

## EURAD-2 Core Group communication on Progress

October 2023

This communication note is to document information on the progress towards EURAD-2 partnership. This communication note is distributed to all partners of EURAD and PREDIS and is public (on the projects' web pages). The previous communications can be found on both [EURAD](#) and [PREDIS](#) websites, that includes:

- [October 2022 communication](#)
- [December 2022 communication](#)
- [May 2023 communication](#)
- [July 2023 communication](#)
- [Slides public webinar #1, January 2023](#)
- [Slides Focus Funnel, March 2023](#)
- [Slides public webinar #2, July 2023](#)

This communication is prepared by the EURAD-2 Core Group, whose members provide recommendations to the Colleges. The Colleges remain the sole entities approving all decisions.

For clarity, the on-going EURAD programme (2019-2024) is referred as EURAD-1, to differentiate from the future EURAD-2 Programme (2024-2029).

### **Schedule**

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The deadline for the submission of the proposal is November 08, 17.00 CET. The platform to complete all administrative and financial data and to upload the final proposal has been opened by the European Commission on October 02.

The collection of administrative data is coordinated by Andra and has started on October 03<sup>rd</sup> with the addition of Mandated Actors. This will be followed by the addition of the Affiliated Entities and Associated Partners before Mid-October.

### **Mandated Actors and Affiliated Entities**

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The deadline set to provide the mandates was October 02. As of October 09, 20 Member States and 1 Associated Country mandated 50 organisations. Some mandates are still pending and should be received before the submission of the proposal.

As of October 09, 81 parties are included in work packages budget as Affiliated Entities. For the new Affiliated Entities (not already Linked Third Parties in EURAD-1), contacts have been made by the Core Group to check their status and potential link with one of the Mandated Actor. The target is that all Mandates and Affiliations are locked by November 03.

## Development of the Work Packages

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Overall there will be 18 work packages to start EURAD-2, of which one is Programme Management and one is Knowledge Management. The other 16 technical work packages (Strategic Studies and R&D) which were selected to continue their development (as denoted in the July 2023 communication) have already submitted a draft version of Template #3 for the Core Group review and check of balance (Colleges and countries) concerning the leadership and distribution of budget. Feedback has been provided during September and October.

In general, the balance in terms of involvement of the institutes representing various Colleges (both for leadership and budget) is considered good by the Core Group. The balance between institutes representing various Member States can be improved both in leadership and budget. Therefore, the Core Group recommended some adjustments to the work packages.

It was agreed that, considering the large community and related amount of work, one person should avoid being both a work package leader and task leader or having more than one task leader role.

Activities of institutes as Associated Parties from non-Euratom countries are encouraged, yet their share of the work should not exceed 30% and the outcomes of the programme are the responsibility of the institutes receiving EC funding in the partnership.

The Core Group will produce a consolidated version of the Work Package descriptions to include with the proposal EC call submission, due to page limit constraints. The longer version of the Work Package descriptions will be utilised during the programme implementation, to be approved at the first General Assembly.

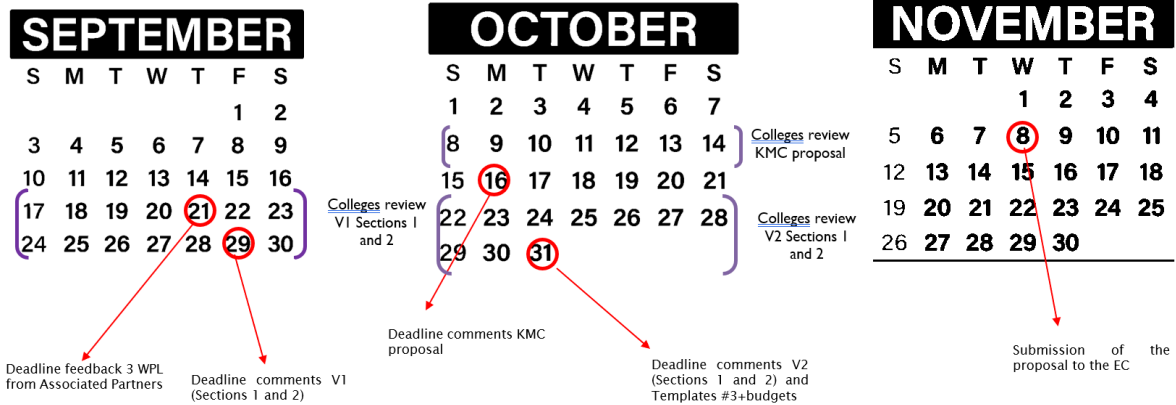
### Knowledge Management Committee

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The Knowledge Management Committee hosted a webinar at the end of August to present their progress and launched 2 questionnaires to collect participants' ideas for KM and to survey organisations interest in developing those ideas.

The minutes of this webinar as well as the presented slides are available on [EURAD](#) and [PREDIS](#) websites. The recommendations of the Knowledge Management Committee have been used by the Core Group to draft the Work Package plan for Knowledge Management.

## Development of the proposal (Excellence and Impact sections)



The Core Group organised a meeting on September 21 with representatives from the 3 Colleges to present the non-technical issues of the proposal to be submitted. This proposal draft first version was shared prior to the meeting and the Colleges were asked to provide their comments by September 29.

The Core Group will issue a version 2 of the proposal in late October integrating comments by the 3 Colleges, and to ensure that no remaining comments are left. The Colleges must approve the submission of the proposal in early November.

### FAQ

A list of [Frequently Asked Question \(FAQ\)](#) is regularly updated (based on question received by the Core Group by emails) and available on both EURAD and PREDIS websites.

### Contact References

As noted in every Core Group communication, further and regular communications towards the Consortia are planned, so as to keep all EURAD and PREDIS partners and the wider community of interest updated on the status and offer opportunities to give inputs and feedback for critical milestones. We encourage all partners and other new potential EURAD-2 future partners to express your feedback via these channels:

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