

2025 Activities Plan



*Underpinning all COAR activities is the notion that a distributed repository network plays a fundamental role in advancing a **global knowledge commons**.*

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COAR Strategy 2025

The Confederation of Open Access Repositories (COAR) is an international association with over 130 members and partners from around the world representing libraries, universities, research institutions, government funders, repository networks and others. COAR brings together individual repositories and repository networks in order to build capacity, align policies and practices, drive innovation, and act as a global voice for the repository community.

COAR members play a leadership role in shaping the future for all repositories

Collectively, repositories form a sustainable and trusted element of a global knowledge commons that preserves and provides access to diverse and valuable research and educational outputs (articles, data, etc.), in support of open science and scholarship, thereby advancing new discoveries, the social and economic impacts of research, and scientific transparency.

Vision

Our 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

Our 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



COAR Activities for 2025



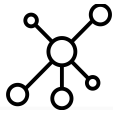
Advocate for the important role of a distributed, international network of open repositories in advancing open science and bibliodiversity

1. Present COAR's work and vision at relevant conferences, discussion and fora
2. Intervene when necessary to safeguard the role of repositories in open science
3. Develop and disseminate advocacy materials that underscore the value proposition for repositories
4. Situate and articulate the role/relationships of repositories in the broader ecosystem, in particular their relationship with Diamond OA
5. Coordinate the Paper Pledge for the Planet project to populate OA papers in repositories and assess the potential to adopt this strategy in other domains



Strengthen and modernise practices of repositories and repository networks

6. Review and update the COAR Community Framework for Good Practices in Repositories
7. Organise an annual meeting to bring together COAR members and repository community from the local environment
8. Liaise with regional and national partners and the broader community to support the adoption of good practices for repositories, including LA Referencia, USRN, INFLIBNET, LIBSENSE Africa
9. With OpenAIRE, LIBER, SPARC Europe and other European members / countries, implement a shared strategy to strengthen the European repository network



Promote alignment and interoperability across repositories, repository networks, and between repositories and other systems and services

10. Update and maintain the COAR vocabularies
11. Raise awareness of critical importance of open and high quality metadata in repositories
12. Promote and expand recommendations on how repositories can better support content in non-English and multiple languages
13. Support information sharing around for regional PIDs initiatives, and develop recommendations for PIDs metadata to ensure international interoperability
14. Launch a comprehensive directory of open access repositories, in conjunction with regional partners
15. Through the EOSC Data Commons Project, develop policies and recommendations for repositories to optimise repository collections for reuse in disciplinary contexts



Define and advance the adoption of new behaviours, technologies and roles for repositories and their interaction with other value added services

16. Lead the COAR Notify Initiative to accelerate the adoption of the COAR Notify Protocol with a focus on connecting peer review services with repository resources
17. Raise the profile of the “publish, review, curate” (PRC) model for scholarly publishing
18. Promote the adoption of good practices in repositories that support the PRC model such as versioning, linking, and other functionalities like full text formatting

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