



MANDATE REPORT





SCAR Collaborative Working Group on Sustainable Animal Production (CWG SAP)

Third mandate (1 January 2019 - 31 December 2022)



From its establishment in 2014, the CWG SAP has taken a systematic and coherent approach to contribute to the development of sustainable livestock production. A number of tasks were accomplished. Some were completed by establishing the ERA-NET SusAn, while others continued the coordination and alignment of national programmes and elaborated and provided strategical advice. Some major results are described below, while a more detailed list of activities can be found on page 2. All activities will contribute to the group's work in the new mandate period, in particular to the work on the future of livestock farming in Europe.

In the years 2020 and 2021, the work of all partners was impeded by the COVID19 pandemic. Obligations towards the SCAR were met during this time, however, other CWG SAP activities were reduced, also in favour of finalising the ERA-NET SusAn (2016-2022).

-  In 2019, the CWG SAP carried out a study analyzing the development of the EU livestock sector during the last 60 years. The study identifies the main "drivers of change" for livestock farmers. The study was conducted under the Support Action to a "Common Agricultural and wider bioeconomy reSearch Agenda" (CASA).
<https://scar-europe.org/spa-documents>
-  After having systematically looked at the present ("Country report" 2015) and at the past, and which factors shaped today's livestock farming (see study mentioned above), in October 2022, the CWG SAP conducted an expert workshop on the future of livestock farming. Aim of the workshop was to contribute to a common future vision. Key topics of the workshop were Diversity, Consumption, Circularity, Resilience, Animal Health & Welfare, Greenhouse Gases, Organic Production, and Economy. A summary will be published shortly.
-  In 2022, a Policy Brief was written. A European livestock strategy is proposed, and a list of recommendations for R&I is presented. The paper further points at the benefits related to livestock farming, e.g. for viable rural communities, for biodiversity, for optimal use of limited resources, and for reducing mineral fertiliser and pesticides while improving soil fertility. The Policy Brief is ready for publication.
-  All CWG SAP meetings were also used to stay updated on recent national developments in the field of livestock production, both, regarding research and innovation, and societal developments. In particular, on request of the CWG SAP, a comparison of existing national livestock strategies of 20 European countries was conducted at Wageningen University, and used for the October workshop.

CWG SAP activities, 3rd Mandate Period 1 Jan. 2019 - 31 Dec. 2022

Time	Activity / product	Place	CWG SAP activity
2019			
5 April	SCAR Baltic WS	Riga	Presentation of SAP
8 April	SCAR WS	Brussels	Presentation of SAP
6 & 7 May	11th SCAR SAP CWG meeting	Stockholm	
May	Report "Drivers of change and development in the EU livestock sector - Meta analysis as basis for future scenario building"		Written on behalf of the SCAR CWG SAP
12 June	SCAR WS	online	Input on the future role of the SCAR
9 & 10 September	SCAR plenary meeting	Brussels	Presentation of CASA study
2020			
August	5th SCAR Foresight report; discussing changes due to COVID 19		Written input
2021			
30 June	SCAR plenary meeting	online	Presentation of SAP
29 September	4th workshop, EUP "Food systems"		Representation of SAP
2022			
April	SCAR Newsletter		Contribution
25 May	SCAR Foresight workshop "Food security in times of crises"	online	Participation with contributions
9 June	12th SCAR SAP CWG meeting	online	Members' meeting
13 June	Conference, French Ministry of Agriculture and Food, "Shaping the Future of Livestock Farming"	Paris	Participation (invited)
14 June	SCAR Conference "Humans in transitions"	Paris	Participation
15 June	SCAR plenary meeting	Paris	Presentation of SAP
12 July	13th SCAR SAP CWG meeting	online	Members' meeting
18 & 19 October	Workshop on the future of livestock farming	Bonn, hybrid	Organiser
20 October	SCAR SG meeting	online	Participation
November	SCAR SAP CWG policy brief		
November	SCAR SAP CWG new terms of reference		Update
November	SCAR newsletter		Contribution
15 December	SCAR plenary meeting	online	Presentation of SAP