

Objectives

Supporting the 4 pillars of the CARDEA, a web-enabled ROADMAP connects both research users and research providers to the domain of Research Managers (RM) and facilitates their cooperation. The ROADMAP will provide a single point of access to research data and services, with the aim of increasing the visibility of research data and services, and facilitating the discovery and use of research data and services.

Supporting research providers and a community of the providers, with emphasis on providing a platform for research providers to publish their research data and services, and to facilitate the discovery and use of research data and services.

CARDEA & RM ROADMAP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

1. Website
2. Public repository for weblogs
3. Shared resources of research data
4. Community building effort
5. Community
6. Collaboration



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RM ROADMAP will complete the ROADMAP website and the associated infrastructure. The ROADMAP website will be a central point of access to research data and services, and will facilitate the discovery and use of research data and services.

Context:

Following the award of the CARDEA and RM ROADMAP projects, both coordinators were requested by the Research Executive Agency (REA) Project officer to work together, maximise project impact and avoid undesirable duplication of efforts or results. Both coordinators share this willingness to collaborate for the good of the Research Management (RM) community and the Research & Innovation system where synergies exist.

Following several meetings and a comparison of the proposals, both coordinators suggested to proceed, as is described below, and further guidance of the European Commission (EC) will be needed to take the necessary steps to adjust in such case that the EC would also find the proposed changes desirable.

Main avenues of collaboration:

1. Websites
2. Online tool/repository for training/
3. Shared resources of research data
4. Community building effort
5. Terminology
6. CARDEA & RM ROADMAP as members of the advisory board

Main principles:

1. Websites

CARDEA and RM ROADMAP will link to each other's online tools and websites where relevant as soon as it is reasonably implementable. Both projects will initially include links and information on each other's projects on individual websites.

CARDEA website: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/cardea/>

RM Roadmap website: <https://www.rmroadmap.eu/>

2. Online tool/repository for training

There will be only one repository gathering information concerning training, networking, mobility and funding opportunities for research managers so that Research Managers (RMs) have a clear understanding of where to find reliable and complete information

RM ROADMAP will complete desk-based research on training, networking, mobility and funding opportunities available for Research Managers in the European Research Area (ERA) as defined in task 2.1. RM ROADMAP will provide this information for inclusion on CARDEA's online DASHBOARD contributing to the Research Manager Mapping Summary in WP3 CARDEA and the catalogue CARDEA WP 7.

The online DASHBOARD will be open access for RMs in ERA, combining the efforts of both projects: CARDEA will be responsible for developing the DASHBOARD, while RM ROADMAP will feed this online tool with the results mainly developed by the WP2 desk research. This means that WP2 of RM ROADMAP will have the CARDEA DASHBOARD as its main direct dissemination online tool (deliverable 2.2). Nevertheless, the results of WP2 will be used internally in RM ROADMAP in the same way as envisaged for the development of reports on professional development opportunities for RM (deliverables 2.1 and 2.3) and, ultimately, for the creation of the roadmap. With that adjustment, RM ROADMAP will not make its duplicate online tool (D2.2 and M5 of RM ROADMAP) but will comply with the main objectives expected for WP2, contributing to the overall implementation of the RM ROADMAP project.

In order to maximize synergies among CARDEA and RM ROADMAP, both projects will co-define the main data entries of the template that RM ROADMAP will use to collect information (on training, networking, mobility and funding) that will feed into the CARDEA dashboard (approx. 1st quarter of 2023).

Training and development opportunities may be featured in the Research Management Helix of RM ROADMAP but this would be more as a news flash or opportunity and not as an online tool or repository. This newsflash could also link to the CARDEA tool so both projects' dissemination activities can reinforce each other.

Expected result: One place for RMs to find the existing training, networking funding and mobility options in addition to the additional features of the online DASHBOARD as described in the CARDEA project. The Dashboard will be delivered exactly as described in the CARDEA Grant Agreement. RM ROADMAP will complete desk-based research on training, networking, mobility and funding opportunities and provide this information for inclusion on CARDEA's online DASHBOARD.

3. Shared resources of research data

CARDEA will identify training gaps and develop programmes for RMs based mainly on CARDEA survey's results. The section related to training foreseen within the online DASHBOARD will be delivered by CARDEA fully in line with the CARDEA project. The DASHBOARD is open access for RMs in ERA. RM ROADMAP will however feed this DASHBOARD with its own outcomes and deliverables which are mainly developed in WP2. This will in practice mean that WP2 of RM ROADMAP will have the CARDEA online DASHBOARD as its main direct dissemination source. The outcomes of WP2 will be used internally in RM ROADMAP in the same way as envisaged for the creation of the roadmap but RM ROADMAP will not make its own duplicate online tool (D2.2 and M5 of RM ROADMAP).

RM Roadmap will have a survey to investigate training needs as well (Task 2.2) and will share survey's questions with CARDEA (approx. February/March 2023) before launching it in order to add questions useful to CARDEA deliverables.

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4. Community building effort

There will be one main community-building effort and, correspondingly, one unified platform for networking and the establishment of a community of practice among RMs.

This effort will take place within the RM ROADMAP project mostly within WP4. The platform will be located on the RM Roadmap's website and specifically the project's Knowledge and Community Platform. The community within RM ROADMAP will also be guided to the CARDEA RM Hub where relevant. CARDEA will provide RM ROADMAP with all relevant information supporting the development of the community, while also promoting the networking activities available on the platform.

The RM Roadmap Ambassador system will contribute to the exploration and development of training (including analysis of training needs) and policy in the area of RM Careers building on the CARDEA Survey results and assisting with the Community of Practice as per Deliverable 3.2 of CARDEA WP3. This means that the RM Roadmap Ambassador system will be the main information source for the Community of Practice as per the deliverable 3.2 CARDEA WP3. Moreover, CARDEA will complement these online activities with in-person meetings and the mobility plan as per WP4.

Within the RM ROADMAP Knowledge and Community Platform (KCP), a community of trainers in RM topics will be developed (task 2.3 – WP2). Trainers of the newly developed CARDEA training programme will be invited to participate in this community to share their views, test their resources, participate in sharing of best practices, as well as finding possibilities of synergies/ collaboration with other ongoing training courses.

Expected result: There will be one main community-building effort and, correspondingly, one unified platform for networking and the establishment of a community of practice among RMs. This effort will take place within the RM ROADMAP project Knowledge and Community Platform exactly as described in the RM Roadmap Grant Agreement. CARDEA will provide RM ROADMAP with all relevant information supporting the development of the community, while also promoting the networking activities available on the platform.

5. Terminology

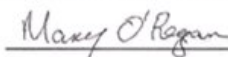
CARDEA and RM ROADMAP will seek to use as much common terminology as possible. Specifically, we cooperate on the definition of a Research Manager and the different categories/segments or themes within research management.

6. CARDEA & RM ROADMAP as members of the advisory board

CARDEA will have an Advisory Board (AB) member on RM Roadmap AB and vice versa RM Roadmap will be represented on CARDEA AB to ensure that all opportunities for future collaboration are captured.

7. Signatures

Cardea Project coordinator



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RM Roadmap Project coordinator



Date: 04/10/2023
