



# SCAR Priorities during Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU

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# First Bulgarian Presidency

The **logo** includes three elements – the **Cyrillic alphabet**, the traditional Bulgarian embroidery and the Bulgarian flag.

## The motto of the Bulgarian Presidency

**“United We Stand Strong”**

Future of Europe and young people - economic growth and social cohesion

Security and stability in a strong and united Europe

European perspective and connectivity of the Western Balkans

Digital economy and skills needed for the future

# Research and Innovation: Overarching Priority



## 9 Framework Programme

**Continue the discussion on setting directions towards the next Framework Programme of the European Union for Research and Innovation for the period 2021-2028**

# Research and Innovation: Priorities

## Main Presidency topics

- Accelerating the transfer of knowledge, data and research results in support of a new generation of innovators and researchers;
- Maximizing long-term sustainability of Research Infrastructures and opening up to the industries and the societies;
- Research and Innovation for Food and Nutrition Security and Quality Empowerment;
- Progressing the preparation of a roadmap outlining the governance and funding of the European Open Science Cloud initiative.

# Agriculture and Food: Priorities

## Main Presidency topics

- Modernization and simplification of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) after 2020;
- Monitor the situation on the agricultural market – trade negotiations;
- Unfair trading practices in the agro-food chain;
- Sustainable management and better preparedness for emergency situations of animal and plant health;
- Multi–annual management plans for fish stocks;
- Work on progress on the proposals of Regulations:
  - in agricultural sector on spirit drinks;
  - in veterinary sector on veterinary medicinal products and medicated feed;
  - in fishery sector on multi–annual plan for North sea and technical measures.



# Research and Innovation: Flagship events



**European University - Business Forum**

22-23 February, Sofia



**Conference on Access to risk Finance under H2020**

21 March, Sofia



**Conference on Research Infrastructures**

22-23 March, Sofia



**Conference “Food 2030”**

14-15 June 2018, Plovdiv



# Agriculture and Food: Events



**Bulgarian-Dutch Seminar 'Future Perspectives of the Agriculture' and SCAR  
CASA national meeting**

27-28 February, Sofia



**Workshop on the role of wildlife in the context of animal health**

March, Sofia



**Conference on animal welfare during long-distance transport**

April, Sofia



**High – level conference on Black sea**

8-9 June, Sofia



# SCAR Priorities during Bulgarian Presidency

- Response to the **European Commission four priority areas**:
  - ✓ The review of the European Commission's Bioeconomy Strategy
  - ✓ The development of a FOOD 2030 Initiative
  - ✓ Support to the implementation of the Commission's document, 'A strategic approach to EU agricultural research and innovation'
  - ✓ EU Research Programming: The development of the strategic basis, the scoping paper, and the work programme of the remaining years of Horizon 2020, particularly in relation to national research programme coordination (e.g. ERA-Net Co-fund)



# SCAR Priorities during Bulgarian Presidency

- National and EU level consultation and workshop for prioritisation and agreement of ERA-Net and EJP Co-fund topics for the 2020 SC2 work programme
- **Reflection on the coming framework programme, “FP9”**, based on the evaluation of the ongoing instruments
- Input to the European Commission’s development of national programme coordination mechanisms for FP9
- Strengthen **SCAR involvement and input to the IBF** (and other international forums)
- Towards the **SCAR V-th Foresight exercise** - an instrument for strategic planning and public policy building

# Implications for Bulgaria towards a national Bioeconomy strategy

- Reflection on the major points in the revised EU BE Strategy
- National and EU level consultation on initiating the process of formulation of a National BE Strategy
- Setting up and operational National Inter-Governmental Working Group aimed at formulation and adoption of a National BE Strategy and Action Plan until 2022
- Input from the European Commission bodies (technical support..?)
- Possible SCAR involvement in this process....via e.g. SWG BE.?

# Reflection on the major points in the revised EU BE Strategy

1. **Knowledge-based Bioeconomy - education and skills** for more effective uptake of bioeconomy principles, practices and innovative technologies
2. Mechanisms for **increased inclusion of all stakeholders** in the bioeconomy chain (innovation, development, implementation)
3. **Instruments for improved synergies** between primary produce sectors, industries, science and innovation hubs, regional and local policy- and decision-makers, etc.
4. Ease the process of **investing in bioeconomy**

# THANK YOU

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