

2026 STEERING BOARD ELECTION



Who are we looking for?

1 Chair **1** Vice-Chair **6** ^{SB} Members

The Steering Board is composed of a **maximum of 11 members, including the Chair and up to 2 Vice-Chairs** with balancing mechanisms of **organisation type, geographical diversity, and gender balance** taken into account, in addition to the **diversity of disciplines and relevance of experience**.

Role of the CoARA Steering Board

The Steering Board provides **strategic direction** and oversight for the Coalition, ensuring that the its activities align with CoARA's **long-term vision for reforming research assessment**.

The election aims to **ensure a Board with diverse expertise, leadership, and commitment to advancing research assessment reform**, while maintaining balanced representation **across CoARA membership**.

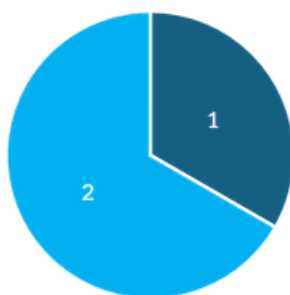
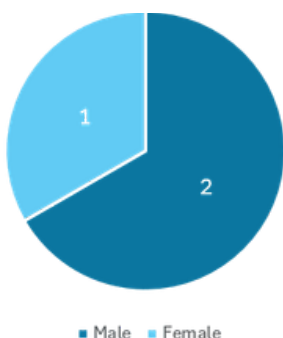
Understanding the balancing mechanisms



Gender Balance

In support of diversity, a **gender balance target of 25% men, 25% women, and 50% open** will be applied.

Gender distribution of continuing Steering Board members



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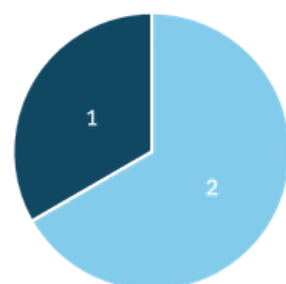
Organisation Type

The Steering Board should ensure representation from the different types of organisations within the CoARA community, with **at least one and no more than four members from each category**.



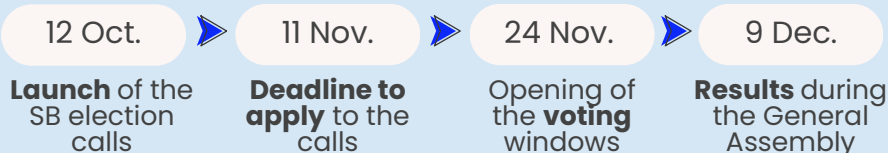
Regional Diversity

At least two Steering Board members must be based in each of Region A (BG, HR, CY, CZ, EE, GR, HU, LV, LT, MT, PL, RO, SK and SI), **Region B** (AL, AD, AT, BE, BA, DK, FO, FI, FR, DE, IS, IE, IT, LU, XK, MD, ME, MK, NL, NO, RS, ES, SE, CH, GB, UA), **and Region C** (all other countries), **and no country may have more than two representatives**.



■ Region A ■ Region B ■ Region C

Mark Your Calendar! (expected timeline)



More details on the back on the current composition of the Steering Board and how the balancing mechanisms will impact the election process !

SB Members whose mandate ends in December 2026

Name	Gender	Organisation (Type)	Country (Region)
Prof. Henk Kummeling (Chair)	Male	Utrecht University (UNI)	The Netherlands (B)
Dr. Karen Stroobants (Vice-Chair)	Female	Marie Curie Alumni Association (ACA)	United Kingdom (B)
Prof. Marcin Palys	Male	European University Association (UNI)	Poland (A)
Dr. Irene Ramos-Vielba	Female	The Spanish National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (AUTH)	Spain (B)
Dr. Gabi Lombardo	Female	European Alliance for SSH (OTH)	Italy (B)
Prof. Cameron Neylon	Male	Curtin Open Knowledge Initiative (RES)	Australia (C)
M. Hans de Jonge	Male	Dutch Research Council (NWO) (FUN)	The Netherlands (B)
Prof. Stanislaw Kistryn	Male	Jagiellonian University in Kraków (UNI)	Poland (A)

SB Members whose mandate continues

Name	Gender	Organisation (Type)	Country (Region)
Mr. Janne Pölönen	Male	Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (ACA)	Finland (B)
Prof. Oliver Günther	Male	University of Potsdam (UNI)	Germany (B)
Dr. Kalpana Chaudhari	Female	Institute for Sustainable Development and Research (ACA)	India (C)

More information coming soon. Stay tuned!



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