

# SCAR Coordination and Support Action CASA

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**CASA**  
Common Agricultural  
and wider bioeconomy  
reSearch Agenda




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# 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

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

# SCAR

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**2011** Evolution into a “New SCAR”  
Encompassing 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 Countries  
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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**2016**

Official start of **CASA** –  
Common **A**gricultural and wider  
bioeconomy re**S**earch **A**genda

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



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# CASA – Support to SCAR

## 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’, a way to **stimulate European research cooperation**



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

[https://scar-europe.org/images/CASA/Documents/D1-1\\_Representation\\_Inclusion.pdf](https://scar-europe.org/images/CASA/Documents/D1-1_Representation_Inclusion.pdf)

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## 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” on Representativeness and SWOT: December 4-6th, 2017 in Tallinn, Estonia

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

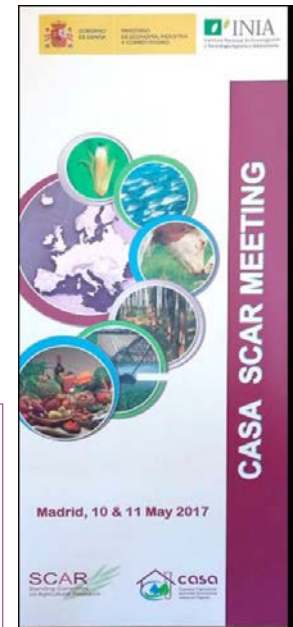
- National SCAR Events:

- *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 10-11th, 2017)
- ✓ Bulgaria (February 28th, 2018)
- ✓ Hungary (April 25th, 2018)
- Greece (May 24th, 2018)
- Italy (May 29th, 2018)
- Poland (tbc)

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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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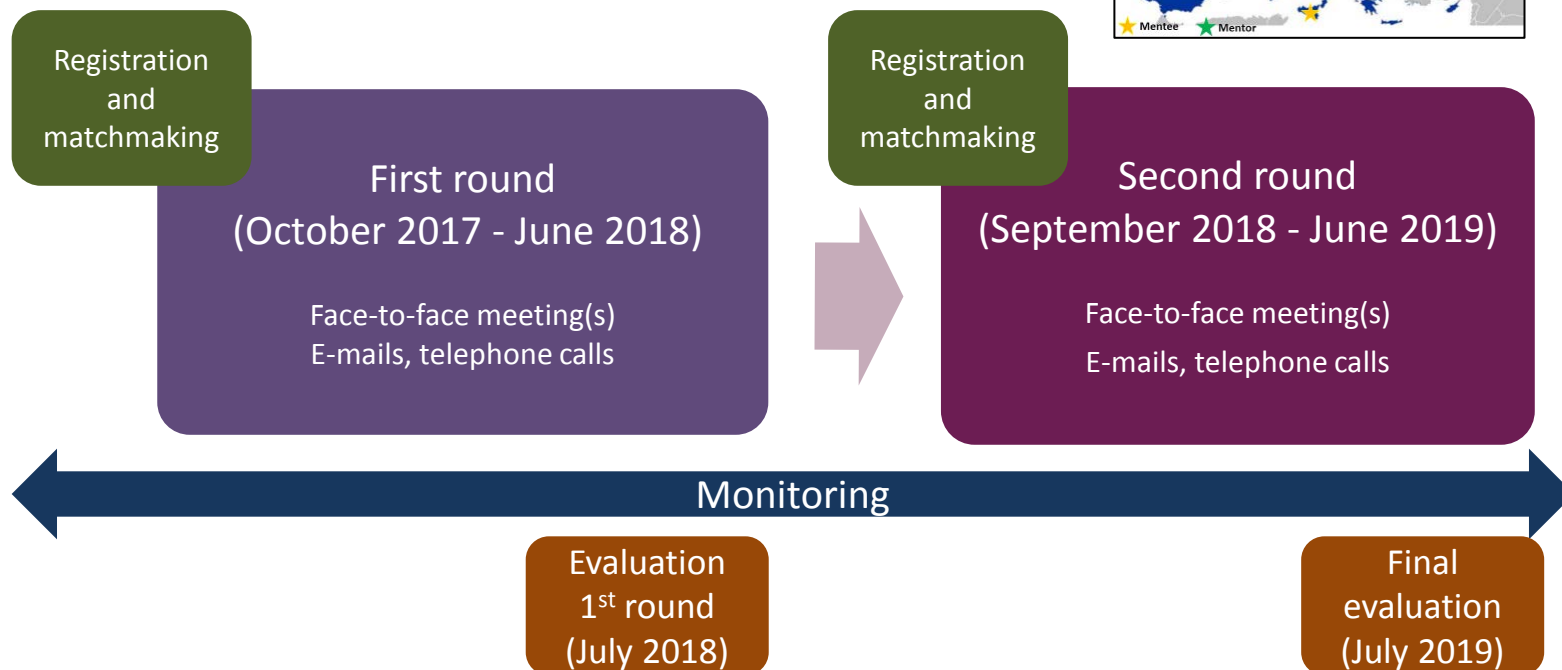
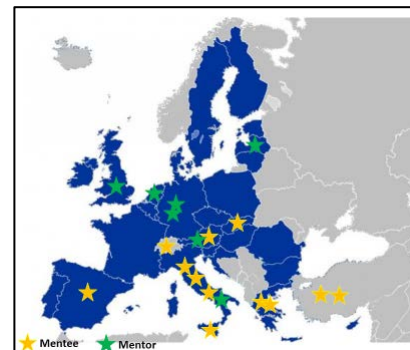
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## Mentoring Programme:

September 2018: start of 2nd round



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## 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 [Finished]*

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



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

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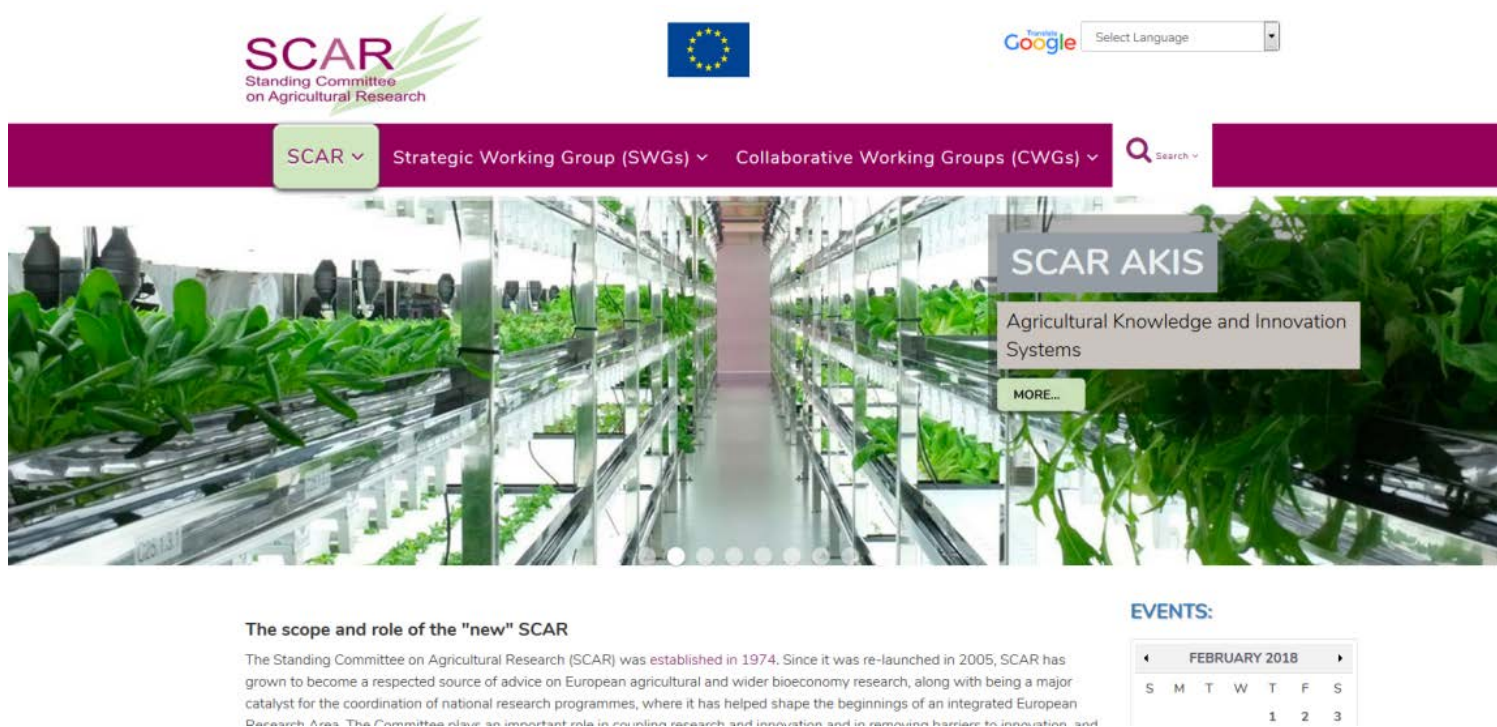


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## 4. Improved overall organisation, communication and dissemination of SCAR activities, outputs and outcomes for greater impact

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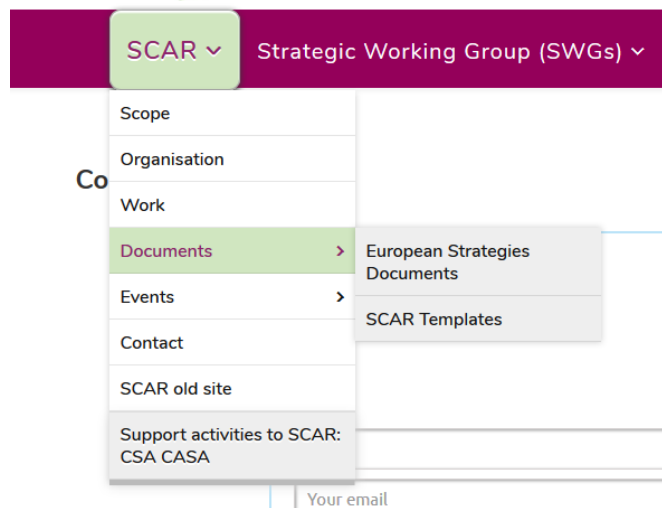
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- SCAR Website: Documents



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## 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

- Assessing trends with a view to guiding future EU policies



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- SCAR Website: SCAR Templates



PowerPoint Presentation  - Widescreen

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- SCAR Flyers



Animal Health and Welfare Flyer



CASA Flyer



AKIS Flyer



FISH Flyer



ARCH Flyer



FOOD Systems Flyer



Bioeconomy Flyer



FOREST Flyer

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