

## Call for Expression of Interest: National SCAR meeting

*If you want to increase the visibility and benefits of SCAR for your country, CASA can support you in organising a national event that meets these objectives*

### National SCAR meetings

National meetings about SCAR are a means to increase visibility of SCAR in the EU Member States, to promote SCAR outcomes and to provide a forum for exchange between stakeholders at the national level on bioeconomy issues. The SCAR CASA project (Task 1.4) can support delegates who are interested in having a national SCAR meeting in their country. The first national SCAR meeting in this CASA Task was organised together with the National Institute for Agronomic Research (INIA) in Spain on 10-11 May 2017. The event was highly appreciated by the participants. It increased their knowledge about SCAR's objectives, activities and outcomes. The meeting was also very helpful in gaining better insight into the opportunities and advantages of being actively involved in one of SCAR's bodies.

### For whom?

This call targets in particular those countries that are currently less engaged, but where national authorities are interested to raise their profile in SCAR and SCAR's influence in their own country. At present CASA is in contact with SCAR delegates of Hungary and Poland about an upcoming national SCAR meeting. However, through this call we also invite other countries to express their interest for a national event that CASA can help to organise in 2018 or 2019. In total, CASA Task 1.4 can support a national meeting in five or six countries. So we have room for two or three more events, besides the meetings in Spain, Hungary and Poland.



### Process and steps

We realise it takes time for EU Members States to check internally if they can commit themselves to prepare and organise a national SCAR meeting. Therefore, **Member States can express their interest until 19 January, 2018**. CASA will collect all applications and will inform you about the possibilities to co-organise the meeting within two weeks after this due date.

Each national SCAR meeting will be based on the premises that it meets the needs, context and interests of the country. For the selected member states, the SCAR delegate and a CASA expert will jointly prepare and organise the entire event. Preparation and organisation include the following main steps. For each step specific expertise of the CASA expert can be used.

Deciding on the date of the event, objectives, topics, key note speakers and type of participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•CASA will suggest topics to be discussed and types of participants</li> <li>•CASA will suggest speakers from the European Commission and SCAR bodies (SG, WGs)</li> <li>•CASA will co-develop the programme</li> </ul>
Contacting keynote speakers, elaborating sessions and working approach, inviting participants and other logistic arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•CASA can contact key note speakers of the European Commission</li> <li>•CASA can contact representatives of SCAR bodies (SG, WGs)</li> <li>•CASA will co-design the sessions and working approach</li> </ul>
Finalizing programme and communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•CASA can communicate the event through SCAR communication channels</li> </ul>
Implementation and reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•CASA will moderate one or more sessions</li> <li>•CASA will co-write the report</li> </ul>
Dissemination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•CASA will co-prepare a ppt for debriefing purposes</li> <li>•CASA will co-develop a news item for the SCAR website and disseminate presentations and other meeting documents through this website</li> </ul>

### Financial support

For each national SCAR meeting a maximum budget of 7.000 euro is available in order to facilitate travelling and logistics. Cost items for which the budget may be used include venue, catering, dinner, printing costs associated with the meeting, and Travel & Subsistence (T&S) reimbursement for speakers and/or other participants.

### More information and contact persons

As lead of Task 1.4, staff from Wageningen Research (WR) will co-organise the national SCAR meetings in close cooperation with the SCAR delegates of interested countries. Ms. Christine Bunthof is the overall CASA WP1 lead contact person. She was also the CASA contact person for the first national SCAR event in Spain. Ms. Floor Geerling-Eiff (email: [floor.geerling-eiff@wur.nl](mailto:floor.geerling-eiff@wur.nl); tel.: +31703358160) is the contact person for the meeting to be organised in Hungary in 2018. Ms Annemarie Groot is the contact person (email: [annemarie.groot@wur.nl](mailto:annemarie.groot@wur.nl); tel.:+31317483935) for all other national SCAR meetings planned for 2018, including the event in Poland.

For more information on the SCAR national meeting in Spain, please have a look at <http://scar-europe.org/index.php/events/national-scar-events/scar-national-meeting-at-inia-spain>.

To express your interest for a SCAR national meeting, please inform [christine.bunthof@wur.nl](mailto:christine.bunthof@wur.nl).

Should you be needing any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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