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Local context and motivation for setting up the CoARA National Chapter

- **Active ongoing debate about the methods used for research assessment**
- **National Plan for Open Science (2022) and implementation plan (2024)**
- **Wide participation from Italy to CoARA**
 - June 2023: 53 Italian member organizations
 - January 2024: 63 Italian member organizations
- **In the Italian NC we found a place where to coordinate our effort, to support the reform implementation, to exchange best practices so as to make cultural change permeate the Italian scientific communities**



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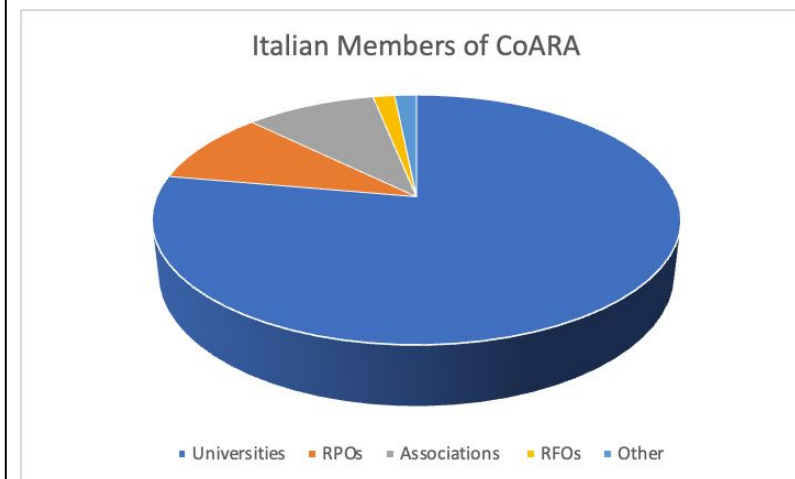
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Special characteristics of the National Chapter

- **Composed by diverse organizations, most of which are Universities**
- **Put the ARRA at the center of the scientific community debate, to integrate its principles and commitments into our national context.**
- **Concentrate on the supporting commitment, to enable the change.**
- **The workflow is organized in 3 Work Packages:**
 - WP 1: coordination, Italian translation of the ARRA, coordination of institutional Action Plans, communication plan and INC website (to be published soon).
 - WP2: establishing connections both with WGs and NCs, engagement+training activities.
 - WP 3: defining relevant topics/issues for the national context.



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Challenges and opportunities that could be shared across National Chapters

- **Need to better implement exchange & communication with the CoARA WGs and NCs: in fact, there are no clear workflows**
- **Difficulties in exchanging information with CoARA at a central level**
- **Need to have common points to access and share information**
- **Translation of the Agreement in Italian (best practice to be shared)**



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