

SCAR FOOD SYSTEMS Strategic Working Group,

Qualitative mapping of Food and Nutrition Security relevant policies in EU
Member States and Associated Countries

Dear Members,

The main rationale for the SCAR FOOD SYSTEMS Strategic Working Group – (SCAR FOOD SYSTEMS SWG) is that the SCAR member states provide strategic advice and support to the EU Research & Innovation (R&I) policy framework FOOD 2030¹ as well as to the review of the Bioeconomy Strategy in which food plays a central role given the 'food comes first' principle.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for this SWG, was endorsed at the SCAR Plenary of 6 December 2016. The ToR mentions that the main task in 2017 is to "provide strategic intelligence (EU 28) including the mapping of R&I funding done at National and regional level related to Food Systems and provide insight into the type of existing policies and strategies that are linked to Food and Nutrition security and the priorities of FOOD 2030".

The expected delivery date for qualitative mapping is end April 2017.

This task is further complemented by a quantitative mapping of R&I public funding at EU Member State and Associated Country level (expected delivery June 2017). This task has started with four pilot countries.

Thank you very much for your involvement.

With my best regards,

Monique Axelos ,

Chair of the SCAR Food Systems SWG

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http://ec.europa.eu/research/conferences/2016/food2030/pdf/food2030_conference_background.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

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Qualitative mapping questionnaire

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PART 1 – FNS related policy:

- List the relevant national/regional policies or strategies that are relevant to ensuring food and nutrition security (e.g.: agriculture, health, food safety, climate, fisheries, etc).**

A. Weblink to the policies/strategies:

https://www.bmgf.gv.at/home/Gesundheit/Gesundheitsreform/Gesundheitsziele_Oesterreich/

<http://archiv.bka.gv.at/DocView.axd?CobId=65724>

<http://www.gesundheitsziele-oesterreich.at/>

(in German language)

B. What issues do each of them cover?

It covers health & wellbeing, no hunger, clean water, responsible consumption & production patterns, land-ecology

Aim 7 of the national health-aims: Healthy nutrition with high quality food for all

Which institutional actors are responsible for each policy/strategy?

It is affirmed by the whole Government. For health issues, food safety and nutritional safety the Federal Ministry of Health and Women`s Affairs is responsible. For other issues like agriculture, food quality the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management is responsible (www.bmlfuw.gv.at).

C. Are these policies/strategies focussed on your country only, on Europe or do they target International cooperation and development?

Focuses on our country and intends to make a contribution within the international context (UN Agenda 2030).

D. Do any of these policies/strategies contain an R&I focus? If yes, describe.

no

E. Are there any new relevant national/regional policies or strategies being currently developed that are relevant to ensuring food and nutrition security? If yes, describe.

PART 2 – Bioeconomy Strategy

2. Does your country have a national Bioeconomy Strategy?

A. If yes, what does it cover?

B. Does it have a food related pillar? If yes, describe.

C. Weblink to the Bioeconomy strategy:

D. If there is no Bioeconomy Strategy yet, is there one being developed at the moment?

The Austrian government is currently in the process of developing a strategy for research, technology and innovation to support the emerging bioeconomy. Following this process, the development of a broader strategy is envisaged that comprises further policy domains and sectors.

Yes, a national FTI (research, technological development & innovation)-Bioeconomy strategy is currently developed

Furthermore, there has been a decision of a council of ministers (Research – bmwfw, Technology and Innovation – BMVIT and Agriculture – BMLFUW) end of 2016 to start working on an implementation plan for Bioeconomy in Austria

www.bioeconomy-austria.at

Bioeconomy Austria aims at concentrating all Austrian efforts to push and promote the national bioeconomy development process. Furthermore, Bioeconomy Austria provides a platform for coordination and capacity building to all relevant players who together advocate a worthwhile, economically fruitful and highly innovative future. Research, agriculture, forestry, the economy and industry should be closely interlinked in order to exploit as many synergies as possible, to facilitate optimum coordination and to help bring innovations in research and the lab to the market.

PART 3 – Research and Innovation Policy and Programming

3. List specific national/regional R&I policies/strategies/funding programmes relevant to food and nutrition security (e.g.: agriculture, health, food safety; climate, fisheries, etc).

- A. Weblink to the R&I policies/strategies/funding programmes: Concerning the Federal Ministry of Health and Women’s Affairs there is no research policy in place yet but it will be developed in the near future. The Ministry finances dependent on the budgetary situation risk research concerning GMOs, nutritional safety and also food safety projects. <http://www.bmgf.gv.at/> The AGES (Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety Ltd.) which is company of the Republic of Austria, owned by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health and Women’s Affairs and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management also carries out research projects, sometimes funded by the Federal Ministries sometimes funded by EC (Horizon 2020) or other institutional bodies (<https://www.ages.at/service/forschung-kooperationen/publikationssuche/>).
- B. What FNS relevant issues do each of them cover?
<http://www.bmgf.gv.at/cms/home/attachments/1/5/1/CH1618/CMS1469018502594/forschungsprojektebmgf.pdf>
(in German language)
- C. Which institutional actors are responsible for each R&I policy/strategy/funding programmes? See 3A
- D. Who does what and how do these actors cooperate?

The Federal Ministry of Health and Women's Affairs finances studies dependent on the budgetary situation. The reports are published on the website of the Ministry. Additionally the Federal Ministry of Health and Women's Affairs co-finances (together with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Federal Ministry of Science, research and Economy and the Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology the Horizon 2020 topics carried out by the FFG (Austrian Research Promotion Agency). The FFG is the national funding agency for industrial research and development in Austria. As a "one-stop shop" offering a diversified and targeted programme portfolio, the FFG gives Austrian businesses and research facilities quick and uncomplicated access to research funding.

- E. Are these R&I policies/strategies focussed on your country only, on Europe or do they also target RI & for international cooperation and development?

The research topic funded by the Ministry of Health and Women's Affairs focuses in general on our country, some research projects of the AGES focus also on European/international topics.

- F. Are there any new specific national/regional R&I policies/strategies/funding programmes being currently developed that are relevant to ensuring food and nutrition security? If yes, describe. No