

EURAD-2 Partnership
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The purpose of this document is to provide guidance on ways partners outside of the EURATOM Programme Member State participants can be involved with the EURAD-2 partnership being planned (submission of proposal November 2023, programme implementation autumn 2024-autumn 2029).

EURAD-2 partners (within Euratom) are distinguished into two categories: **the Beneficiaries** (mandated by their national programme owners or governmental Ministries) and **the Affiliated Entities**.

Beneficiaries and Affiliated Entities do not have the same rights, neither the same responsibilities nor duties. It is not possible to be at the same time a Beneficiary and an Affiliated Entities.

Apart from Beneficiaries and Affiliated Entities, other participants can be involved in the EURAD-2 action, such as Associated Partners, Third Parties providing in-kind contributions and subcontractors. **This document focuses on the Associated Partners guidance, which is the term for parties outside of EURATOM participants.**

Definition of Associated Partners

Associated Partners (previously referred during EURAD-1 and PREDIS as *International Partners*) can perform action tasks in the EURAD-2 programme. They do it without receiving any EU funding. Therefore, they are not subject to financial checks, reviews or audits. They do not need a national level Mandate and cannot bring any Affiliated Entity. They do not have any voting rights in the General Assembly.

Associated Partners do not become party to the Grant Agreement, but they implement parts of the action and are thus often involved actively in the Consortium. They provide general documentation of their contribution to the work package leadership team (e.g. at the time of annual reporting) and can contribute to deliverable and milestones (co-authors).

The Consortium remains responsible towards the European Commission for the action tasks performed by the Associated Partner. Therefore, critical tasks or deliverables cannot rely only on an Associated Partner for fulfillment of the EC contract obligations.

It is also the Consortium's responsibilities to ensure that the following obligations are accepted by the Associated Partner, and these are likely to be formalized within a mutually signed document, during 2024 (further guidance will be provided by the Core Group or Coordinator at a later date):

- Record-keeping obligations (on the scientific and technical implementation)
- Technical reporting
- Avoiding conflicts of interest
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Promoting the action and give visibility to the EU funding
- Ethics

The full description of Associated Partners is defined by the European Commission, in Article 9 of the [AMGA](#).

❖ Who can be considered as Associated Partner in EURAD-2?

As of April 2023, partners from Switzerland, UK and Norway are considered as Associated Partners as they have not signed an association agreement with the Euratom programme. International partners (outside of Europe) are also considered as Associated Partners, for instance from the United States, Canada, Japan, etc..

❖ How to get involved in EURAD-2 as Associated Partner?

Any Associated Partner interested in participating to one or more EURAD-2 work packages, can contact directly the WP Preparation Teams to be involved in the preparation of the work package. It will then be the responsibility of the WP Preparation Teams to include the Associated Partner in the work package preparation discussions. The Associated Partners must still demonstrate their competences and commitment to the WP implementation tasks to be considered as contributors in the final programme plan.

The Core Group also recommends that interested Associated Partners include the appointed Core Group observer in the communications with the WP Preparation Teams, to facilitate the process.

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For further general information, interested parties can contact the EURAD-2 Core Group and check the [FAQ](#) documentation where some questions are dedicated to the situation of Associated Partners (see for instance items A-3, C-10, D-4, D-17).

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