

# Stichting COAR Foundation

## 2023 Work Plan

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*The Stichting COAR exclusively pursues not-for-profit common public interest objectives.*

**May 2023**

## About COAR

The COAR Foundation (Stichting COAR) was created on April 3, 2023 in accordance with the Netherlands Civil Code (Art. 2:285 et seq.). It has its seat in Amsterdam.

The purpose of the Stichting COAR is to continue the aims and mission of the former COAR e.V.






### Vision

COAR's vision is to position repositories as the foundation for a distributed, globally networked infrastructure for open science and scholarship, which is connected with other value added services, thereby transforming the system, making it more inclusive, research-centric, and innovative, and collectively managed and governed by the scholarly community.

### Mission

COAR's mission is to enhance the visibility, reliability, and impact of research outputs through a global network of open repositories based on international collaboration and interoperability

## Strategic Directions 2023-2024

	<b>1. Advocate for the important role of a distributed, international network of open repositories in advancing open science and bibliodiversity</b>
	<b>2. Provide support for strengthening and modernizing repositories and repository networks</b>
	<b>3. Promote alignment and interoperability across repositories, repository networks, and between repositories and other systems and services</b>
	<b>4. Define and advance the adoption of new behaviours, technologies and roles for repositories and their interaction with other value added services</b>
	<b>5. Increase the sustainability and effectiveness of the organization and strengthen the COAR brand</b>

## Work Plan 2023

Full scale operations of the Stichting COAR Foundation will begin in January 2024.

From April-December 2023, COAR will focus on the following activities, which will be undertaken on a volunteer basis:

- Recruitment of new participants
- Appointing directors of the Executive Board
- Developing a Work Plan for 2024
- Creating the Working Group and Task Group structures for the organization

## Inaugural Executive Board

- Chairperson - Martha Whitehead
- Vice-chairperson - Kazu Yamaji
- Treasurer - William Nixon

## Executive Director

Kathleen Shearer

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