

The consensus document addresses questions raised directly by the EARMA during their first co-creation session within the activities of the RM Roadmap project. The questions are intended to help define individual national ecosystems.

1. *If you have a national network (formal or informal), how did it help you? If you do not, please say how you have built your (internal) network and are using it.*

There is no formal or informal network of RMAs in Slovakia currently. There are small groups created on personal basis. Other measure is a contact list of Slovak National Contact Points and Erasmus+ coordinators through which they may share information regarding EU Funding but is not and cannot be used as best practice sharing platform, where RMAs contribute.

2. *What challenges do RM networks and associations encounter in contributing to national and European R&I systems? If there are no networks, please elaborate if there have been networking initiatives and if not, please state why you think that is the case.*

There are no networks or associations of RMAs in Slovakia. Some RMAs participate in internal networks established within ongoing collaborative research or CSA projects, or at the institute level, but there is no systematic general network or association. Functioning network could support professionalization and support given by RMAs.

Reasons why that is the case: absence of profiling of research support departments at the institutions, absence of recognition of the RMA profession and value-added, absence of a systematic approach in providing RMA services, lack of proper scheme or training programme for RMAs (and related networking element).

3. *Please list all of the formal and informal networks and associations of research managers in your country and link to their websites or online groups. Skip if there are no networks your knowledge.*

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4. *Please list and link to any policy documents and funding which mentions research management or the equivalent national name(s) for research management.*

There are many policies or documents at national level aiming at research, innovations, students' relation within universities. There are national calls from agencies like VEGA, KEGA, APVV altogether with ERDF and RRF funding. But none of the abovementioned does not directly support the development of RMAs. In each of them there are positions that can be occupied by managers and therefore funded but activities are not aimed at their development. In 2022 there was a call from Norway funds which allowed support for RMAs through international mobilities.