



**European Animal Health
& Welfare Research**
COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP

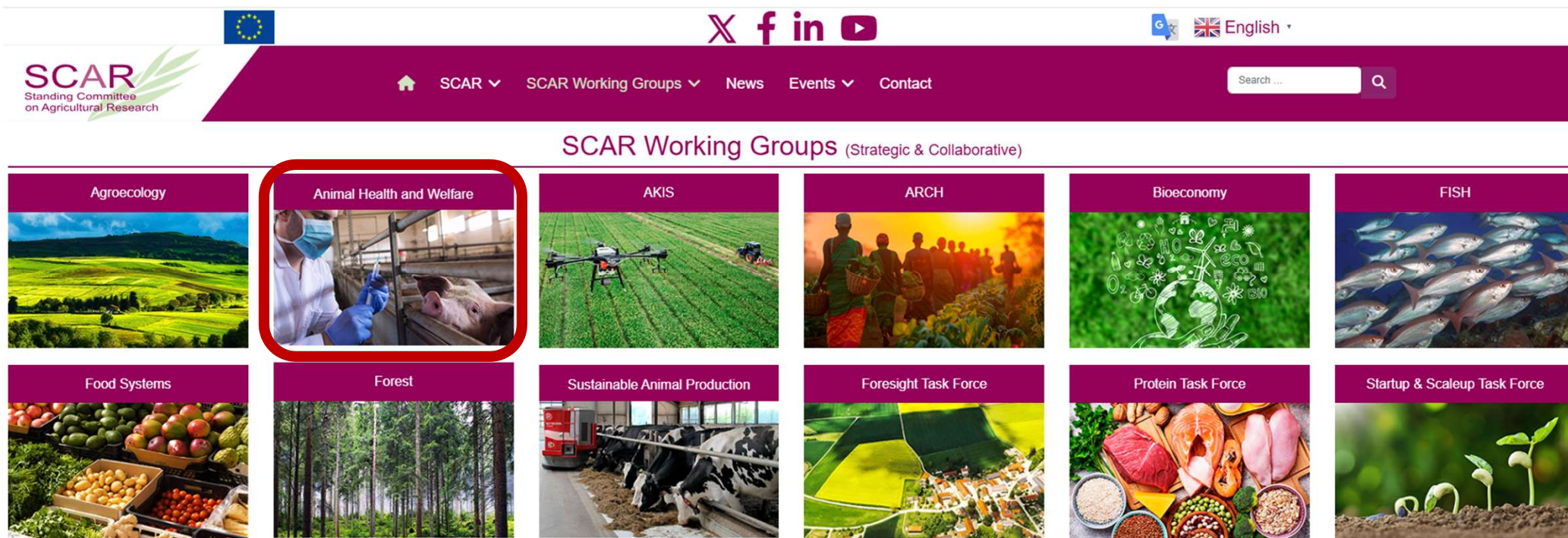
Working Group Animal Health & Welfare Research

SCAR Training webinar

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AH&W WG mandate, strategy

- The strategic and operational objectives are described on the [website](#).



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- The AH&W WG is a strategic platform supporting the European Commission and European countries for animal health and welfare, following the One Health approach.
 - Aims for complementarity with the [Partnership EUP AH&W](#).
- Exchange on relevant AH&W policy initiatives, including the Animal Health Law, the EU Vision for Agriculture and Food, and A strategy for European Life Sciences; upcoming Livestock Strategy.
- Ambition to enhance the collaboration between AH&W actors in Europe.
 - Funders, experts, research consortia, policy & decision makers, sector organisations and private partners.
- The CWG wants to deepen its collaboration with other SCAR Working Groups: Fish, SAP, Food Systems and AgroEcology.



European Partnership on
Animal Health and Welfare

AH&W WG mandate, operational

- Maintain and develop the European forum for animal health and welfare.
- The Management Board prepares the plenary meetings and decides on approach; three to five TCs annually.
- Two subgroups: Strategy & Foresight Unit and Animal Welfare; own chairs; preceding the plenary meeting and at distinct moments.
- In principle two plenary meetings per year; one in-person, preferentially back-to-back with other AH&W meeting.
 - Agenda: feedback from the subgroups, [EUP AH&W](#), [DISCONTTOOLS](#), [STAR IDAZ](#); progress studies or initiatives; scientific presentation.
 - DG-AGRI, but also SANTE, MARE, ENV are invited.
 - [EFSA](#) and [WOAH](#) are members regularly attending.



AH&W WG mandate, operational

- Regular invitation of other SCAR Working Groups, e.g. Fish, Food Systems.
- Members contribute to the meetings and the activities of the AH&W WG through:
 - Participation in the plenary and / or subgroup meetings,
 - Take part in the discussions and raise questions for clarification,
 - Respond to questionnaires, e.g. regarding R&I priorities and challenges,
 - Liaise with other Working Groups or relevant networks, if feasible,
 - Co-author position papers or briefs;
 - Support the organisation of a meeting, suggest speakers, etc.,
 - Share experiences on social media.

AH&W WG mandate, operational

- Ongoing studies supported by [RefreSCAR](#).
 - Research on regulatory issues, such as Animal Welfare.
 - Risk Communication in case of an outbreak.
 - Climate change and impact on AH&W.