



**CoARA**  
Coalition for Advancing  
Research Assessment

# Information package

**CoARA Conference September 2026**

***Shaping CoARA's Future: Strengthened Communities  
Driving Systemic Change in Research Assessment***

7 September 2026: 12:30 – 20:00 CET

8 September 2026: 08:30 – 17:00 CET

CNRS Auditorium  
3 rue Michel-Ange  
75016 Paris  
France



# Conference venue

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**3 rue Michel-Ange,**  
**75016 Paris**



## Important

Please bring a valid ID. It will be required to access the venue.

The venue is easily accessible by public transport:

- **Exelmans (Metro Line 9)** ~ 5 min walk
- **Michel-Ange – Molitor (Metro Lines 9 and 10)** ~ 8 min walk
- **Porte de Saint-Cloud (Metro Line 9)** ~ 10 min walk



# Getting to Paris



## By plane

### Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)

- Direct regional train (RER B) connection to central Paris
- Journey to central Paris takes approximately 35–45 minutes.

### Paris Orly Airport (ORY)

- Metro Line 14 provides a direct connection to central Paris.
- Journey to central Paris takes approximately 25–35 minutes.

### Paris Beauvais Airport (BVA)

- Airport shuttle bus to Porte Maillot (journey time: ~1 h 15 min)
- Metro Line 1 from Porte Maillot provides a connection to central Paris in approximately 10–20 minutes.



## By train

Major railway stations offer national & international connections:

- **Gare du Nord** (London, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Germany)
- **Gare de l'Est** (eastern France, Luxembourg, and Germany)
- **Gare de Lyon** (southern France, Switzerland, and Italy)
- **Gare Montparnasse** (western and southwestern France)
- **Gare Saint-Lazare** (Normandy and northwestern France)

### For train schedules and tickets:

- SNCF Connect: <https://www.sncf-connect.com/en-en/>
- Eurostar: <https://www.eurostar.com/>



## By car

The venue is accessible from the Paris ring road (Boulevard Périphérique) via Porte de Saint-Cloud. Please note that parking in the area is limited and subject to a fee.

**Public transport is strongly recommended.**





# Programme

## Day 1 – 7 September 2026

| Start Time | End Time | Topic                                                        |
|------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12h30      | 13h00    | Welcome coffee & registration                                |
| 13h00      | 13h10    | Opening remarks from CoARA Steering Board, ALLEA, CNRS       |
| 13h10      | 14h00    | Keynote panel: Research Assessment at a Turning Point        |
| 14h00      | 15h15    | Fireside chats with Working Groups in moderated discussion   |
| 15h15      | 16h00    | Cascade Funding Projects: Catalysers of institutional change |
| 16h00      | 16h30    | Coffee Break                                                 |
| 16h30      | 17h40    | Panel 1: Towards communities of practice                     |
| 17h40      | 18h00    | Day 1: Reflections and wrap up                               |
| 18h00      | 20h00    | Welcome reception                                            |

## Day 2 – 8 September 2026

| Start Time | End Time | Topic                                                                 |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8h30       | 9h30     | Welcome Coffee & Registration                                         |
| 9h30       | 9h45     | Welcome address                                                       |
| 9h45       | 10h30    | Demonstration of Action Plan Analysis Tool by CNRS                    |
| 10h30      | 11h00    | Keynote presentation: ARRA Action Plan Analysis                       |
| 11h00      | 11h30    | Coffee Break                                                          |
| 11h30      | 12h45    | Panel 2: Expanding engagement and reach of the global reform movement |
| 12h45      | 14h15    | Lunch                                                                 |
| 14h15      | 15h30    | National Chapters as connectors to bridge the implementation gap      |
| 15h30      | 16h40    | Panel 3: Building a future vision for CoARA's next phase              |
| 16h40      | 16h50    | Conclusion & wrap up                                                  |
| 16h50      | 17h30    | Post-conference coffee networking & poster exhibition                 |



# Networking & Refreshments

## Day 1

- Pre-Conference Registration & Welcome Coffee (12:30–13:30)
- Afternoon Coffee Break (16:00–16:30)
- Welcome Reception (18:00–20:00)

## Day 2

- Pre-Conference Registration & Welcome Coffee (08:30–09:30)
- Morning Coffee Break (11:00–11:30)
- Buffet Lunch (12:45–14:15)
- Post-Conference Coffee Networking (16:45–17:30)

**All meals are free of charge for conference participants and include vegetarian options.**



## Any questions

For any conference-related questions,  
please contact us at: [secretariat@coara.eu](mailto:secretariat@coara.eu)



## First time in Paris ?

**Public Transport:** Use the Paris Metro with contactless payment, a Navigo Easy Pass, or digital tickets via the official Île-de-France Mobilités app: [Île-de-France Mobilités](#).

**Electricity:** France uses Type E and Type C plugs with a standard voltage of 230 V and frequency of 50 Hz. A travel adapter may be needed for different plug types.

**Weather in Paris:** September in Paris is generally mild and pleasant, with temperatures ranging from 14°C to 23°C (57°F to 73°F). Sunny days are common, though occasional rain showers may occur.

**Emergency Number:** In case of emergency, dial 112 to reach police, fire, or medical assistance.

**Dial Code for France:** The international dial code for France is +33.

**Local Time:** Paris is in the Central European Time (CET) zone, which is GMT+1 during standard time.

### Money

- **Currency:** The official currency in France is the Euro (€).
- **ATMs:** ATMs are widely available at airports, train stations, and throughout Paris.

### Opening Hours

- **Shops:** Most shops are open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM, although department stores and shopping centres may stay open later.
- **Restaurants and Cafés:** Lunch is usually served from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM, while dinner typically starts around 7:00 PM. Cafés are generally open throughout the day. Pharmacies

**Pharmacies:** Easily identified by a green cross sign, pharmacies are widely available throughout Paris. Some provide night and weekend emergency service (pharmacie de garde).