for only 1 year terms, any re-elected first composition Steering Board members will have the option to serve for a further 2 years term.

The first composition of Steering Board members and the length of their terms are specified in the table below.

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| **Name** | **Mandate** | **Name** | **Mandate** |
| Prof. Rianne Letschert, Chair | Continues as Chair | Dr. Elizabeth Gadd, Vice-Chair | 1 year |
| Dr. Karen Stroobants Vice-Chair | 2 years | Dr. Lidia Borrell-Damián | 1 year |
| Dr. Eva Mendéz | 2 years | Prof. Paul Boyle | 1 year |
| Prof. Menico Rizzi | 2 years | Dr. Yensi Alejandra Flores Bueso | 1 year |
| Dr. Sylvie Rousset | 2 years | Prof. Matthias Koenig | 1 year |
| Prof. Toma Susi | 2 years |

Along these lines, the current Call is a Call for Candidates for 5 new Steering Board members including one Vice-Chair. The new members of the Board will be appointed by the General Assembly on the basis of the applications received in response to this call.

The Steering Board (SB) is responsible for the overall oversight, success, strategy, work plan and sustainability of the CoARA. The Steering Board is a collegial body, that aims to reach decisions by consensus, otherwise the Chair may organise votes.

The SB responsibilities are outlined in the CoARA Governance document.

Detailed explanations of the Functions, Terms, and Responsibilities of the Chair, Vice-Chair(s), and Steering Board Members can be found in the following documents:

* CoARA Governance Document
* CoARA Rules of Procedure for Chair, Vice-Chair(s), and Steering Board Members

We recommend that applicants also consult the following documents before applying:

* CoARA Rules of Procedure for Working Groups
* CoARA Code of Conduct

The Steering Board made up of a maximum 11 members, including a Chair and up to two Vice-Chairs

By casting their votes, each General Assembly member organisation will endeavour to ensure balance in the Steering Board membership in terms of types of organisations represented, geographic coverage, gender, and diversity of disciplines and expertise.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Any CoARA member organisation, including prospective ones approved by the time of the General Assembly, can nominate one of its employees, or other persons affiliated or having a contractual relation with them, as candidate. Only nominations from organisations that will have signed the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment by 10 November 2023 and whose CoARA membership will be confirmed by the time of the General Assembly, will be considered eligible. For more information about the membership of the CoARA, please consult the FAQs “Who can sign the Agreement and join the Coalition?” and “How to join the Coalition?”.

Prospective CoARA member organisations can nominate more than one candidate.

**Expected profiles**

While a diversity of profiles is valued, Steering Board members are expected to have expertise and broad overview of research assessment issues and be committed to participate in CoARA activities. They are also expected to have strong leadership and communication skills. A diversity of profiles will be valued.

The role of the Vice-Chair(s) is to represent the interest of the CoARA, not to represent their own interests, those of their employer(s) or other organisational interests. The Vice-Chair(s), together with the Chair, form an Executive Committee that discusses the main orientations of the Coalition to be agreed with the Steering Board and adopted by the General Assembly.

**Terms**

Steering Board members are elected for an initial term of two years. The term can be renewed twice by one-year consecutive periods. The total term of a SB member cannot be more than four years. The first election of the Steering Board however operates along staggered terms for the ten members of the SB other than the Chair. Five SB members are elected for a one-year term while five Steering Board members are elected for a two-year term.

The Vice-Chair(s) serve(s) for a term of two years. The term can be renewed once by one-year consecutive period.

Application Procedure

Information should be provided for each nominated candidate for the position of either Vice-Chair or other Steering Board Member, using the application template below.

In the spirit of the [Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment](https://coara.eu/agreement/the-agreement-full-text/), nominated candidates should provide a brief Motivation Statement (maximum 400 words), and a Narrative CV (maximum 800 words) detailing their background and expertise, including how they match the profile sought for the Vice-Chair or other Steering Board position(s).

**A template application form is appended to the end of this Call document (pages 4-5).**

Call Deadline and Submissions

Applications for the positions of Vice-Chair and other Steering Board Members should be sent to the CoARA Secretariat [secretariat@coara.eu](mailto:secretariat@coara.eu) by **Monday, 13 November 2023 at midnight (CET)**. Please make sure to mention “**CoARA SB Call 2023**” in the email subject as reference.

Any questions regarding the call or application procedures can be directed to the email address above.

Application template

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| Title: |  |
| First name: |  |
| Last name: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Nominating organisation: |  |
| Current position: |  |
| Gender | o Woman  o Man  o Non-binary  o Prefer not to say  *Delete as appropriate* |

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| Position(s) the candidate applies to:  *[More than one option can be selected]* | | o CoARA Vice-Chair  o CoARA Steering Board Member other than Vice-Chair  *Delete as appropriate* | |
| I confirm that the nominating organisation is a signatory of the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment and that it will participate as a CoARA member organisation at the General Assembly on 15th December 2023. | | | Yes /No  *Delete as appropriate* |
| Contact person from the nominating organisation (First, last name and e-mail): |  | | |

**Motivation statement of the nominated candidate:**

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| *Maximum 400 words* |

**Narrative CV of the nominated candidate:**

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| *Maximum 800 words* |