

TOWARDS A STRATEGIC VIEW OF RESEARCH ASSESSMENT: THE COARA ITALIAN NATIONAL CHAPTER 2026-27

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THE ROAD AHEAD

The Italian research sector faces numerous challenges, and the Italian National Chapter stands ready to address them. As outlined in the Action Plan (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17807316>) the NC aims to:

- Establish **new channels for dialogue** and collaborations with the **national evaluation agency** ANVUR and the Italian **ministries** in order to raise awareness and enhance political commitment toward much-needed reform;
- Actively engage with the developments of **CoARA's Working Groups** in order to strengthen the NC's network and its knowledge on key research on evaluation reform;
- **Monitor** the progress towards the implementation of ARRA commitments;
- Design a **shared template for the narrative CV**, and encourage its **use in evaluation and hiring processes**;
- Establish new connections with **European initiatives** and strengthen existing ones.

THE ROAD SO FAR

The Italian National Chapter is composed of **over 60 organizations**, including the Italian national evaluation agency (ANVUR), including 46 universities, 7 associations and learned societies, 5 research centres and one museum. Every organization commits to the **evaluation reform agreement (ARRA)** and has its specific **Action Plan** as well as shared objectives, set out in the National Chapter.

So far, the National Chapter (NC) has worked on the translation of the ARRA in Italian, the monitoring of organizations' Action Plans and the organization of seminars and highly participated webinars on research evaluation.

It is divided into **three work packages**, with different and interconnected aims which the organizations aim to develop through a **bottom-up approach** and **constant collaboration**.

