



STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

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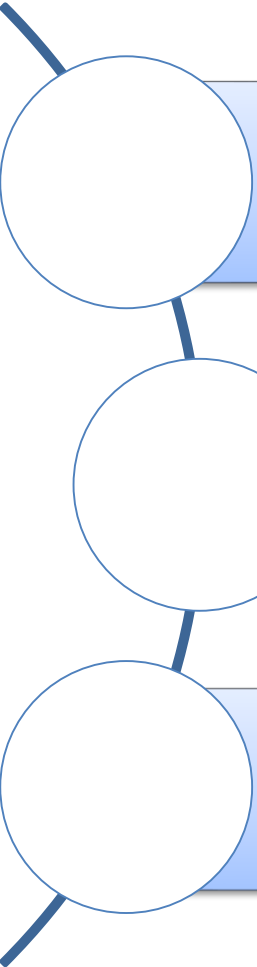
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What is SCAR?



1974 :Advisory board established (Regulation (EEC) No 1728/74 of the Council of 27 June 1974)

2005: Revised mandate by the Council

2012: Widening of SCAR

SCAR Components

SCAR currently represents 37 different countries

- EU Member States
 - Ministries (mainly of Agriculture)
 - Organisations such as research councils
- Observers: Candidate and Associated Countries
- European Commission (secretariat and chair, DG RTD & DG AGRI)

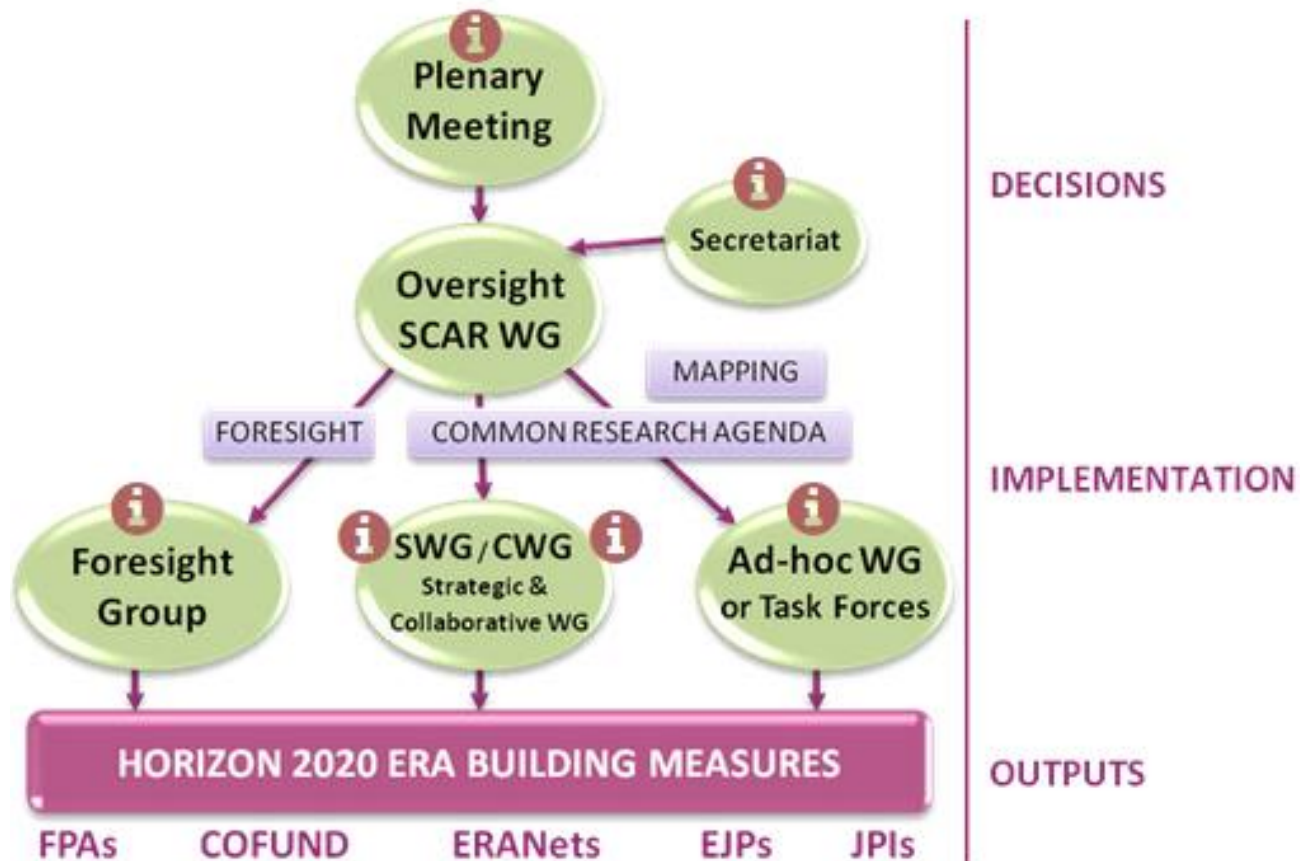
SCAR Main Activities



**Better coordination of agricultural research in Europe
Integrated European Research Area**

SCAR Structure

SCAR ORGANISATION



SCAR delivers through various groups, each with its own responsibilities but, ultimately, reporting to the six-monthly plenary meeting of official delegates.

SCAR Structure

1. Plenary Meeting

Participants:

- SCAR delegates from all EU MS
- Candidate MS
- Associated States

Main tasks:

- Creation of Working Groups
- Other initiatives proposed by the EC or SCAR SG
- Policy papers
- Actions

Meetings: 2/year



SCAR Structure

2. SCAR Steering Group

Participants:

- SCAR delegates from all countries represented in the plenary
- EC staff

Main tasks:

- Plan and prepare plenary meetings
- Coordination mechanisms in Horizon 2020
- Prioritisation of ERA-Net Co-fund activities
- Organising the establishment of new WG
- Providing support to WG

Meetings: 5 to 6/year



SCAR Steering Group deliverables

- 2017:
 - Agreement on the priority list of ERA-NETs
 - Annual conference on key priority subjects
 - Topic development in H2020 WP2018-2020
 - Reflection paper on the Bioeconomy Strategy Review
 - Reflection paper on the new EU Research Framework Programme

SCAR Structure

3. Foresight Group

Participants:

- Long-term experts (approx. 5)
- Short-term experts (approx. 5)
- Advisors from CWGs / SWG / ERA-Nets / JPIs – Representative members are invited as required.

Main tasks:

- Foresight activity
- Execution of relevant studies & Review ongoing studies
- Research prioritisation

SCAR Foresight – Instrument for public research planning and public policy building



Foresight Group deliverables

- **Futures Scenarios**
- **Recommendations** on the main priorities for national and European research in the bioeconomy
- **Proposals for ERA-Nets, JPIs**
- **Conferences**

4. Collaborative Working Group (CWG)

Participants:

- SCAR members
- EC Staff

Main tasks:

- Develop Strategic Research Agendas, highlighting priority research topics through mapping activities and gap analyses, all of which potentially lay the groundwork for future ERA-NETs

Existing CWG:

- Sustainable animal production
- Animal health and welfare



Collaborative Working Groups deliverables

- **Studies and recommendations** on multilateral cooperation in specific research areas, leading to new ERA-NETs.
- **Mapping and analyses** of countries' current activities in these areas. Gaps, trends, needs.
- **Possible strategic research agendas** in these specific areas.

5. Strategic Working Group (SWG)

Participants:

- SCAR members
- EC Staff

Main tasks:

- Discuss strategic matters on broad issues. Contribute to medium long-term research and innovation policy
- Formulating research policy advice on:
 - Fisheries and aquaculture research (SCAR FISH);
 - Agricultural knowledge and innovation systems (SCAR AKIS);
 - Sustainable bioresources production (Bioeconomy SWG);
 - Forestry research and innovation (SCAR Forest);
 - European Agricultural Research towards greater impact on global challenges (SCAR ARCH).



Strategic Working Groups deliverables

Deliverables

Mapping and analyses of current research and innovation policies to identify common strategic goals and initiatives, normally covering larger domains than CWGs.

Concrete advice for countries and the COM on strategic research

Possible **strategic research agendas** (SRA) in the chosen domain (though this is usually the role of the CWGs).

Advice on, and promotion of, the alignment of MS and European R&D policies, going beyond the EU Horizon 2020-related instruments (e.g. roadmap, strategy),

Advice on strategic convergence of areas currently distant from each other, Agricultural Research and Agricultural Research for Development, where there is the potential to increase synergies and/or reduce unnecessary duplication.

- The main rationale for the SCAR SWG Food Systems is to provide the strategic advice and support to the EU Research and Innovation policy framework FOOD2030.
- Currently the FS SWG are working on the mapping for the five past years R&I funding related to Food Systems at national and regional level and how it fits with key areas of FOOD 2030.

The **mapping exercise** includes **QUALITATIVE** and **QUANTITATIVE Mapping**:

- **Qualitative mapping** is on the integration of different policies related to Food and Nutrition Security and Bioeconomy policies in each Member State. It describes the specific situation in each country, the lack of consistency and the ambitions to achieve.
- **Quantitative mapping** aims to :
 - ✓ evaluate how food and nutrition security and sustainability are included in each MS
 - ✓ to show the coherence between the policy and funding.
 - ✓ to get an overview of status, to reveal knowledge and to arise opportunities to collaborate in order to fulfil the FOOD 2030 expectations.
- The mapping results will be presented in a booklet during the FOOD 2030 HLC in Plovdiv (BG) on the 14-15 June 2018.

- The SCAR FS SWG are organising a joint workshop with JPI FACCE and JPI HDHL on the **Future – Proofing Food Systems**, that will be held in **Plovdiv** (BG), on **13 June 2018** from **13:30** to **17:30**
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6. Ad-hoc Working Groups or task forces

Occasionally, SCAR may decide to take on an initiative additional to its regular activities, or an initiative that takes more time and effort than can be accommodated within the regular work load of the SCAR Steering Group.

Examples:

- Preparation of SCAR input to the development of EU RTD Framework Programmes and national programme coordination mechanisms
- Preparation of reflection paper on the role of SCAR



Benefits of being a SCAR member



Extend your network

- Meet with experts from other countries.
- Create partnerships on common research priorities.



Exchange of knowledge

- Acquire mutual knowledge of activities, institutions and facilities in Member States and Associated Countries.
- Help align national research programmes, avoid duplication of activities and ensure efficient use of resources.



Participate to the Strategic Programming

- Provide advice and support for the development of European initiatives such as the Joint Programming Initiative, the Commission Research Framework Programmes, development and the national programme coordination mechanism ERA-Net Co-fund.
- Bring in the debate your national/regional specificity and priorities.

Appointment process of SCAR delegates

- Delegates to the SCAR are nominated by the national Ministries (usually Agriculture or Research).
- Nominations must be submitted by the national Ministry to the Permanent Representation to the EU of the country.
- The Permanent Representation transmits the nominations to the European Commission – DG RTD F "Bioeconomy" Directorate.

Bulgarian Members of SCAR

- Prof. Vladislav Popov, Agricultural University of Plovdiv
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THANK YOU

For your attention

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