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Shaping the future Steps towards a new SCAR Foresight Exercise SCAR Foresight

Workshop

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SCAR Foresight Workshop

▸ General objectives

- To inform the SCAR Groups (SWGs & CWGs) about the next steps towards the SCAR Foresight exercise and to ensure that all SCAR sectors will be adequately represented in the next Foresight process

▸ Specific objectives


- To inform the SCAR Groups about other running Foresight activities on the EU and international levels in order to create synergies and avoid overlapping
- To build capacities with the exchange of ideas on possible SCAR Foresight topics “in the light of crises”

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✦ Outcomes expected:

- Description of how the previous SCAR Foresight outcomes were taken into account by each SCAR SWG/CWG and how WGs could be involved in the upcoming process (Question 1)
- Outline of the handling and impact of the crises for the different SCAR SWG/CWG (Question 2)
- List of relevant topics, themes and challenges for the different SCAR SWG/CWG for the future (Question 3)

Agenda

 Timing	 Items
13.00-13.30	Check-in/registrations
13.30-13.35	Welcome/introduction – Elke Saggau, Chair of the Foresight Group – Objectives of the workshop
13.35-14.25	Session I: Setting the scene: How the Foresight exercises are influenced by the crises? <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 5th Foresight exercise – Jessica Duncan2. RTD Foresight – Nikolaos Kastrinos3. DG ENVI Foresight – Manfred Rosenstock4. JRC Foresight - Anne-Katrin Bock
14.15-14.25	Q&A
14.25-15.30	Session II: World Café – 3 Questions regarding expectation, involvement in the Foresight Process & first brainstorming on suitable Foresight topics
15.30-15.45	Break
15.45-16.00	Session III: Wrap-up of the world Café journey (5 minutes per rapporteur)
16.00-16.20	Session IV: Next steps, a bridge with the upcoming CSA and Work Package linked to the next Foresight study
16.20-16.30	Closing of the workshop and satisfaction survey

Session 1 – Setting the scene

- Four experts presented Foresight initiatives conducted by different structures/institutions:
 - Jessica Duncan, Wageningen University, Expert involved in the 5th SCAR Foresight exercise
 - Nikoalos Kastrinos, DG RTD, presented the [Horizon Europe \(HE\) Foresight Network](#)
 - Manfred Rosenstock, DG ENVI, presented the [FORENV](#), the EU environmental foresight system
 - Anne-Katrin Bock, JRC, presented their [EU Policy Lab](#)

Session 2 & 3 – World Café – Points of attention and Recommendations

Question 1: Has your WG considered the outcomes of the 5th Foresight Exercise in its work? Could you bring ideas on how to involve your WG in the future process?

- ✦ Involvement of SCAR WG Chairs/members in the whole process and from the beginning is important:
 - as it is a learning process, participation in the process is valuable and not only the feedback to the final report is important
 - only through discussions new ideas will be developed
- ✦ It is important to organize physical meetings for SCAR Working Groups (WGs) to interact
- ✦ The Foresight group is welcome to visit every SCAR WGs



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Question 2: How do the recurrent crises affect your WG research priorities and how is a transition towards a safe and just operating space influenced by these crises in your WG remit?

- ✦ The future of farmers is important because many things are changing for them:
 - How will the next generations be integrated?
 - How can the farm expand: under what conditions, what are the associated challenges, etc.?
 - What are the trade-offs between healthy alimentation and impacts for the farmers facing changing consumer behaviour?
- ✦ In general, the SCAR groups follow their mandates. It is not possible to change the topics regularly depending on the crises arising, but the major challenges are embedded in the projects, especially in relation to the European Green Deal.
- ✦ Resilience and food security are back on the political agenda. EU needs robust policy instruments to face the crises that led to this old need.



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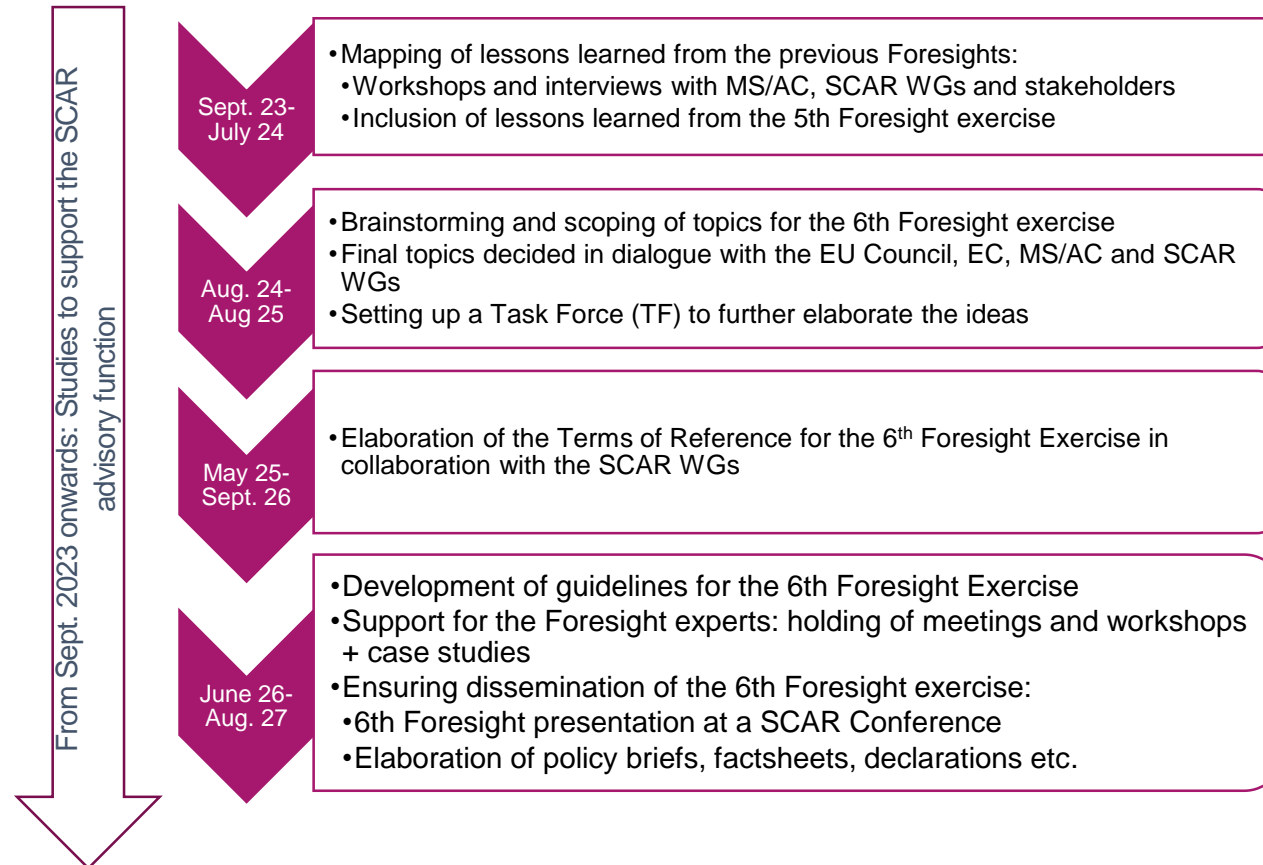
Question 3: Which themes and challenges do you see as more relevant for the future from your WG perspective?

- ☛ There were four main areas of interest that have been shared among the participants:
 - 1. Attention has to go to **social conflict**, resistance, awareness and acceptance of transitions and in that perspective also the fairness of transitions (between sectors, generations, values, land sparing/sharing, etc). One part of the discussion was to consider starting the study with the resistance to transitions and its levers.
 - 2. **Trade-offs**: there are real trade-offs among the various priorities that are crucial for foresight
 - 3. **Diversity** at different levels is one of the three main development pathways. The adaptability to regional context is an effort at the expense of standardization.
 - 4. **Global level**: pay more attention to the global level. EU leadership in global transitions could be a topic.
- ☛ Another specific element was: **new technologies** as game changers (more cross-cutting), and some other contributions were more linked to topics related to specific organisations: Animal Welfare, Water, the role of meat production in the agroecology approach...
- ☛ In general, there is also this concern of not only doing more with less but maybe considering just doing less.



Session 4 – Next steps

• The CSA RefreSCAR will hand over the support to the SCAR Foresight Process



Thank you for your attention

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