

# **Partnership for the Assessment of Risks from Chemicals**

## **Data and Ethics Protection Board Information sheet**

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**PARC Reminder:**

PARC is a Partnership under Horizon Europe, the EU's framework programme for the funding of research and innovation (2021-2027).

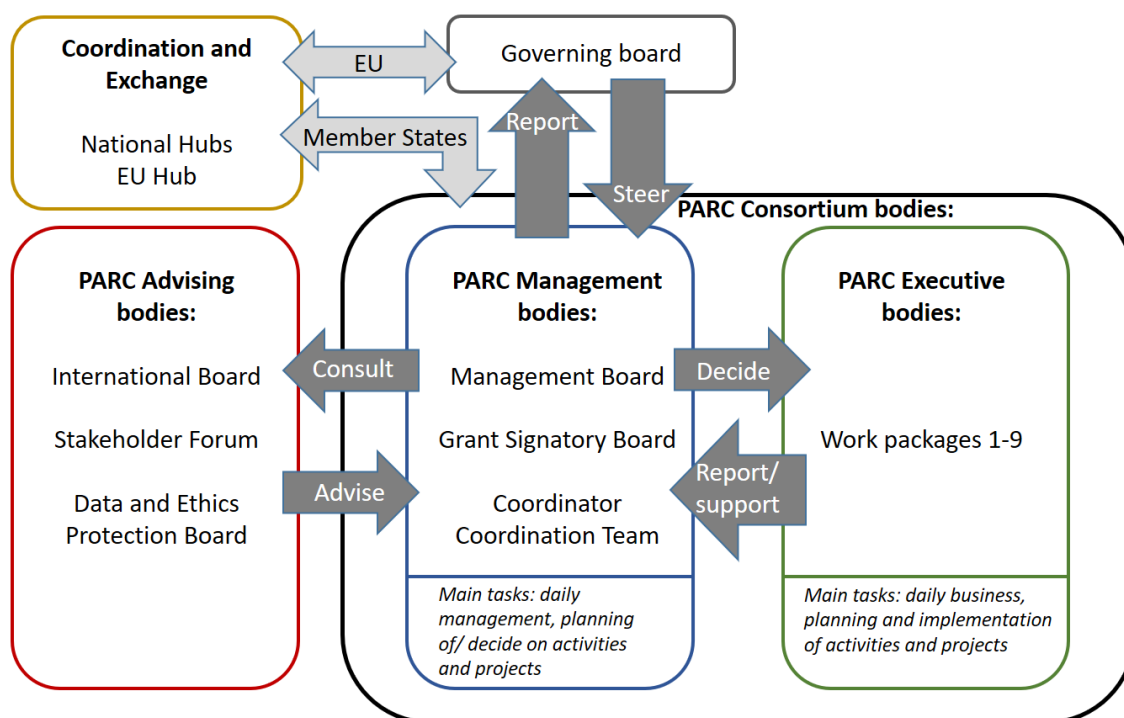
The objective of PARC is to consolidate and strengthen European public research and innovation capacities for stronger chemical risk assessment to protect human health and the environment. This will be achieved through the establishment of an EU-wide Research and Innovation Risk Assessment hub of excellence.

Built on the successes of the European Human Biomonitoring Initiative (HBM4EU), PARC is an ambitious collaboration between 28 participating countries, three EU agencies and the European Commission which gathers nearly two hundred organisations with a total planned budget of 400 million euros over seven years.

**Mission of the Data and Ethics Protection Board (DEPB):**

The DEPB is expected to support the Governing Board (GB), the Grant Signatory Board (GSB) and, in particular, the Management Board (MB) by providing an outside opinion and its expertise in all matters pertaining to ethics and data to facilitate a smooth management of the partnership (See Fig.1). The DEPB can also alert the competent boards of any issues they identify.

**Fig. 1: PARC Governance Structure**



Chaired by the Task 1.4 'Ethics framework' co-leaders (Lucija Perharič – NIJZ; Philippe Marin – EHESP), the DEPB is an auxiliary board of the PARC Governance framework (See figure in annex).

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Concretely, the Data and Ethics Protection Board will:

- Support the Partnership in Data and Ethics Protection related matters and propose guidance for any relevant challenges encountered in the implementation of PARC
- Contribute to the drafting of an ethic charter for the partnership.
- Help to improve the ethical dimension of the research carried out within PARC and ensure that PARC's activities take data and ethics concerns into account;
- Review all related documents and contribute to the production of the annual ethics report submitted to the European Commission
- Monitor established processes for the management of contractual and regulatory requirements (regarding ethics and data protection) and propose preventive and/or corrective measures where appropriate.
- Support the coordinator and the MB in the analysis of potential conflict of interest among PARC consortium members
- Advise research teams on issues related to ethics and privacy

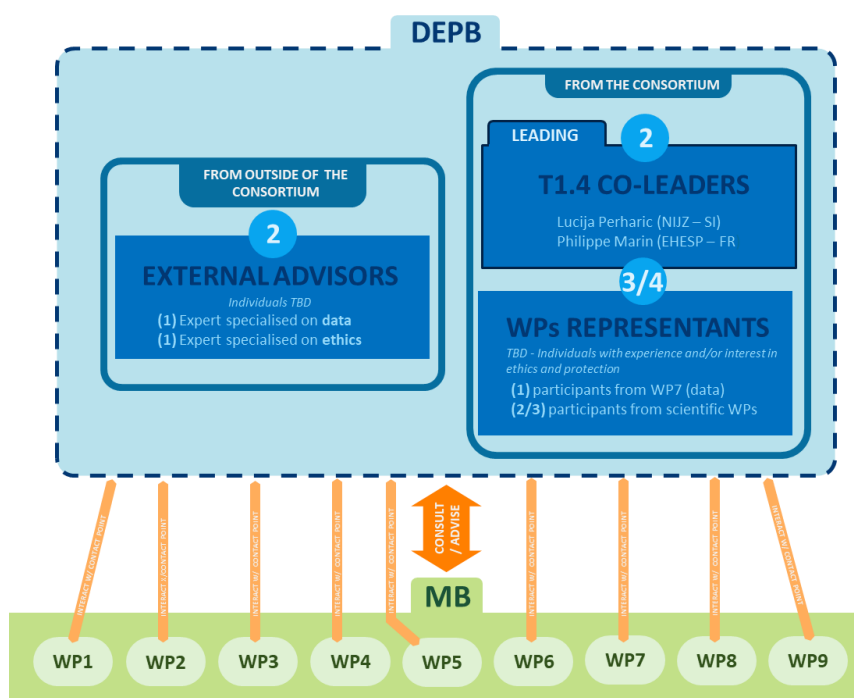
### Composition:

The DEPB will be composed of the two T1.4 co-leaders, independent external advisors<sup>1</sup> and specialists in ethics and data protection from the partner organisations. We are expecting a total of 7-9 participants total.

The DEPB will likely be divided in two working groups; the first subgroup will focus on ethics issues. The second subgroup will focus on data protection concerns.

Each subgroup will be led by a T1.4 co-leaders.

**Fig. 2: PARC DEPB Composition**



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### **Meetings:**

The DEPB will meet at least once annually (either physically or virtually) with further consultations done by email as necessary. In extraordinary circumstances, additional DEPB meetings may be called upon by decision of the MB, the GSB or the GB.

Members from the Data and Ethics Protection Board may punctually be invited as observers to meetings of the MB, GSB and GB. Rules of procedure of the DEPB will be drawn up to ensure the confidentiality of exchange within the body.

### **External advisors<sup>1</sup>:**

The contributions of external advisors<sup>1</sup> have been budgetised and they will receive honorations (+travel cost and subsistence reimbursement) based on their involvement.

We are looking to appoint external advisors<sup>1</sup> having expertise in ethics and/or data protection.

The ideal profile is an individual with:

- Over ten years of experience in research in a field of relevance of PARC
- Proven expertise in Data protection and/or Ethics.
- Previous experience as member of Ethics board(s) and/or as external advisor<sup>1</sup>.

The selection process for external advisors<sup>1</sup> will be achieved thusly:

- First, candidates will apply via this application form and provide an overview of their competence, expertise and motivation.
- Second, the T1.4 co-leaders and the PARC Coordination Team will review the received applications and draw a shortlist of candidates based on their experience, expertise and motivation.
- Third, shortlisted candidates will be asked to provide complementary information (ie: CV, Declaration of Interest, etc.) and will be interviewed.
- Fourth, the T1.4 co-leaders and the PARC Coordination Team will finalise the selection of two/three external advisors<sup>1</sup>.
- Fifth, the candidates selected will be validated by the Management Board.

### **Further information:**

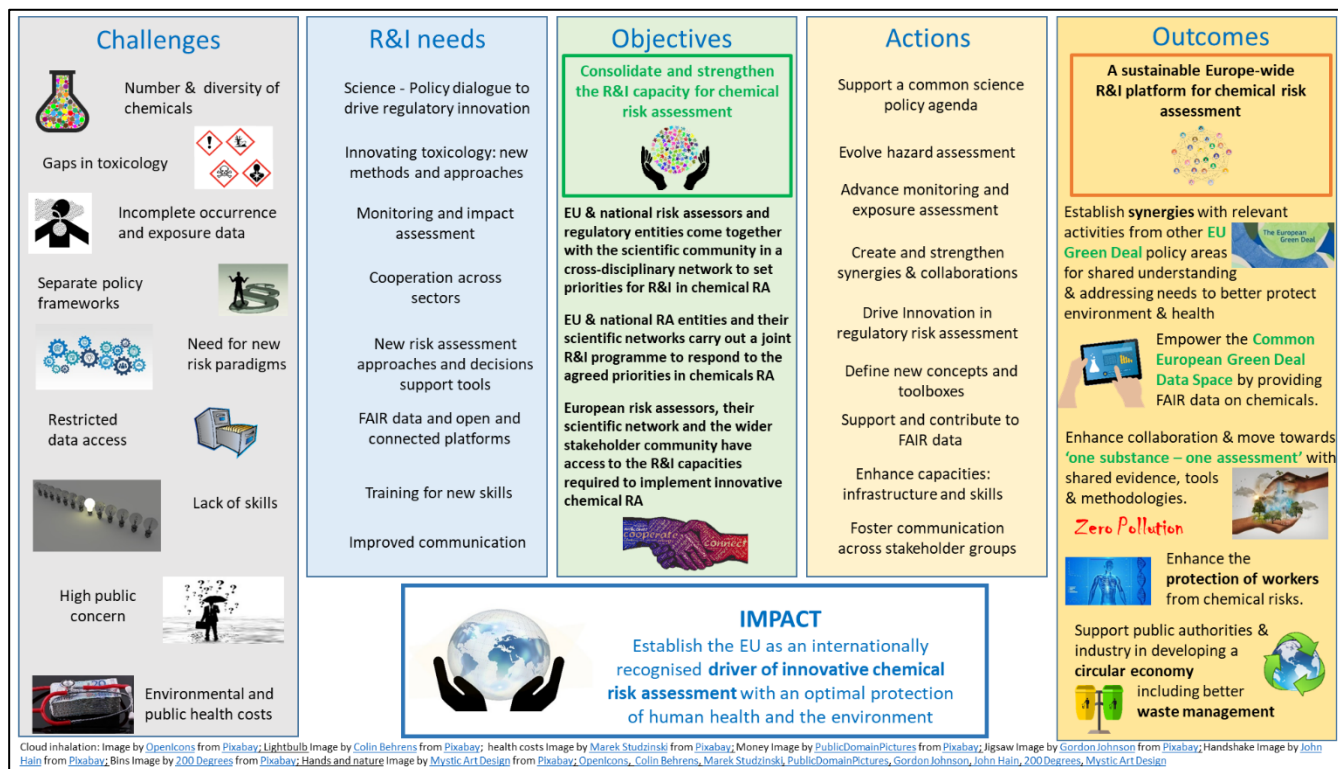
You can contact [parc@anses.fr](mailto:parc@anses.fr) for more details.

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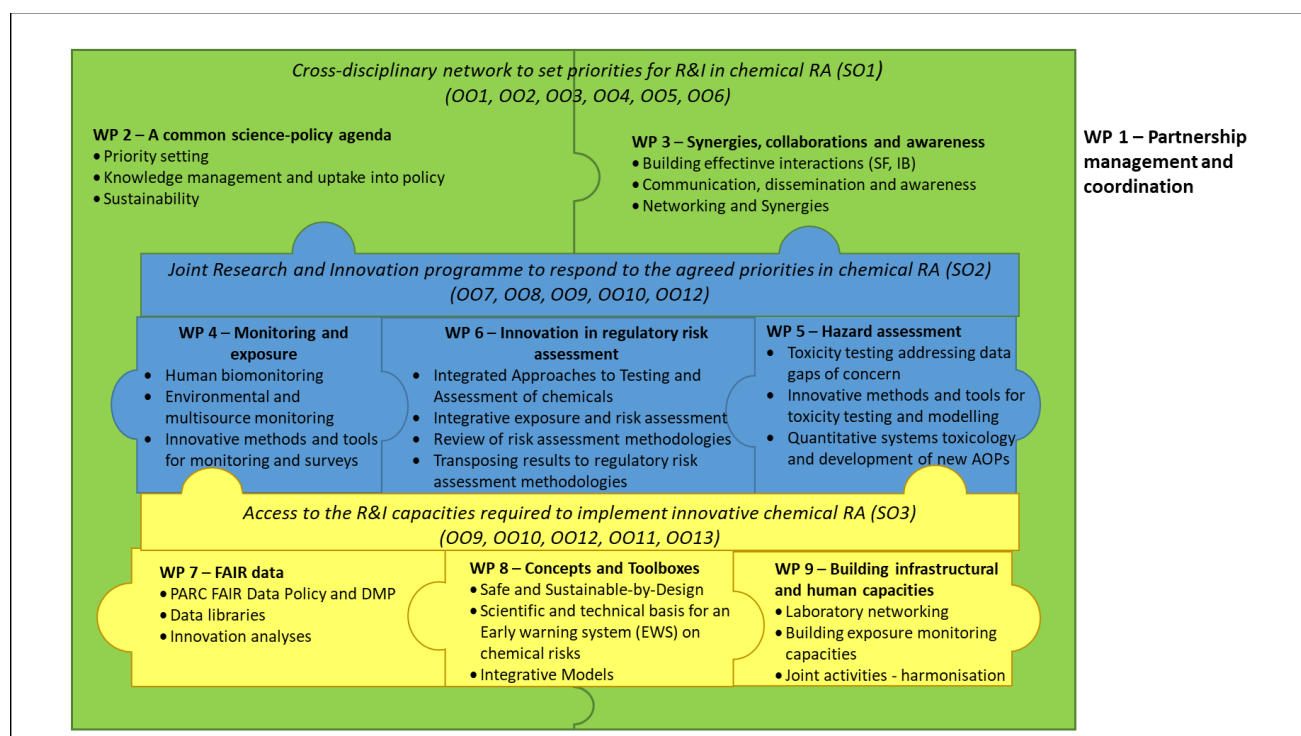
<sup>1</sup> External advisors should not be members of PARC participating organisations. You can find the list of participating organisations [here](#).

## Annexes:

### Annex 1: PARC intervention logic



### Annex 2: Structure of the Work Plan



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