

# EURAD-2 Core Group Communication on Progress, October 2022

## Background

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The European Commission has given preliminary indications that the Euratom work programme will be launched in early 2023 and will include a call for a European Partnership on Radioactive Waste Management which will be continuation and merge of [EURAD programme](#) and [PREDIS project](#).

This communication note is to document information on the progress towards this future EURAD-2 partnership. This communication note is distributed to all partners of EURAD and PREDIS, and is public (on the projects' web pages).

## Core Group Composition and Role

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ANDRA (France) has volunteered to coordinate the work of the Core Group and thus be the coordinator of the EURAD-2 partnership.

The Core Group has been established in August 2022 based on nominations of candidates from the Colleges. The Colleges were requested to identify 3 potential candidates, from which a committee of 6 was chosen, respecting the principles of inclusiveness and representativeness with: representatives from PREDIS project management board, a representative of early-stage countries and a diversity of countries as each member represents a different Member State. The final composition of the Core Group is the following:

- Ingo Blechschmidt (NAGRA – Switzerland) - WMO
- Christophe Bruggeman (SCK-CEN – Belgium) - RE
- Lara Duro (AMPHOS 21 – Spain) – RE
- Astrid Göbel (BGE – Germany) – WMO
- Erika Holt (VTT – Finland) - TSO
- Nadja Železnik (EIMV – Slovenia) - TSO
- Louise Théodon (ANDRA – France) - Coordination

## Participation to EURAD-2 Partnership

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The EC and Core Group have solicited feedback from the Colleges regarding various roles of parties in the future partnership (such as the External Advisory Board, Colleges, Bureau, regulators, waste generators/owners, etc.). Collective views or feedback is welcome to be submitted via Position Papers to the Core Group.

The Core Group will establish a EURAD-2 governance structure being in compliance with the EC's expectations conveyed in the call text, as well as building upon lessons learned from EURAD-1 and PREDIS and views that will be expressed by the Colleges. The Core Group strives to ensure inclusiveness, either as mandated actors or affiliated entities (earlier labelled as "linked third parties").

## Schedule Towards EURAD-2

The Core group has identified the key items in the schedule towards EURAD-2 partnership proposal submission. Note that the Core Group plans to arrange two public webinars for all interested organisations in January and July, for sharing about the proposal development and next steps.

Activity	Due date	Responsible
Position Papers on feedback regarding Governance issues	End November 2022	Colleges and PREDIS, to Core Group
Template and instructions for solicitation of future Work Packages (WPs) via Colleges	End December 2022	Core Group
Public Webinar #1 on EURAD-2 preparations	<b>19 January 2023</b> , morning	Core Group hosts, public attendance (all stakeholders)
EURAD Strategic Research Agenda finalised *	<b>End of January 2023</b>	Colleges
Nomination of potential work packages, linked to SRA and drivers	Early February 2023	Colleges
PREDIS Strategic Research Agenda finalised *	March 2023	PREDIS WP2
Guidance on EURAD-2 governance and budgeting expectations	April 2023	Core Group
Selection of WPs having synergy between Colleges	April 2023	Core Group provides recommendations to colleges
Public Webinar #2 on EURAD-2 status	<b>11 July 2023</b> , afternoon	Core Group hosts, public attendance (all stakeholders)
Refining WP descriptions (scope, impact, budget, partners, milestones, deliverables)	Summer 2023 (starting from May 2023)	WP steering groups (nominated lead contact, per WP, per College)
Submission of proposal	Sept-Nov 2023	Coordinator
Evaluation/feedback	Spring 2024	EC
Start of EURAD-2	Autumn 2024	N/A

*\* Note that it is critical that any EURAD-2 future WP topics are addressed in the SRAs, and thus feedback via the Colleges to the revised SRA during 2022 is essential.*

It can also be noted that both EURAD and PREDIS will held their annual meetings in 2023:

- 13-16 March 2023 for EURAD – Larnaca (Cyprus)
- 23-25 May 2023 for PREDIS – Mechelen (Belgium)

## Contact References

As noted in every joint statement communication, further and regular communications towards the Consortia are planned, so as to keep all EURAD and PREDIS partners updated on the status and offer opportunities to give inputs and feedback for critical milestones. We encourage all partners to express your feedback via these channels:

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