

# Report on Activities - Year 2024

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Name of the Organization: IGLO Core

Name of the Representative: Dr. Riccardo Coratella

## 1. Introduction

IGLO (Informal Group of RTD Liaison Offices) is an informal network of liaison offices in Brussels, aiming to foster the exchange of information and best practices on participation in European programmes. CNR actively takes part in the IGLO Core meetings, contributing to strategic and organizational discussions.

## 2. Significant activities for Italy and CNR carried out in 2024 by the Organization

In 2024, IGLO Core addressed key issues related to internal organization, relations with external partners, and participation in European programmes. Main points included:

- Updating the mailing list and improving direct contacts.
- Need to strengthen participation in working groups, with a possible shift to thematic task forces.
- Collaboration with UniLion in the higher education working group.
- Discussions on limited access to IGLO Open.
- Admission of the Bulgarian office into the network.
- Cooperation with Ukraine to support researchers and infrastructures.
- Developments regarding UKRO and its temporary suspension in Brussels.
- Switzerland's situation and perspectives for association to Horizon Europe.
- Preparation of the IGLO Summer Reception 2025, new transparency rules and proposal to register IGLO as a single entity.
- Proposal to create an official LinkedIn profile to enhance visibility.

## 3. Activities carried out as Representative in 2024

The CNR representative participated in IGLO Core meetings, contributing to the exchange of strategic information, closely following discussions on budget, membership and new admissions, and keeping the national scientific community informed.

## 4. Evaluation of participation in relation to benefits and costs

Participation in IGLO provides CNR with significant benefits in terms of information exchange, visibility, and strengthening of contacts in Brussels. The membership fee

(currently €450, with a proposed increase to €550) is modest compared to the advantages derived from being part of the network.

## **5. Assessments and proposals to improve interest and involvement**

To enhance Italian involvement, it is suggested to:

- Encourage researchers' participation in working groups.
- Strengthen internal communication towards the national scientific community.
- Take advantage of opportunities stemming from the inclusion of Switzerland and cooperation with Ukraine.
- Promote IGLO events and workshops for the benefit of the Italian community.

## **Notes**

Upcoming events of interest include: workshops on proposal simplification, conferences on Artificial Intelligence in science during the Polish presidency, and several planned IGLO Open meetings.

## **Conclusions**

CNR's participation in IGLO Core in 2024 confirmed the value of the network as a coordination and exchange platform. It ensures a qualified presence in Brussels, fosters collaboration with international partners, and strengthens the impact of the Italian scientific community in European research and innovation programmes.

Signature:

Dr. Riccardo Coratella

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