

## CASA - SCAR National meeting in Bulgaria

**The Standing Committee on Agricultural Research /SCAR/** at EC is well recognized by European Commission and its Member States as valuable coordination and advisory body on agricultural research and bioeconomy development. **Aiming to increase the visibility, national engagement and promote outcomes of SCAR, the AgroBioInstitute and Agricultural Academy at Ministry of Agriculture Food and Forestry, Bulgaria, with the support of SCAR CASA project, organize a National SCAR Meeting focused on EU and national developments and priorities of agriculture research and bioeconomy.**

The meeting will bring together well respected SCAR members and experts as well as representatives of various groups of national agricultural research and industry stakeholders to discuss agriculture research and bioeconomy issues and opportunities to participate into and benefit from SCAR activities.

Specifically, the meeting has the following objectives:

- To inform national agricultural research policy makers and researchers about SCAR, its bodies and activities
- To increase insight into opportunities and advantages of being actively involved in one of SCAR's bodies
- To improve information exchange and collaboration between the national SCAR delegates and delegates in the SCAR strategic working groups
- To exchange views on bioeconomy research in Europe, Bulgaria and other European countries

**The National SCAR Meeting will be held on 28 February, 2018 in Opal Hall of Ramada Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria.** It will follow the Bulgarian-Dutch seminar "Future Perspectives of the Agriculture" organized on 27 February 2018 at the same place. **Both meetings are open for participation without registration fees.** The working languages are English and Bulgarian, and translation will be provided.

## SCAR CASA National meeting

**28 February, 2018, Opal Hall, Hotel Ramada, Sofia Bulgaria**

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Organized by: CASA SCAR coordination and support action, H2020 Programme, EU  
AgroBioInstitute and Agricultural Academy, Bulgaria

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

*(Moderator prof. Ivan Atanassov, Bulgarian representative in SCAR)*

9:30 – 9:40 Official opening, *prof. Vasil Nikolov, President of Agricultural Academy, Bulgaria*

9:40 – 10:10 SCAR activities and impacts – *Mr. Enrico Prezio, Policy officer EU, SCAR Secretary*

10:10 – 10:25 SCAR priorities during Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU – *prof. Vladislav Popov, Agricultural University – Plovdiv, Bulgaria, Bulgarian representative in SCAR*

10:25 – 11:10 The CAP (Common agricultural policy 2020- 2025)  
- The EU and Dutch perspective – *Dr. Krijn Poppe, Wageningen University and Research, The Netherlands*  
- The Bulgarian perspective – *assoc. prof. Bojidar Ivanov, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Bulgaria,*

11:10 – 11:40 Coffee break

*(Moderator Dr. Annemarie Groot, SCAR CASA Coordination and Support Action)*

11:40 – 12:40 Presentation of SCAR Working Groups  
- Strategic Working Group: Bioeconomy – *Mr. Jan van Esch, Ministry of Economic Affairs, The Netherlands*  
- Strategic Working Group: Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems – *Ms. Svetlana Boyanova, Institute for Agrostrategies and Innovations, Bulgaria*

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- Strategic Working Group: Forest – *Dr. Kalliopi Radoglou, Forest Research Institute, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece*
- SCAR 4<sup>th</sup> Foresight exercise: *Dr. Krijn Poppe, Wageningen University and Research, The Netherlands*

12:40 – 13:10 Presentation of CASA SCAR activities. *Dr. Rolf Stratmann and Dr. Hanna Steffens, Coordination CASA*

13:10 – 14:10 Lunch

*(Moderator prof. Vladislav Popov, Bulgarian representative in SCAR)*

14:10 – 14:30 Highlights of bioeconomy related research in Bulgaria. – *prof. Ivan Atanasov, AgroBioInstitute, Bulgaria, Bulgarian representative in SCAR*

14:30 – 14:50 Innovation through cooperation in agriculture, Action 16 of Rural Development Programme - *senior expert from Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, responsible for the Programme*

14:50 – 15:20 Q&A

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