

2023 Annual National Research Frameworks working group report

Our working group is producing a suite of guidance targeted at people who are responsible for commissioning, funding and developing research frameworks. There are three products:

- 1) a strategic document that accompanies the practical guidance that highlights the core principles behind research frameworks and their value, which provides justification for decision makers on the production, funding, requirement for a research framework.
- 2) a series of webpages that describes in a very practical way how you can create a research framework.
- 3) reviews of existing research frameworks that we used as input for the website texts. We plan to make these available on the website as well.

After a two year period of hiatus due to the pandemic and post pandemic uplift in work responsibilities, Dan and Inge picked up the work for the working group at the beginning of this year. In 2021 Adrian Olivier and Gabriel Cooney produced a first draft for the Strategic document and over the past few months we have worked to produce a consultation draft that has been sent out to the working group for comment. The webpages texts have also been drafted and have been sent out to the working group for comment. The reviews of existing research frameworks have been finished and only the Belgium and France ones need to be checked by a representative from the organization that wrote/is responsible for the research framework.

We have organized a working group meeting in Bonn where we will be focusing on the strategic document and the webpages. We will also be collecting the comments from those members who are not able to attend the Bonn meeting. The aim is to have a working group approved strategic document ready to send to the other Making Choices working group chairs and the board later this summer and finalize the webpages texts.

We aim to have all the texts finished by the end of the calendar year, but publication of these on the EAC website may be dependent on any work being considered to update the EAC website. We will liaise with Jenni Butterworth about the website.