

# SCAR, and the role of the coordination and support action CASA

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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  
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***

# SCAR

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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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**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



CASA, Support to SCAR



# 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)

# CASA – Support to SCAR

## 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:

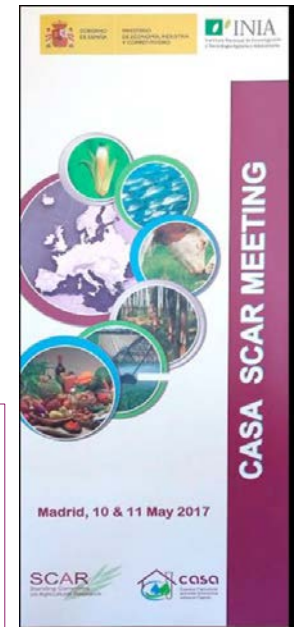
- *increase the visibility and benefits of SCAR in the Member States*
- *Promote outcomes of SCAR*
- *Provide a forum for exchange of national background*
- *Foster involvement of different stakeholders at national level*

- ✓ Spain (May 10-11<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
  - ✓ Bulgaria (February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018)
  - ✓ Hungary (April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018)
  - ✓ Greece (May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018)
  - ✓ Italy (May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018)
- + more countries ?  
(from reserve list -  
depending on  
possibility of shifts of  
resources)

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**TODAY** ➔ Poland (November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

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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

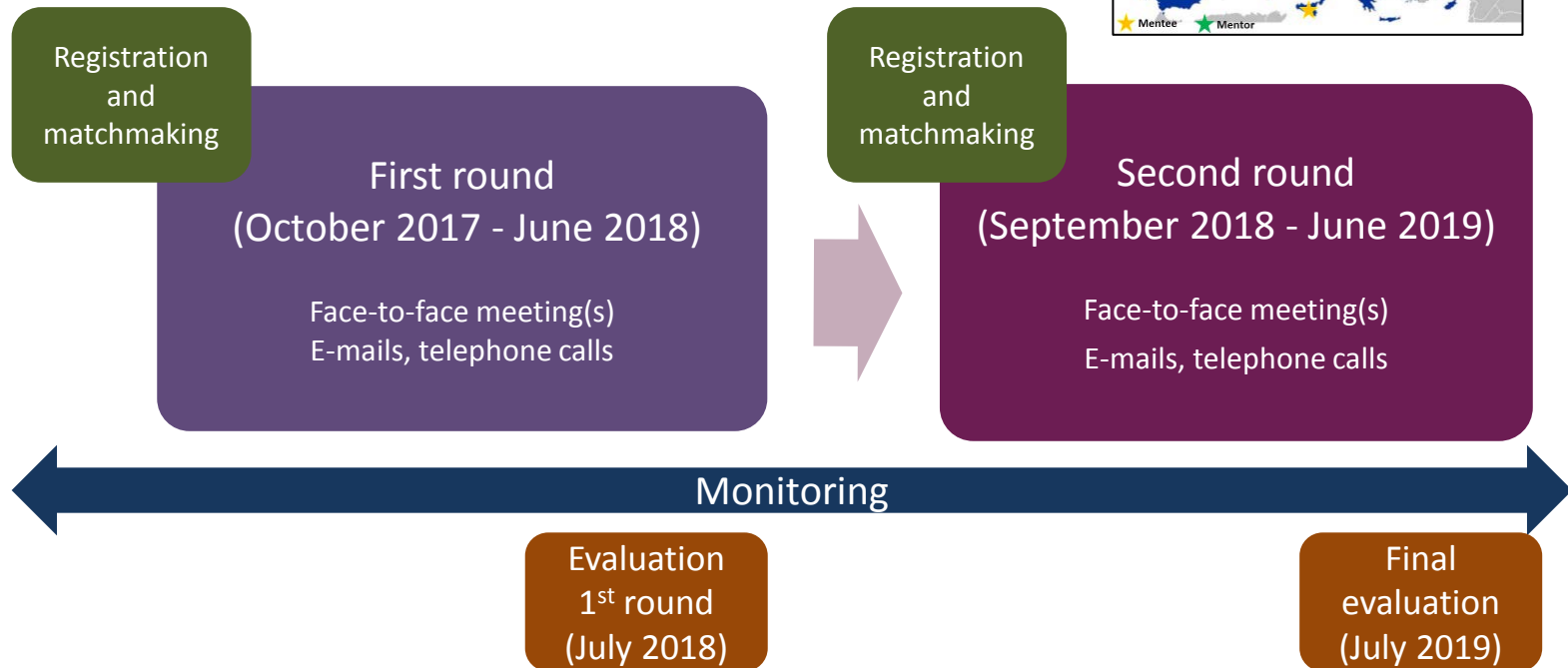
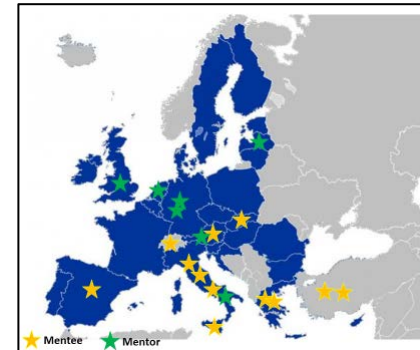
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## Mentoring Programme:

2nd round: Four groups formed, each with two mentees



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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 [Finishing]

Proposals and results for SWG Forest are 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](#)]

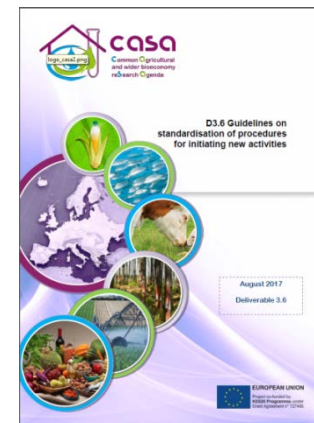
Discussed at the conference „Research and innovation policy, state-of-play and the role of SCAR in the European Bioeconomy”:

December 4-6th, 2017 in Tallinn, Estonia

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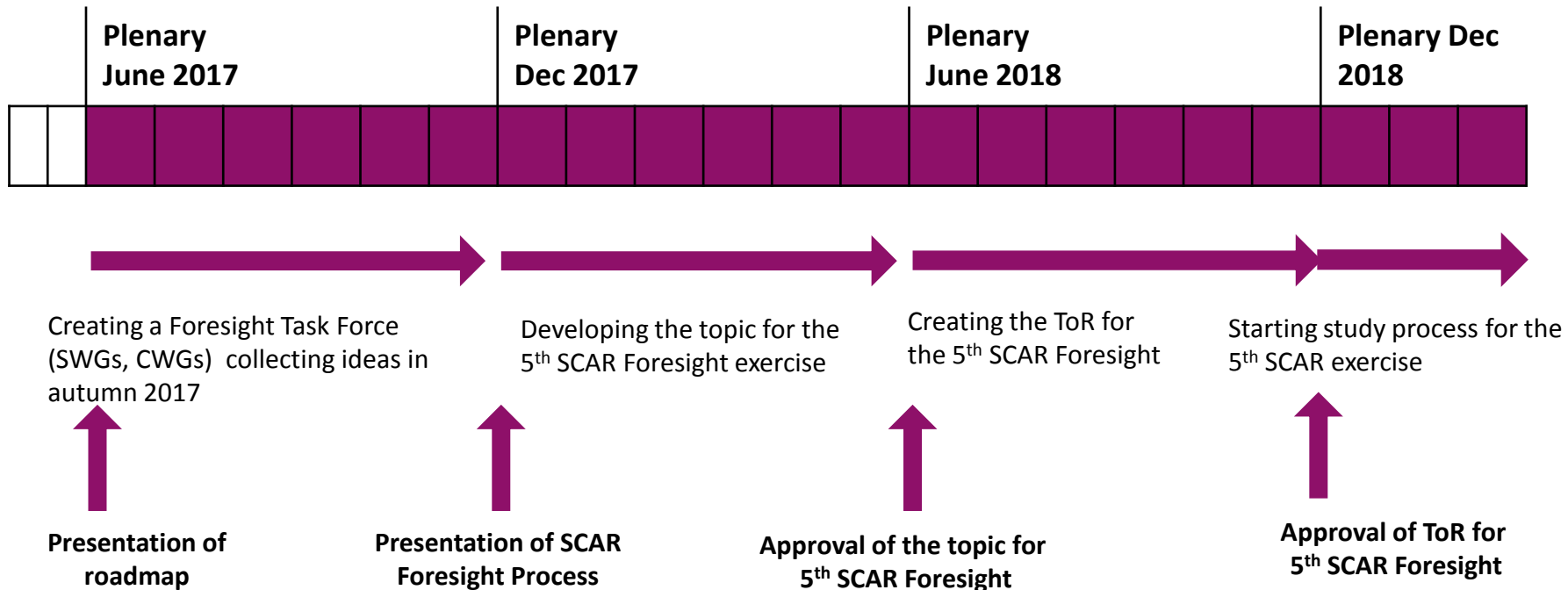
Guidelines and general procedures for initiating new activities published (SWGs/CWGs/Ad-hoc working groups or Task Forces on emerging issues; other implementation actions)

[Finished and available on [SCAR website](#)]



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

## ➤ Timeline

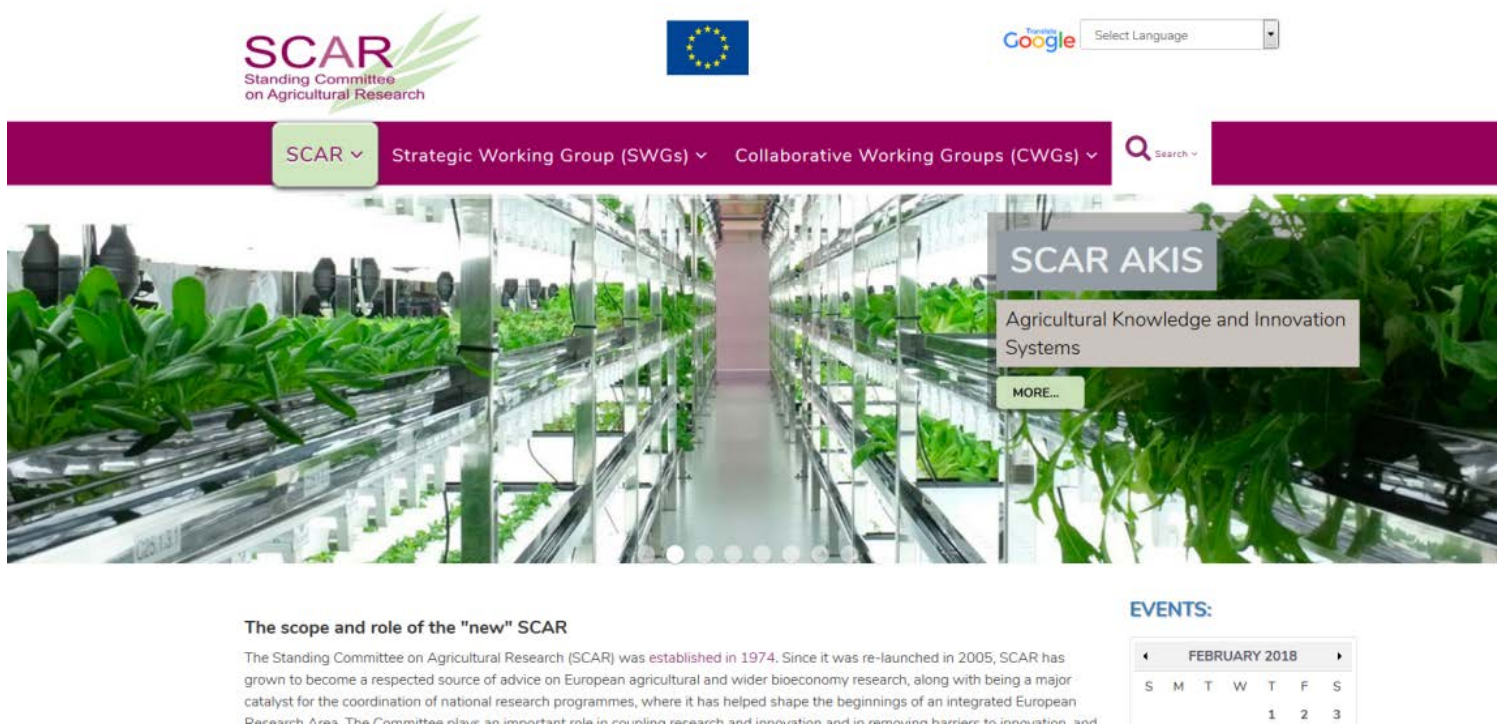


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#### 4. Improved overall organisation, communication and dissemination of SCAR activities, outputs and outcomes for greater impact

- SCAR Website



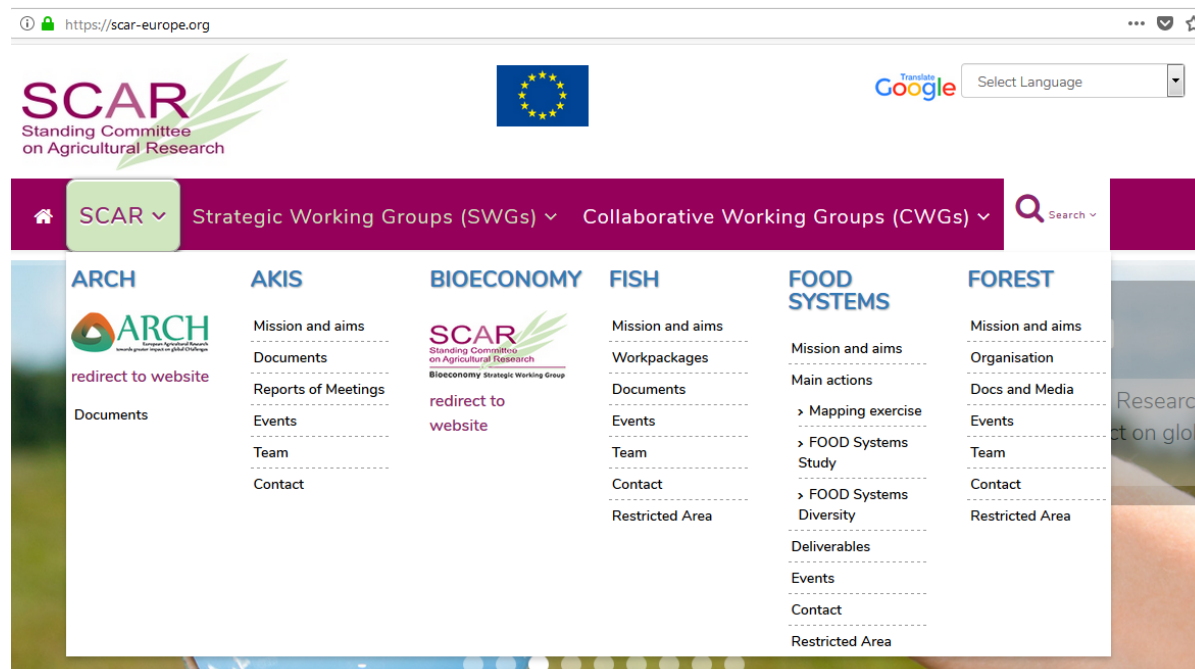
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The scope and role of the "new" SCAR

The Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) was established in 1974. Since it was re-launched in 2005,

<https://scar-europe.org>



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- SCAR Website: Documents

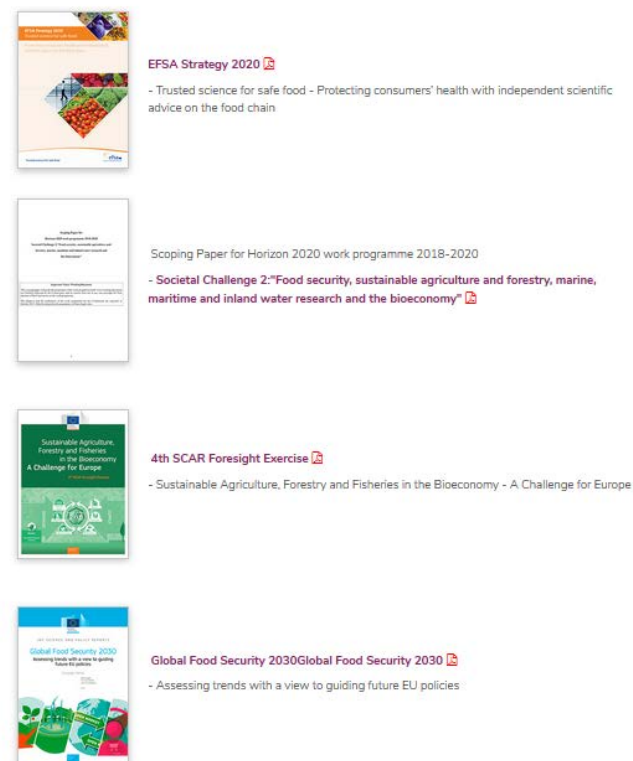


The screenshot shows the SCAR website interface. At the top, there is the SCAR logo (Standing Committee on Agricultural Research) and the European Union flag. Below this is a navigation bar with a home icon, a dropdown menu for 'SCAR', and links to 'Strategic Working Groups (SWGs)' and 'Collaboration'. A sidebar on the left lists various sections: Scope, Organisation, Work, Documents (highlighted), Events, Contact, and Support activities to SCAR: CSA CASA. The main content area displays a list of documents under the heading 'Documents':

- European Strategies Documents
- CASA Deliverables
- SCAR/CASA Templates

Below the list, there is a banner for a 'SCAR Foresight Meeting in Barcelona, Sant Pere de Noya, 19-20 October 2019' featuring a photo of a historic building.

## European Strategies Documents



This section displays four document covers with their respective titles and descriptions:

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

- Bi-annually newsletter in advance of the SCAR Plenary meetings



- SCAR conference 2019

Preliminary data:

Date 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019; back to back with SCAR Plenary on 13<sup>th</sup> June

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- SCAR Flyers



Animal Health and Welfare Flyer 




FISH Flyer 



AKIS Flyer 



FOOD Systems Flyer 



ARCH Flyer 



FOREST Flyer 



Bioeconomy Flyer 

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# THANK YOU

For your attention

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