

## SCAR Background and brief history

1974 Regulation of the EU Council;
Coordination of agricultural
research in scope of the
Common Agricultural Policy

"...the most appropriate way of
developing cooperation is to set up a
Committee consisting of representative
Member States and presided over by a
representative of the Commission which
could usefully help and advise the
Commission in carrying out the tasks which
devolve upon it in the field of the
coordination of research in agriculture"

2005 Revised mandate

Committee moved from

EC DG AGRI to DG RTD

Coordination and collaboration

with KBBE-NET (Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy
Network)

Focus expanded from research
supporting agricultural production
to research supporting a
multifunctional sustainable agriculture,
taking into account
wider environmental and societal issues



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**2011** Evolution into a "New SCAR" Emcompassing the whole bioeconomy including:

- Forestry
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Food production and processing chain
- Non-food biomass development for industrial products and processes

**2015** Reflection Paper on the Role of the SCAR

Meeting the challenges: adapting to a changing landscape



"Continuing the current approach — a resource constrained evolution of SCAR in response to a changing landscape towards a stronger strategic role based on the availability of more resources"



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2015 Committee of 37 EU Member States and observers from Candidate and Associated Countries

#### SCAR Strategic Working Groups:

- ARCH
- AKIS
- Bioeconomy
- Fish
- Food Systems
- Forest

#### SCAR Collaborative Working Groups:

- Animal Health and Welfare
- Sustainable Animal Production

- Need to better include Member States with limited or no participation
- Need for an effective flow of information between the increasing number of working groups
- Ensure synergies and improve alignment of national research programmes



### SCAR and evolution of CASA

**2015** Evolution of a Coordination and Support Action to support SCAR

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Official start of CASA -

2016

Common Agricultural and wider bioeconomy reSearch Agenda

#### Specific objectives of CASA:

- 1. Increased and broadened participation, interaction and collaboration of Member States and Associated Countries with each other and also with the Directorate-Generals (DG) of the European Commission
- 2. Improved quality of outputs and outcomes of SCAR based on an increased and broadened participation facilitated by CASA
- 3. Strengthening the production of more strategic policy advice within the evolving landscape of the broader bioeconomy based on an increased and broadened participation facilitated by CASA
- 4. **Improved overall organisation, communication and dissemination** of SCAR activities, outputs and outcomes for greater impact



- 1. Increased and broadened participation, interaction and collaboration
- Study on representation and inclusion in SCAR bodies

SCAR offers a unique and highly valued platform for exchange, discussion, best practices and learning between states, and between states and the European Commission

SCAR is a platform where this **open exchange builds trust between partners** and thus directly contributes to 'making Europe work'

Participating in SCAR is not only beneficial at the policy level, but also a way to stimulate European research cooperation

BUT: Representation and inclusion pose tangible and intangible challenges that need to be addressed



#### 1. Increased and broadened participation, interaction and collaboration

 Conference "Research and innovation policy, state-of-play and the role of SCAR in the European Bioeconomy" with focus on representativeness and on SWOT of SCAR 4th – 5th December 2017 in Tallinn, Estonia

https://scar-europe.org/index.php/home-scar/events/conferences

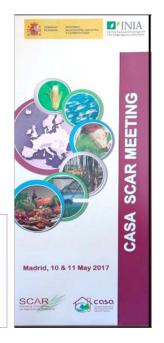
#### CASA SCAR National Meetings:

- increase the visibility and benefits of SCAR in the Member States
- Promote outcomes of SCAR
- Provide a forum for exchange of national background
- > Foster involvement of different stakeholders at national level
- ✓ Spain (May 10-11<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
- ✓ Bulgaria (February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018) + more countries?
- ✓ Hungary (April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018)
- ✓ Greece (May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

*TODAY* → Italy (May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

Poland (Autumn 2018)

+ more countries ? (from reserve list / new expression of interest - depending on possibility of shifts of resources Main contact:
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- 1. Increased and broadened participation, interaction and collaboration
- Mentoring Programme:

Aim: Supporting delegates of (new) EU Member States to become effective and efficient contributors and linking-pins between SCAR and the national level through exchange of knowledge and experience



#### **Mentees**

Everybody who is nationally nominated to be involved in at least one SCAR body

#### In particular for:

- Delegates of new EU Member States
- Representatives of not so active members but who aim to become more actively involved

#### **Mentors**

Individuals well-experienced with SCAR: current members of the SCAR SG; actively involved in one or more SCAR WGs

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Mentoring Programme:

September 2018: start of 2<sup>nd</sup> round



Registration and matchmaking

First round (October 2017 - June 2018)

Face-to-face meeting(s) E-mails, telephone calls

Registration and matchmaking

Second round (September 2018 - June 2019)

> Face-to-face meeting(s) E-mails, telephone calls

#### Monitoring

Evaluation 1<sup>st</sup> round (July 2018) Final evaluation (July 2019)



- **2.** Improved quality of outputs and outcomes of SCAR based on an increased and broadened participation facilitated by CASA
- Expert Studies

Support to finance expert studies up to 25.000 €.

Example studies for SWG Forest:

- 1. Synthesis on forest bio-economy research and innovation in Europe [Finished]
- 2. Impact assessment on forest-related ERA-NETs and COST Actions [Finishing]

Proposals and results for SWG Forest are/will be available on the SCAR website: https://scar-europe.org/index.php/forest-documents



Facilitation of SCAR bodies

**Facilitation support to SCAR bodies** to reduce the burden of chairs and co-chairs for preparing, implementing and following-up of Working Group meetings.

Utilised by SWG ARCH, SWG AKIS, SWG BE and SWG Forest.

- Further activities comprise support
  - to coordinating and linking of SWGs, CWGs and DGs, and
  - the implementation of the 4th Foresight results, and
  - updating the 2 year running workplan of SCAR.

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- **3. Strengthening the production of more strategic policy advice** within the evolving landscape of the broader bio-economy based on an increased and broadened participation facilitated by CASA
- Assess the state of play of research and innovation policy in the broader Bioeconomy area: Assessment and SWOT analysis [Finished and available on SCAR website]
- SWOT of the SCAR: The Results
   [Finishing in process, to be published in May 2018]

Discussed at the conference "Research and innovation policy, state-ofplay and the role of SCAR in the European Bioeconomy": December 4-6th, 2017 in Tallinn, Estonia

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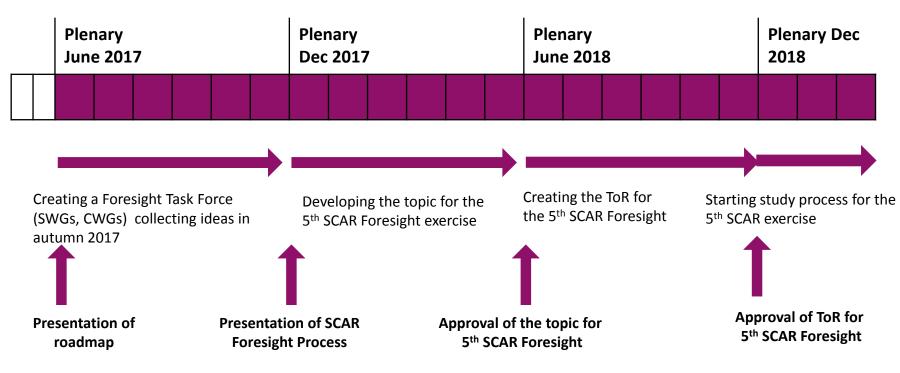
Guidelines and general procedures for initiating new activities published (SWGs/CWGs/Ad-hoc working groups or Task Forces on emerging issues; other implementation actions)



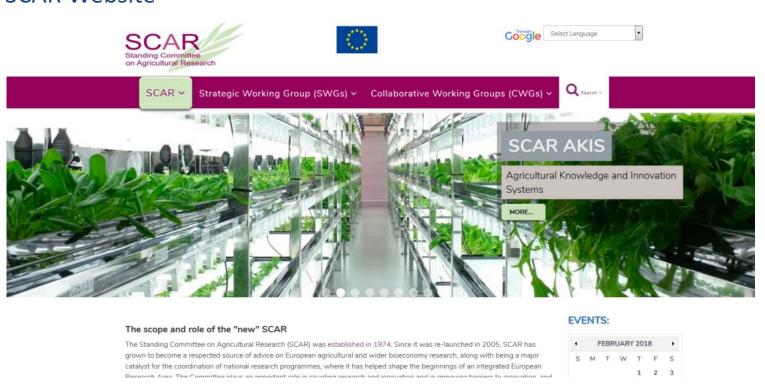


# Roadmap towards the 5<sup>th</sup> SCAR Foresight exercise

#### > Timeline



- **4**. **Improved overall organisation, communication and dissemination** of SCAR activities, outputs and outcomes for greater impact
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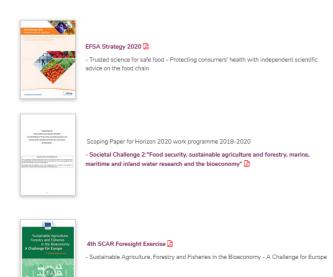


SCAR Website: Documents



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#### **European Strategies Documents**





Global Food Security 2030Global Food Security 2030 🚨

- Assessing trends with a view to guiding future EU policies



SCAR Website: SCAR Templates





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# THANK YOU For your attention



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