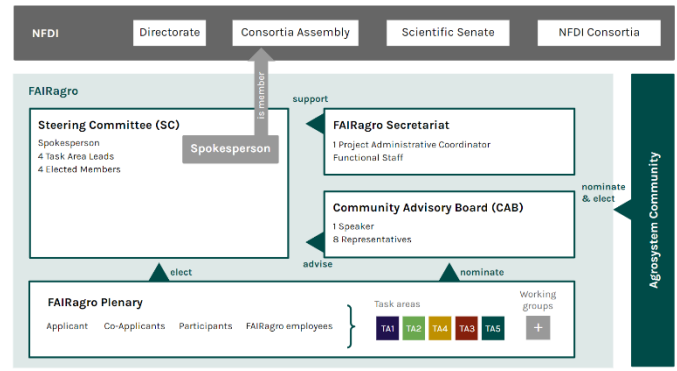


## FAIRragro Community Advisory Board (CAB)

–Information for CAB candidates –

[FAIRragro](#) is a community-driven initiative within the National Research Data Infrastructure (NFDI). The aim is to establish an interoperable and scalable research data infrastructure and contribute to FAIR research data management practices in agrosystem research and beyond. FAIRragro follows various approaches to engage with the agrosystem community. One of these strategies involves establishing a Community Advisory Board (CAB) as part of the FAIRragro governance (Figure 1).



### Profile and representation

CAB members are (inter-)nationally recognized experts from academia, politics, economics and society. The aim is to achieve an appropriate representation of relevant disciplines and scientific methods as well as associates to national and international networks, initiatives, projects, institutions and organizations relevant to the [mission of FAIRragro](#).

The CAB consists of one speaker and eight community representatives, all external to FAIRragro (CAB candidates from FAIRragro co-applicant and partner institutions are not accepted).

### Commitment and opportunities

The CAB evaluates the progress of FAIRragro and provides strategic input and advice to shape FAIRragro operation and development. Furthermore, the CAB facilitates international networking with different stakeholders from academia, society, politics and economy, including international initiatives and infrastructure providers, relevant to the mission of FAIRragro. Additionally, the CAB reviews [Use Case \(UC\)](#) proposals and provides recommendations for their selection to the Steering Committee.

The CAB is elected for a term of 2 years and convenes at least once a year. It compiles an annual FAIRragro evaluation report, including a catalog of recommendations. The CAB Manager, a FAIRragro employee, facilitates the CAB's operation, assists with communication across and beyond FAIRragro, organizes the annual CAB meeting, and supports the compilation of the respective report

### Nomination and election

All members of the FAIRragro Plenary and the wider agrosystem community are invited to nominate CAB candidates through the FAIRragro website.

Eligible voters are the Community Representatives attending the FAIRragro Community Summit. Members of the FAIRragro Plenary (FAIRragro project staff, task area and measure leads, principal investigators, (co-)spokespersons) themselves are not eligible to vote. The election is conducted online in alignment with the registration for the Community Summit

### Timeline

**Nomination:** December 2023 – January 2024 (Publication of CAB candidates: February 2024)  
**Election:** March/ April 2024 (Official announcement of CAB members: June 2024)  
**Operation:** Summer 2024 – spring 2026 (First CAB meeting: June 2024)