

# FP NC7--08232023 National Chapter for Cyprus

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## Your Organisation and Contact Details

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

Cyprus

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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?\***

Cyprus

**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\***

European Office of Cyprus

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

The University of Cyprus is the leading academic and research institution in Cyprus. It will participate in the National Chapter with two of its entities: The Research and Innovation Support Service, and the SInnoPSis research unit in Science and Innovation Policy and Studies formed in January 2022 as a result of the SInnoPSis ERA Chair funded project. Dr Marios Demetriades is the Director of the Research and Innovation Service of UCY and Executive Director of the European Office of Cyprus. He is the coordinator of the SInnoPSis ERA Chair, YUFERING-SwafS, TWIN4MERIT -Twinning, and ONISILOS MSCA-COFUND projects. He has a PhD in Economics and Policies of Science and Innovation and a broad experience in R&I policy and coordination of R&I projects related to the areas of open science and research evaluation. Research Professor Zacharias Maniadis is the ERA Chair in Science and Innovation Policy and Studies at the University of Cyprus. He is a top expert in theoretical models for meta-research and research reproducibility and integrity and he is also an experimental economist dealing with the efficiency of the research assessment with emphasis on research funding allocation mechanisms.

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

It is expected that UCY and EOC will lead the way and mentor other universities and research institutions to comprehend and endorse the CoARA vision and resulting transformations in research

assessment. A first presentation to the Cypriot research community about CoARA has taken place in May 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 and there are already plans in place for a follow-up workshop in October 2023 with the main academic and research actors to explain in more depth and discuss the CoARA provisions and the steps that need to take place by these institutions to kickstart their self-reflection process and find ways to contribute with their involvement in the ambitious transformation foreseen by the Coalition. It is expected that through the foreseen actions of the National Chapter, a significant number of institutions will join CoARA by the end of the 2-year period.

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

Not much has been taking place in the research assessment front in Cyprus. Therefore, the effort of UCY and EOC to kickstart this process through asserting the National Chapter of CoARA will be essentially the first step to this direction. The added value will be substantial since, especially the private universities and research institutions, lack behind in terms of addressing the ERA priorities and actions and their involvement in CoARA will be a natural way to synchronise their policies with the ERA priorities.

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

UCY and EOC are in full sync regarding CoARA and a number of funded projects will serve the mission of achieving the foreseen transformations. There have been already some preparatory actions toward exploring the transformations needed for the reform in research assessment to be achieved and these concern Open Science (open access, reproducibility, integrity and citizen engagement), evaluation of researchers and grant applications and incorporation of these factors in shaping research careers). Within 2023 and 2024 a number of actions are foreseen which will gradually lead to more Cypriot organisations becoming members of CoARA but also a number of incremental transformations to the desired direction being achieved. These actions are listed below and are followed by an indicative list of deliverables.

- 3 Info days for CoARA will be organised (1 in 2023 and 2 in 2024) of which 1 will be a stakeholder event open to all interested parties with potential participation of the CoARA Board and/or Secretariat
- Questionnaire regarding research assessment to Cypriot Universities and Research Organisations

will be sent out and analysed (September 2023-May 2024 in the frame of the TWIN4MERIT project)

- A working group of all Research Managers and Administrators in Cyprus is foreseen to be created which will also act as a working group of the CoARA National Chapter.

- A scientific working group was assigned to work on pilot actions relevant to CoARA. More specifically, the SInnoPSis research group which specialises on Science and Innovation Policy and Studies and meta-research will lead the effort of exploring the degree to which CoARA provisions are met and carry out the scientific validation of policies, methodologies and practices for UCY initially and then for each Cypriot organisation that becomes a member of CoARA.

Deliverables (M is the month of the 2-year implementation plan and it will start once and if this application is accepted):

- Final structure of the Research Managers Working Group (M3)
- Report on research assessment practices in Cypriot institutions (M12)
- List of new CoARA signatories in Cyprus (M12)
- List of participants in the CoARA info day (M18)
- List of pilot actions related to CoARA are undertaken (or planned to be undertaken) by the SInnoPSis research group and list of participating institutions (M24)
- List of new CoARA signatories in Cyprus (M24)

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

University of Cyprus  
European Office of Cyprus

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

Almost all academic and research institutions are member of EOC and represented in the Board of Directors. There was a common decision of these members for EOC to sign the agreement and join CoARA and therefore we expected that within a short period of time there will be more participation in CoARA. These organisations are highly likely to have significant benefits from their involvement in the works of the national Chapter of Cyprus.

**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.**

- Updated documents and policies received in due time so as to arrange the national Chapter information events and workshops
- Direct support from the output of the CoARA Working Groups regarding methodologies and difficult matters that UCY and EOC cannot complete without guidance, i.e. latest developments in qualitative evaluation methodologies, open science etc.
- Online or physical participation in large scale stakeholder events related to CoARA in Cyprus