

SCAR Coordination and Support Action CASA

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Background and brief history SCAR (Member States driven)

- 1974 Regulation of the EU Council;
Coordination of agricultural research
in scope of the Common Agricultural Policy
- 2005 Revised mandate; reflecting change to the
scope of agricultural research agendas;
provision of advice to European
Commission and EU Member States
 - » Coordination and collaboration with KBBE-NET
(Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy Network)

Background and brief history

KBBE-NET (European Commission driven)

- 2005 Third annual progress report of the Life Science and Biotechnology Strategy published in 2005:

The Commission will ...“establish a network with EU Member States to help **coordinate the development and implementation of a European research policy for a *Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy* in coordination with the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research**”.

Main role: Support the Commission and Member States towards the building of a Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy in Europe

- End 2011 KBBE-NET dissolved; SCAR to cover the whole Bioeconomy; Bioeconomy Observatory, ...

SCAR developments

Reflection Paper

- 2015 Reflection Paper on the Role of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research;

Chapter 5: Meeting the challenges - adapting to a changing landscape



SCAR developments

Reflection Paper

- **Option 1:** Limit focus to activities addressed by the Committee pre-2012 in recognition of the constraints on resources of both the European Commission, the Member and Associated Countries.
- **Option 2:** Continuing the current approach – a resource constrained evolution of SCAR in response to a changing landscape (“business as usual”).
- **Option 3:** Building on option 2, extending towards a stronger strategic role based on the availability of more resources.
- **Option 4:** Building on option 3, extending towards a wider input to all areas of the Bio-economy relating



Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2

CSA & CASA developments

- 2015 Drafting and inclusion of a Coordination and Support Action topic in the Work Programme 2016-2017
- Mid-2015 First discussions about scope and structure
- 11/2015 Core group (SCAR Steering Group discussion) (WR (DLO), APS (Ministry of Environment and Food through AU), MAA, JUELICH)
- 07-08 Grant Preparation Phase
- 09/2016 Official start of CASA (signed October 2016)
- 11/2016 Kick Off, Task 2.1 Workshop

SCAR developments

bi-annual SCAR Workplan and CASA

- 2015/16 Development of a rolling bi-annual SCAR workplan for 2016 and 2017;
- End 2016 Discussion and adoption in SCAR Plenary
- Ongoing Aligning CASA Workplan to SCAR Workplan, supporting the whole breadth of SCAR, support to implementation and adjustment of SCAR Workplan
- 09/2018 Self-reliant support body
- future (financed by Members of SCAR)

CASA

Aim, Work Packages and Structures

Specific CASA objectives:

- **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
- **Improved quality of outputs and outcomes of SCAR** based on an increased and broadened participation facilitated by CASA
- **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
- **Improved overall organisation, communication and dissemination** of SCAR activities, outputs and outcomes for greater impact

CASA

Aim, Work Packages and Structures

CASA Work Packages for reaching the Specific Objectives

WP5 Coordination and Management

WP1

Representativeness

WP2

**Added Value and Improved
Quality for Greater Impact**

WP3

**Strengthening Strategic
Advice**

WP4

**Communication and
Dissemination**

CASA activities

Strategic Working Groups

Agricultural Knowledge and
Innovation Systems

Collaborative Working Groups

Sustainable Animal
Production

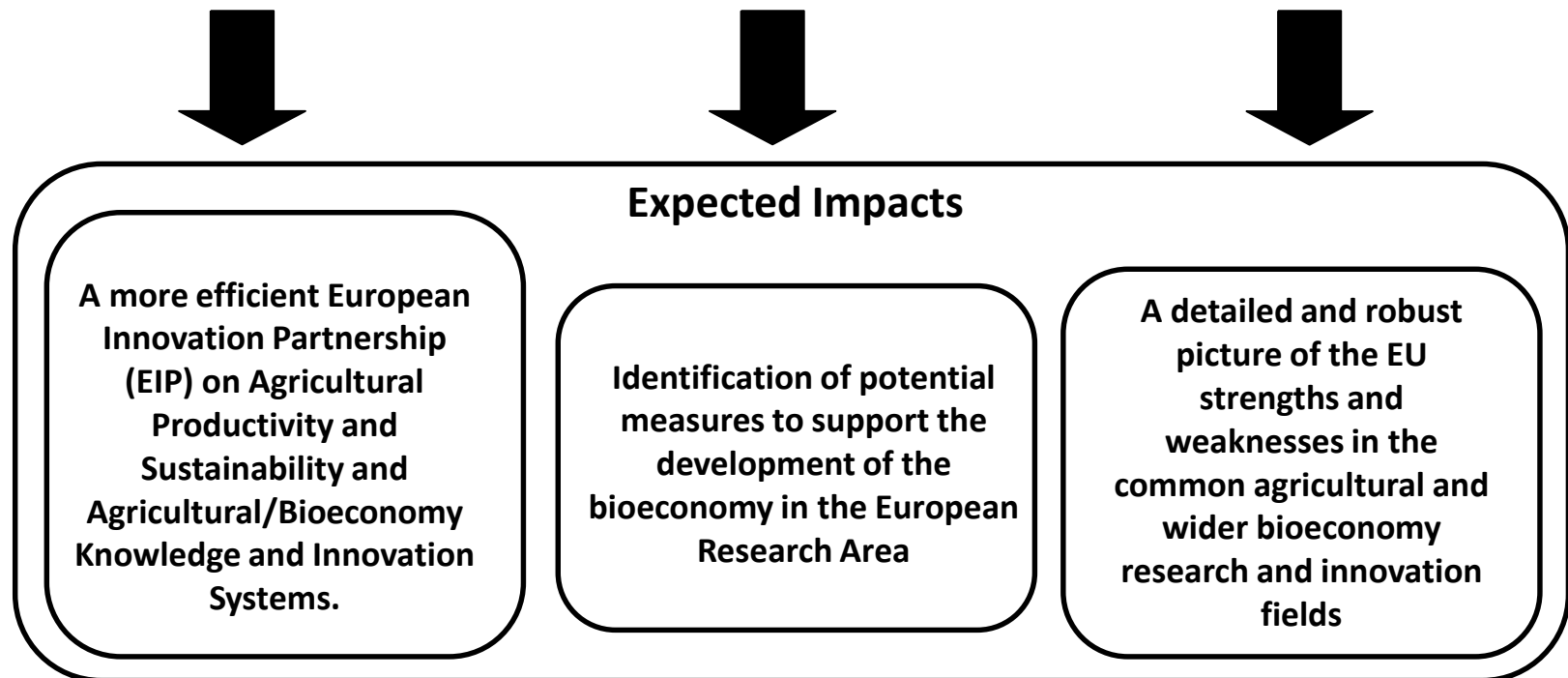
Foresight Group

Other activities, ad-hoc
groups, task forces

SCAR activities

CASA

Aim, Work Packages and Structures



WP1 - Representation and inclusion in SCAR

Background

2015 Reflection Paper on the Role of SCAR

Member State representation and inclusion

The widening of SCARs remit {...} **raised concerns of the capacity and interest of members to partake in working groups {...} how to bridge gaps between the national ministries {...}.**



WP1 - Representation and inclusion in SCAR

Background

2016-2017 – Study on representation and inclusion in SCAR bodies



Main questions

- How are countries represented in SCAR bodies?
- What national institutions are usually involved?
- Are all areas in the bioeconomy sufficiently represented?
- What are factors enabling or challenging representation?

Purpose

- To gain insight into the current state of participation;
- To get a greater awareness of determining factors;
- To identify good practices;
- To be able to identify practical approaches for increased representation of countries (and bioeconomy areas).

WP1 - Representation and inclusion in SCAR

Main conclusions

- Country participation in SCAR differs a lot: both when comparing regions, also when comparing EU-15, EU-13 and AC countries;
- There is underrepresentation of EU-13 and AC countries, and SE and EE regions;
- The Ministry that oversees Agriculture is dominant in SCAR; EC participation in SCAR is mostly limited to DG RTD and DG AGRI;
- In general the broader bioeconomy is perceived as being covered fairly well by SCAR working groups.

WP1 - Representation and inclusion in SCAR

Key messages

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

WP1 - Representation and inclusion in SCAR



SCAR ▾

Strategic Working Group (SWGs) ▾

Collaborative Working Groups (CWGs) ▾



Documents



Representation and inclusion in SCAR – Task 1.1 Analysis of the key factors of involvement and representativeness



- CASA Deliverable 1.1 - December 2017

CSA CASA

- > Mission and aims
- > Workpackages
- > Documents
- > Team
- > Events
- > Contact
- > Restricted Area



CASA, Support to SCAR

WP1 - Representation and inclusion in SCAR

SCAR ▾

Strategic Working Group (SWGs) ▾

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SCAR Conference 2017



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

SCAR
Standing Committee
on Agricultural Research



CASA
Common Agricultural
and wider bioeconomy
research agenda

SCAR Conference 2017 "Research and innovation policy,
state-of-play and the role of SCAR in the European
Bioeconomy"

4th and 5th December 2017

VENUE: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tallinn - ESTONIA



Conference website

SCAR Conference videos:

- 4 December 2017
- 5 December 2017

- Representation and Inclusion in SCAR – Executive Summary
- Speakers



CASA, Support to SCAR

WP1 - 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



WP1 - Mentoring Programme

- 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

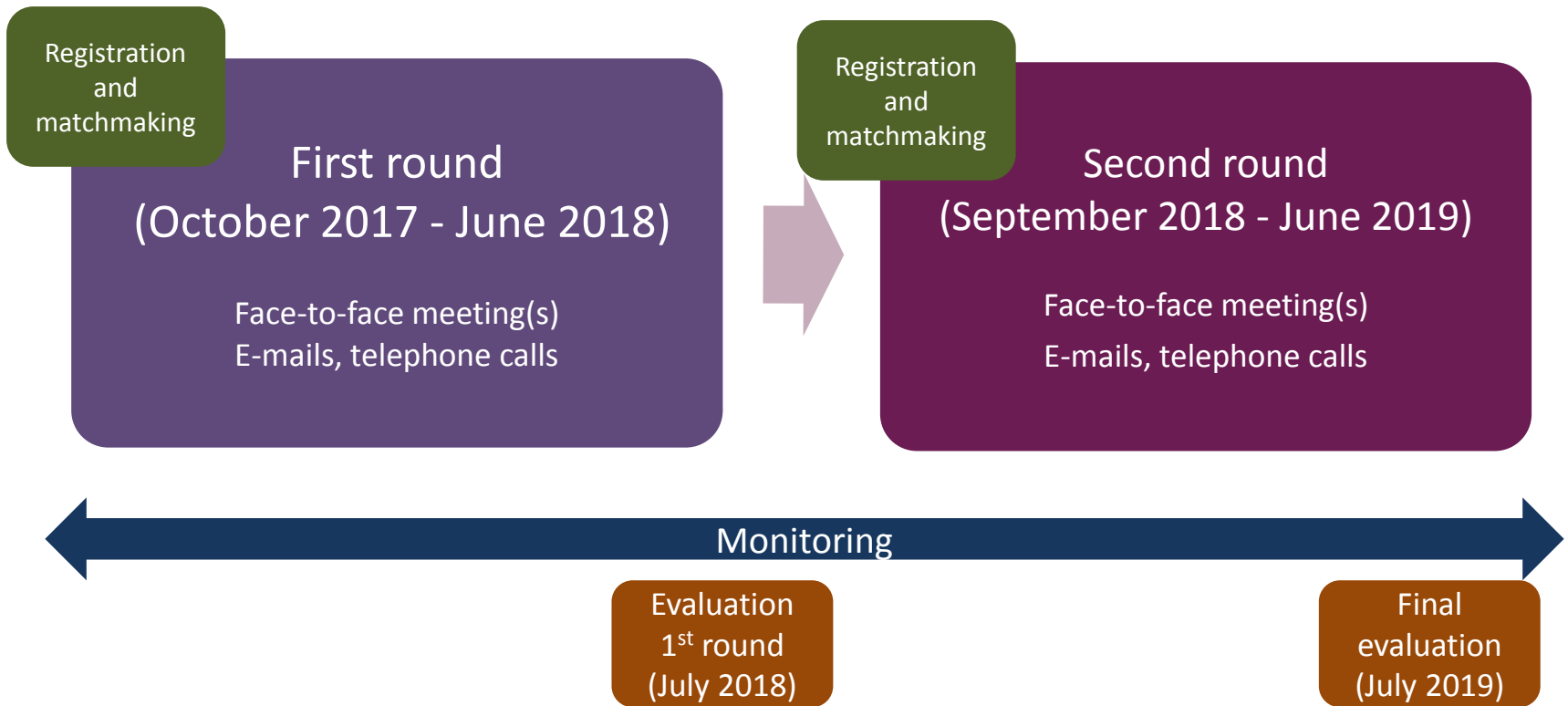
- Individuals well-experienced with SCAR: current members of the SCAR SG; actively involved in one or more SCAR WGs

WP1 - Mentoring Programme

- 6 Matches
- 12 Mentees
 - 2 from new member states (E13)
 - 3 from associate members
 - 7 from old member states
- 7 Mentors
 - 6 from old member states
 - 1 from new member state
- First interactions highly appreciated



WP1 - Mentoring Programme



WP1 - National SCAR Meetings

- For member states currently less engaged, but with interest to raise profile in SCAR and SCAR's influence in own country
- CASA can support 5-6 countries
- 1st national SCAR meeting in Spain (May 2017) organised by INIA in Spain and CASA
- 2nd national SCAR meeting in Bulgaria (28 Feb, 2018) organised by AgroBioInstitute and Agricultural Academy in Bulgaria and CASA
- Preparations for national SCAR meeting in Greece, Italy, Poland and Hungary ongoing



WP2 - Facilitation

In proposal and description of action

- SWG ARCH
- SWG AKIS

New facilitation during CASA runtime

- SWG Bioeconomy
- SWG Forest

Support to updating of the 2-year running SCAR workplan as well as review of the activities of the previous year.

WP2 – External Studies

SWG ARCH

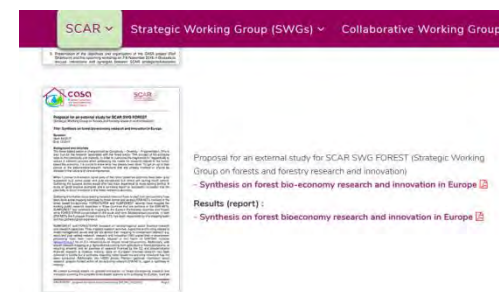
- Scenarios on the Global Dimension of the European Food System

SWG Forest:

- Synthesis on forest bio-economy research and innovation in Europe
- Impact assessment on forest-related ERA-NETs and COST Actions

SWG Bioeconomy:

- Synthesis on bioeconomy monitoring systems in EU Member States (Acronym: MontBioeco)



SWG SCARFish:

- Strengthening Fish Welfare Research through a Gap analysis study

WP2 – External Studies

SWG AKIS

- Inventory of Research and Innovation Infrastructures improving knowledge flows in the field of Agriculture
- Synergies among EU funds in the field of research and Innovation in Agriculture

SWG Food Systems

- Mapping member state research and innovation funds to evaluate how food and nutrition security and sustainability are included
- Overview and synthesis of existing Food Systems studies and research projects in Europe

CWG AHW

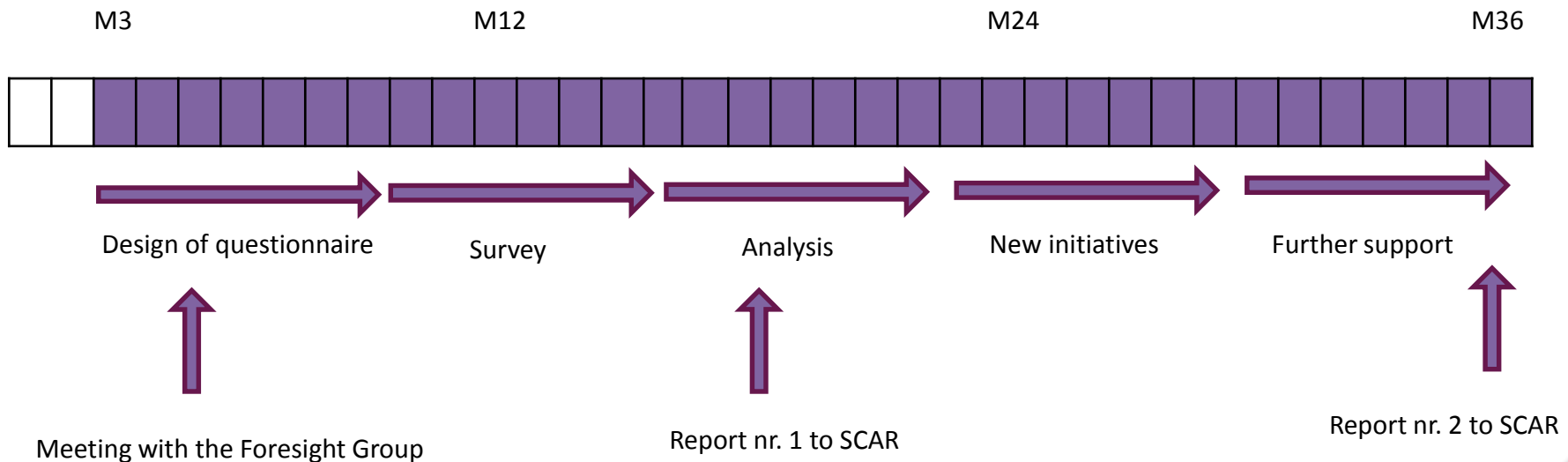
- Updating of Strategical Research Agenda on animal health Research Needs

WP2 – Support to 4th Foresight

Support to the implementation / dissemination of the 4th Foresight and its recommendations

- Participants: AU, BLE, MIPAAF, MOH
- Time interval: M3-M36

Timeline



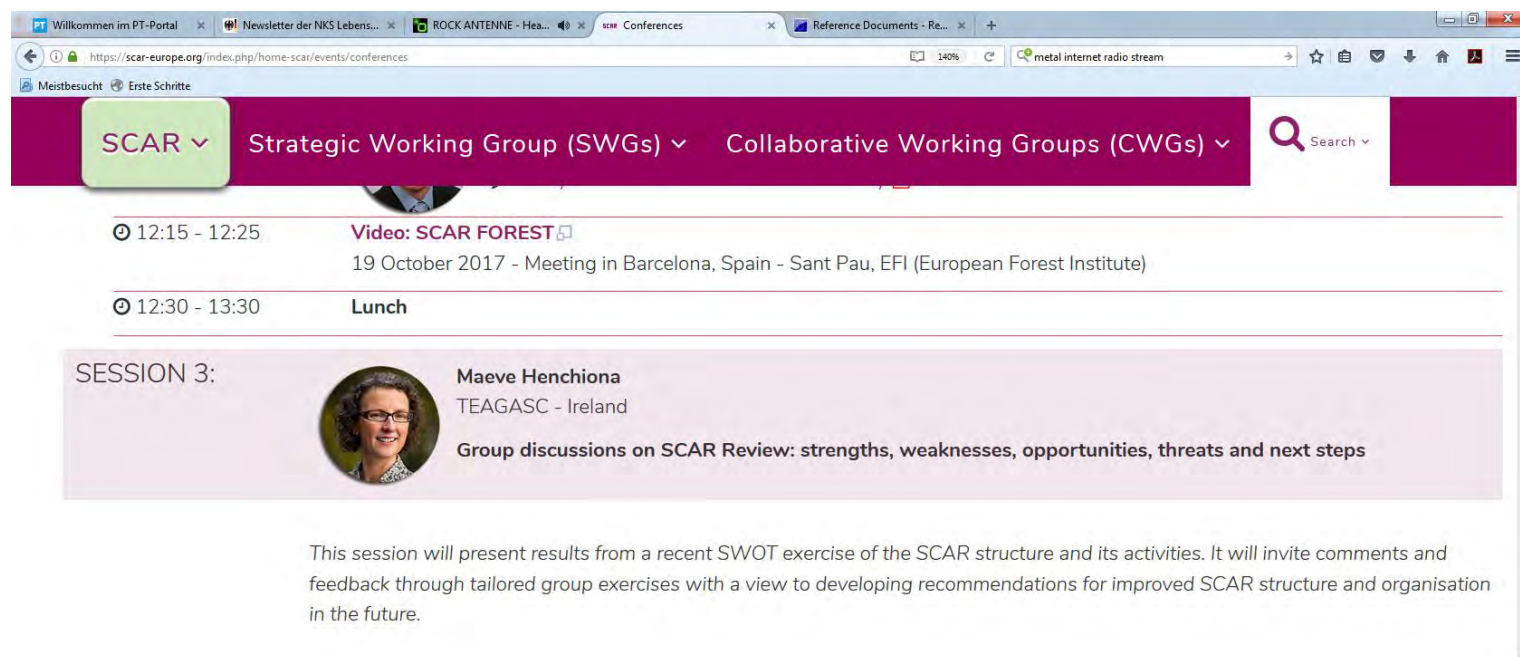
SWOT provides **picture of EU bioeconomy strengths and weaknesses** and **adjacent research policies**

D3.3 Bioeconomy Research & Innovation Policy Landscape in Europe: A Review




SWOT about SCAR, its structures and impact (D3.2)


WP3 – SWOT








The screenshot shows the SCAR Europe website with the following content:

- Navigation Bar:** SCAR, Strategic Working Group (SWGs), Collaborative Working Groups (CWGs), Search.
- Conference Schedule:**
 - 12:15 - 12:25: **Video: SCAR FOREST** (19 October 2017 - Meeting in Barcelona, Spain - Sant Pau, EFI (European Forest Institute))
 - 12:30 - 13:30: **Lunch**
- SESSION 3:**
 - Maeve Henchiona** (TEAGASC - Ireland)
 - Group discussions on SCAR Review: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and next steps**
- Description of Session 3:** This session will present results from a recent SWOT exercise of the SCAR structure and its activities. It will invite comments and feedback through tailored group exercises with a view to developing recommendations for improved SCAR structure and organisation in the future.

-  **13:45 - 14:15**

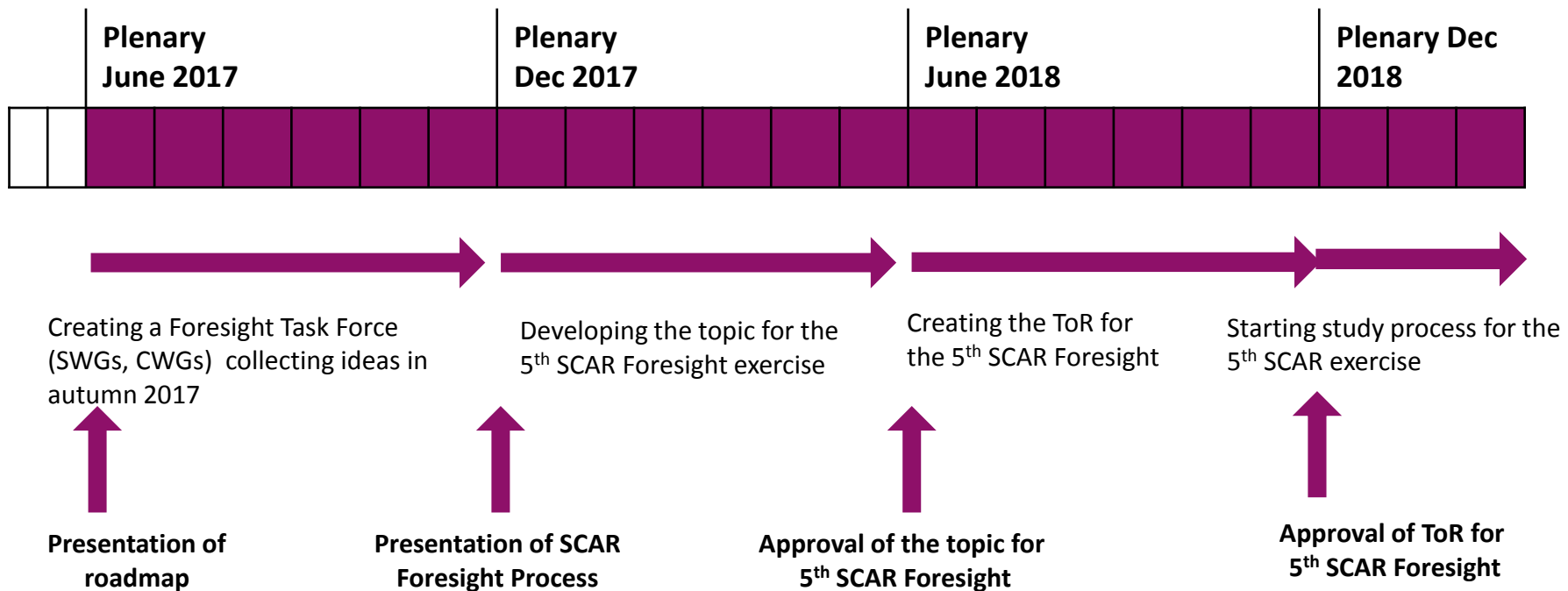


Laura Devaney
 TEAGASC - Ireland
 **SWOT analysis of the SCAR - preliminary results**
-  **14:15 - 15:00** Breakout Activity 1 – Sense checking SWOT results (miscommunications, factual inaccuracies, missed opportunities, etc.)
-  **15:00 - 15:30** Coffee break
-  **15:30 - 16:00** Breakout Activity 2 – Ranking Prioritisation and Next steps: What a (more!) successful SCAR would look like and how we will get there
-  **16:00 - 16:40** Feedback of the Group discussions and wrap-up by the chair

WP3 - Roadmap towards the 5th SCAR Foresight exercise

➤ Timeline

Other Actions	126
1. Circular Bioeconomy Thematic Investment Platform (risk-sharing financial instrument)	126
2. Support to Research and Innovation Policy in the area of bio-based products and services	128
3. 5th Foresight exercise of the Standing Committee for Agricultural Research (SCAR)	128
4. External expertise	129



WP4 - Communication and Dissemination

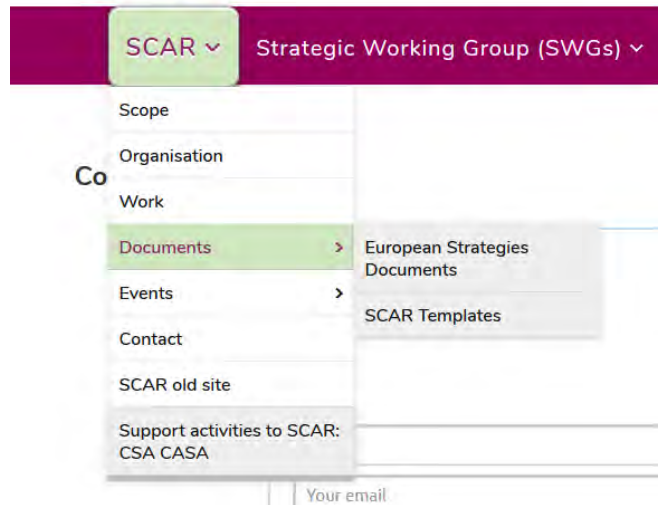
- SCAR Website and SCAR Flyers



<https://scar-europe.org>



WP4 - Communication and Dissemination



<https://scar-europe.org/index.php/home-scar/documents>



European Strategies Documents

EFSA Strategy 2020

- Trusted science for safe food - Protecting consumers' health with independent scientific advice on the food chain



Scoping Paper for Horizon 2020 work programme 2018-2020

- Societal Challenge 2: "Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy"

4th SCAR Foresight Exercise 

- Sustainable Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in the Bioeconomy - A Challenge for Europe

Global Food Security 2030 Global Food Security 2030 

- Assessing trends with a view to guiding future EU policies

WP4 - Communication and Dissemination

- SCAR Templates



PowerPoint Presentation - Widescreen

PowerPoint Presentation - Screen 4:3



Report (Word document)

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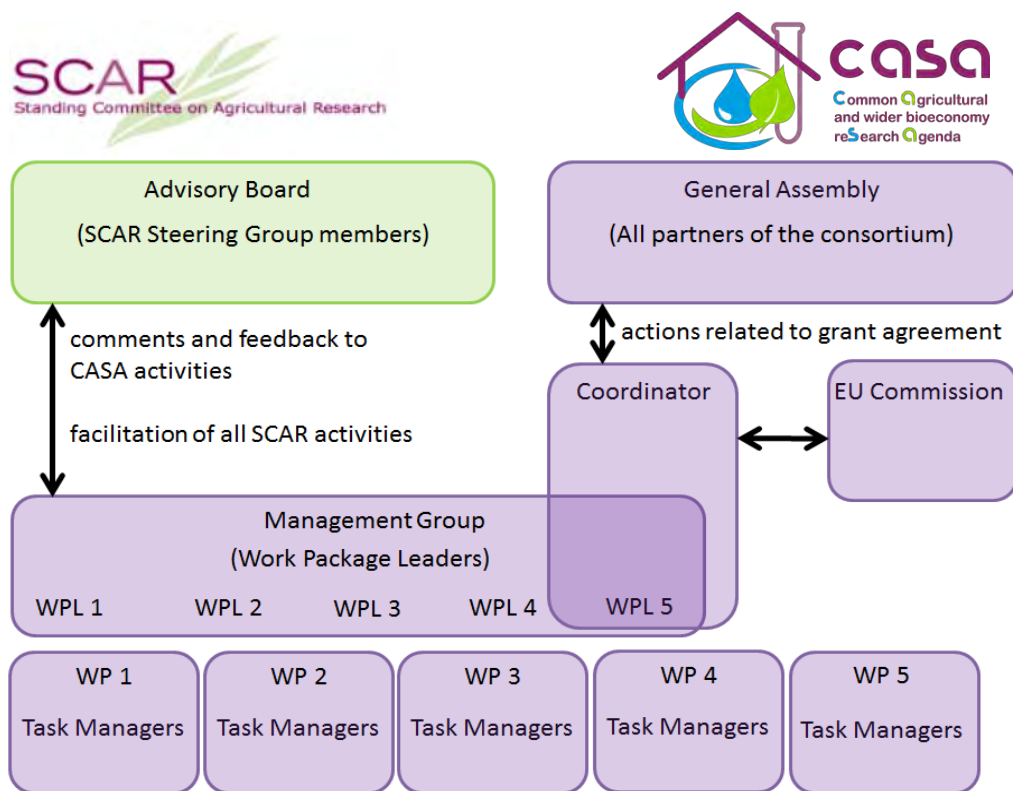
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WP5 - Coordination and Management

Advisory Board Function of SCAR SG



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For your attention

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