

## Full Proposal National Chapters : Entry # 3114

### Your Organisation and Contact Details

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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.

### Lead Proposer

#### Lead Proposer name\*

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#### What country is this National Chapter submitted for?\*

Andorra

### Full Proposal Title and Keywords

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CoARA National Chapter for Andorra

### Details on other CoARA member organisations involved

Please list other CoARA member organisations from your country endorsing this National Chapter. Kindly note that listed organisations should represent at least half of the country's overall CoARA member organisations\*

- Universitat d'Andorra (UdA) / University of Andorra (UdA)
- Agència de Qualitat de l'Ensenyament Superior d'Andorra (AQUA) / Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education in Andorra (AQUA)

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

The National Chapter for Andorra will bring together the only public university of Andorra (Universitat d'Andorra) and the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education in Andorra (AQUA) in fostering a culture of quality-focused assessment that acknowledges the complete diversity and impact of academic endeavours.

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The Nation Chapter aims to create a platform for Andorran members of CoARA to exchange knowledge and engage in mutual learning regarding issues unique to Andorra and other small countries and territories. This effort is aimed at integrating global principles into local contexts, covering aspects such as peer review processes, revisions to promotion criteria and alternative career pathways, ethical metrics, and a more coordinated and systematic approach toward reforming research assessment on a national level in line with European and international developments of the CoARA agreement.

The objectives of the Andorran National Chapter are:

- Ensure mutual learning across institutions by sharing experiences and good practices
- Raise awareness about the reform of research assessment in other institutions of Andorra as well as in international institutions, such as the universities of the Network of Universities of Small Countries and Territories (NUSCT) or the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA).
- Establish strategies to culturally adapt and incorporate global principles into local contexts
- Address multi- and interdisciplinary assessment
- Seek dialogue with researchers from different disciplines
- Encourage involvement of Andorran non-members of CoARA
- Host webinars and seminars to inform and involve researchers, evaluators and leaders in the reform of research assessment and to advocate for a change in assessment culture
- Publish web pages and reports to communicate the diverse benefits of the reform, the progress at the national level, and international developments
- Collaborate with other NCs
- Translate the CoARA Agreement and other significant CoARA documents into Catalan

### Short Description of you National Chapter for the CoARA website\*

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### Consent to the publication of the provided information on CoARA's website

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

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The University of Andorra is already implementing research assessment aligned with the principles of ARRA. The primary expected impact is to disseminate CoARA principles across all universities and research centres in Andorra and raise government awareness of the significance of this assessment reform.

Another goal is to engage universities from the Network of Universities of Small Countries and Territories (NUSCT) as CoARA members and establish a cluster of National Chapters representing small countries and territories.

On the other hand, AQUA is following the ENQA's study on Quality Assurance of Research. In that regard, if research is finally considered in the scope of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA (ESG), AQUA will implement quality assurance processes considering the 10 commitments described in CoARA's agreement.

Other impacts:

- Host webinars and seminars to inform and involve researchers, evaluators and leaders in the reform of research assessment and to advocate for a change in assessment culture
- Publish web pages and reports to communicate the diverse benefits of the reform, the progress at the national level, and international developments
- Offer training, guidance and support to researchers and stakeholders involved in research assessment
- Implement narrative CVs
- Address multi- and interdisciplinary assessment
- Coordinate the work conducted within CoARA working-groups with institutions in Andorra

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

The National Chapter offers a practical framework, enhances visibility, and fosters acceptance within the research community while encouraging other universities and research centres to adopt CoARA principles. Moreover, it facilitates communication and collaboration with other national chapters.

The National Chapter aims to involve organizations that have not yet signed on to CoARA, particularly research centres and private universities in Andorra, as well as public and private funders.

The National Chapter wants to serve as a coordinating body for the coherent and effective implementation of CoARA commitments in Andorra.

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

The work plan and outputs will be elaborated as part of the work of the National Chapter.

### Envisaged co-chairs leading the National Chapter

- Miquel Nicolau-Vila, rector of the University of Andorra (UdA)
- Isaac Golobardes, director of the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education in Andorra (AQUA).

### 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 National Chapter will offer support and encouragement to organizations that may not yet be prepared or eligible to sign the entire agreement on reforming research assessment, but who endorse

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certain elements of the agreement. Mechanisms for this support include organizing webinars, seminars, and other events and translate the CoARA Agreement and other significant CoARA documents into Catalan. The national chapter will also reach out to key individuals from organizations outside CoARA, including:

- Private universities
- Research centres
- Public and private funders
- Scientific academies
- Policy makers

The National Chapter will also advocate for the establishment of additional National Chapters in the countries and territories of NUSCT to form a Cluster of National Chapters representing small countries and territories.

**Envisaged support needed from the CoARA Secretariat and resources expected to be provided in-kind by National Chapter members. Please note that this question is for information purposes only and will not be evaluated by the CoARA Steering Board. Please also have a look at section 1.6 in the Call Document for an overview of the possible support that can be offered to National Chapters.**

The support of the Secretariat in establishing connections and facilitating collaborations with other National Chapters and relevant CoARA Working Groups will be highly valuable.

The support of the Secretariat in organizing and hosting regular National Chapter Workshop and online platforms to discuss and share best practices would be greatly appreciated.

The implementation of clusters of National Chapters would serve as a valuable tool to unify efforts among National Chapters sharing common issues and features.