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**Objective: Boost activities of the Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS) with a new platform for excellent research and qualitative assessment tools.**

**Key Points:**

- Complementary Platform: Supports ongoing internal programs at CAS.
- Target Audience: Researchers at all career stages across 52 CAS research institutes.
- Focus: Review internal assessment processes with sensitivity to Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment (ARRA) principles.
- Development: Create new assessment tools and criteria for new and ongoing programs.
- Implementation: Integrate new tools into internal procedures.
- Outcome: Accelerate and complement changes to improve CAS assessment practices, creating a responsive environment for researchers.

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**Project Details**

**Platform Goals:**

- Enhance Research Quality: Provide opportunities for deeper engagement with qualitative assessment tools.
- Support Scientific Excellence: Aid selected researchers in achieving excellence.

**Assessment Review:**

- Sensitivity to ARRA Principles: Ensure internal processes align with signed ARRA principles.

**Tool Development:**

- New Criteria: Develop criteria for new programs.
- Updates: Update criteria for ongoing programs.

**Implementation:**

- Integration: Implement new tools into CAS internal procedures.

**Impact:**

- Improvement: Further improve CAS assessment practices.
- Responsiveness: Create an environment responsive to researchers' needs.



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### **About CoARA Boost**

Project is funded from the Horizon Europe CoARA Boost project which strengthens the operational capacity of CoARA. It provides a means to develop a critical mass for reforming research assessment, to generate gravitas for new members as well as to investigate and implement new models for research assessment. The project started in October 2023 and is 36 month long. More than half of the project's overall budget is redistributed to institutions participating the research assessment reform in the form of cascade funding grant. The CAS submitted the project into the 1<sup>st</sup> call on funding.

### **What is CoARA?**

[The Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment](#) (CoARA) is a collective of organisations committed to reforming the methods and processes by which research, researchers, and research organisations are evaluated. Current research assessment methods rely heavily on publication-based metrics such as citation counts, and often fail to recognise the wide array of contributions made by researchers.

Over 700 research organisations, funders, assessment authorities, professional societies, and their associations have agreed on a common direction and guiding principles to implement reform in the assessment of research, researchers, and research organisations, outlined in the [Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment](#) published in July 2022 which provides an outline for reform and implementation.

The CAS signed the Agreement in November 2022 and joined also the coalition of their signatories.

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