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Your Organisation and Contact Details

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

Spain

Your organisation's name*

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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?*

Spain

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*

Co-chairs proposing the National Chapter:

- National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Spain (ANECA)
- The Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (Crue)
- Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)

As well as the three CoARA members proposing the National Chapter, the following Spanish entities members of CoARA have expressed their interest in joining:

- ACCUA (antigua DEVA)
- Agencia de Calidad Universitaria de las Illes Balears
- AQU Catalunya
- AQuAS
- AVAP Agencia Valenciana d'Avaluació i Prospectiva
- Centre de Recerca Matemàtica (CRM)
- EU-LIFE
- FECYT
- Fundación Agencia Aragonesa para la Investigación y el Desarrollo (ARAID)

- Fundación para la Investigación Biomédica del Hospital Universitario La Paz
- Fundación Universidad San Jorge
- IDIBAPS
- Institució CERCA
- Institut Català de Nanociència i Nanotecnologia (ICN2)
- Institut de Bioenginyeria de Catalunya
- Instituto de Investigación Sanitaria Biodonostia (IIS Biodonostia)
- ISGlobal - Barcelona Institute for Global Health
- Sociedad Científica Informática de España (SCIE)
- Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona
- Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera
- Universidad Complutense de Madrid
- Universidad de Alcalá
- Universidad de Alicante
- Universidad de Almería
- Universidad de Burgos
- Universidad de Córdoba
- Universidad de Málaga
- Universidad de Murcia
- Universidad de Navarra
- Universidad de Oviedo
- Universidad de Sevilla
- Universidad de Zaragoza
- Universidad Internacional de La Rioja
- Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche
- Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia
- Universidad Pablo de Olavide
- Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
- Universidad Politécnica de Valencia
- Universidad Rey Juan Carlos
- Universidad San Pablo CEU
- Universidade de Vigo
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- Universitat de Barcelona
- Universitat de Girona
- Universitat de les Illes Balears
- Universitat de Lleida
- Universitat de Vic - Central University of Catalonia
- Universitat Jaume I
- Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
- Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya
- Universitat Ramon Llull
- Universitat Rovira i Virgili
- Vall Hebron Institut de Recerca

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

The **mission** of the Spanish Chapter at CoARA is to support the reform of research assessment in Spain, recognising the diverse outputs, practices and activities that maximise the quality and impact of research (CoARA vision).

The **objectives** of the Spanish Chapter are in close connection with the commitments of the Agreement, with particular attention to:

- Commitment 6 by creating a joint initiative to promote and support the revision and development of the research assessment criteria, tools, and processes in Spain, in line with the Agreement principles and criteria described in the four core commitments.
- Commitment 7 by engaging with research performing and research funding organisations as well as evaluation agencies and researchers' associations in Spain, whether they have signed the Agreement or not.
- Commitment 8 by enabling mutual learning within the Chapter and in collaboration with the CoARA working groups.

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

The European reform initiative opens an opportunity to reflect on the research evaluation system in Spain and will allow proposals for improvement to be put forward in line with the rest of the international research community so that research and innovation in Spain can continue to grow in excellence and, academic and societal impact.

The Spanish Chapter will allow the following:

1. Plan the objectives to be achieved with the reform in the results and impact of research in Spain by 2030.
2. Co-design possible evaluation systems with the contribution of the institutions and organizations that form the research and innovation ecosystem in Spain.
3. Test the results of this reform in the form of pilot projects in the different recipient institutions, considering the impact on the evaluating bodies, and on the elements to be evaluated: individuals, research units, institutions, and projects.
4. Implement the reform both simultaneously at a national level and gradually to minimize a negative impact on the research careers that are currently being developed.

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

Early this year, the Spanish Conference of Rectors and the Ministry for Universities launched in Barcelona the Foro para la Reforma de la Evaluación de la Investigación en España. More than 60 organisations started then an open dialogue on reforming research assessment in Spain. One of the main conclusions of that meeting was the need to continue this conversation at the Spanish level, bringing as many stakeholders as possible to promote a systemic reform.

This event marked the initial phase of the reform process, which now requires consistent efforts to foster a productive debate among academics, institutions, agencies, and administrations in order to forge progress. Leveraging the outcomes of this inaugural gathering, the CoARA Spanish Chapter will establish the necessary framework and platforms to sustain collaborative work at the national level, while closely cooperating with other European countries and CoARA.

The CoARA Spanish Chapter would be a cornerstone in the materialisation of the cultural change that the reform of the research assessment of the Agreement proposes.

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

Internal organisation: structure, work packages and deliverables

In line with CoARA Commitment 8 to exchange practices and experiences that enable mutual learning within and beyond the Coalition, the NC Spain will bring together a diversity of entities that are both member and non-members of the Coalition and that are of different nature. The work will be organised internally in such a way that favours the development of a rich repository of best practices and guidelines with the aim of jointly developing a set of criteria, tools and procedures that can be shared between all the Spanish entities involved.

We propose to organise the NC Spain around **three lines of work** that address the main areas of concern for research assessment nationally as identified in the Forum launched by Crue Spanish Universities and the Spanish Ministry of Universities early this year. Drawing from the conclusions of this national event, we identify the following to initiate the discussion in the next two years:

1. Assessment criteria and methodologies
2. Awareness and training
3. Addressing multi- and interdisciplinarity

Each line of work will be addressed by a **working group (WG)**. These three WGs will structure their work into **4 phases**, resulting in **4 specific deliverables**:

Phase	Tasks	Deliverable
1	Mapping best practices at an international, mainly European, and national levels that could serve to inspire the development of RA practices in Spain. WG members within the NC Spain will be encouraged to join other CoARA WGs of relevance.	D1 Mapping Report of best practices.
2	Assessment of the opportunities and challenges of each best practices for the implementation at a national level. These practices will be analysed taking into account the development of action 4 of the ERA policy agenda whose main objective is to promote attractive and sustainable research careers, balanced talent circulation and international, transdisciplinary and inter-sectoral mobility across the ERA.	D2 Analysis report and model proposals.
3	Implementation of Small Pilot Projects to test the identified best practices at a national level. Assessment and Evaluation Commissions and Committees within the proposing and participating entities can be promoted, including those in universities and within ANECA. These are suggested to act as testbeds for the pilot projects.	D3 Report to present and analyse the results of the Small Pilot Projects and the implementation of different assessment methodologies.

4	Proposals and recommendations for advancing in the reform of research assessment in Spain. Final evaluation of the first two-year progress and identification of next steps.	D4 Proposal and recommendations for next phase of project implementation. Key takeaways.

For each phase, the work will be coordinated into one deliverable, making a total of **four unique deliverables (D1-4).** These joint deliverables should integrate the work of the three working groups to favour collaboration between them. Working together in a coordinated manner will enhance information-sharing between lines of work and favour the identification of possible synergies between them. Moreover, each work package is expected to analyse differentiated assessment challenges by **targets** (individuals, projects, units, and institutions) and **domains** (Physical Sciences and Engineering, Life Sciences, and Social Sciences and Humanities).

 Management and coordination

Promoting joint activities within the NC Spain

To coordinate the work of the three WGs, as well as the internal coordination meetings within them, the NC Spain will organise joint seminars and workshops that will aim to promote coordination and communication between WGs, as well as to facilitate the development of the four joint deliverables.

Liaising with other NC and WGs

It will be fundamental to ensure a solid liaison between the NC Spain and other groupings within CoARA (NCs and WGs). This will allow to incorporate discussions and best practices of relevance to the work NC Spain, and to identify and organise joint initiatives with other NCs around similar systems across Europe.

Communication and dissemination

Aligned with CoARA Commitment 7, the NC Spain will put forward activities to raise awareness of research assessment reform and provide transparent communication, guidance, and training on assessment criteria and processes as well as their use. To this end, the NC Spain will organise and participate in events, both at a European and at a national level, including debates, webinars and forums that promote the discussion among Spanish entities. Moreover, the NC Spain will publish and disseminate the findings that result from the WGs in the four deliverables foreseen.

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

- National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation of Spain (ANECA)
- The Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (Crue)
- Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)

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

The NC Spain has opened a call to collect the interest of Spanish entities to participate in the debates and activities. The interest collected includes the following entities that are not members of CoARA. These entities will be participating in the discussions within the working groups and in the events of the NC Spain, thereby ensuring that these organisations outside of CoARA benefit from the results of the NC:

- ACPUA-Agencia de Calidad y Prospectiva Universitaria de Aragón
- ACSUG
- Agencia para la Calidad del Sistema Universitario de Castilla y León

- Fundación para el Conocimiento madrimasd
- Fundación Universidad Católica de Valencia San Vicente Mártir
- Unibasq-Agencia de Calidad del Sistema Universitario Vasco
- Universidad Camilo José Cela
- Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha
- Universidad de Extremadura
- Universidad de La Rioja
- Universidad de Salamanca
- Universidad Nebrija
- Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena
- Universidad Pontificia Comillas
- Universidade de A Coruña
- Universidade de Santiago de Compostela
- Universitat Abat Oliba CEU

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 tthe Call Document for an overview of the possible support that can be offered to National Chapters.

In accordance with section 2.6 of the CoARA Call for NCs, the National Chapter – Spain will need support from CoARA Secretariat to:

- Publish information on the mission, work plan and membership of the National Chapter on the CoARA website.
- Publish the results of the activities of the NC, including the specific deliverables that will be published in each phase, and support their dissemination through social media channels.
- Communicate any request received at the CoARA Secretariat regarding the NC Spain to the contact point designated in this proposal.

To the extent possible, it would be useful if CoARA Secretariat could promote coordination with other National Chapters from countries with centralised assessment procedures.