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SCAR Conference 2017

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

4 - 5 December, 2017, Tallinn, Estonia

Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (entrance: Lauteri 2)

Programme

Set within a broader research, innovation and bioeconomy policy landscape, the themes of the conference revolve around the impact of SCAR outcomes at the European and national level.

One theme is the inclusiveness and representativeness of Member States, and of bioeconomy areas, in SCAR. We wish to consolidate approaches for successful inclusiveness, shared responsibility, and ownership. The meeting programme is set to deliberate on the outcomes of an in-depth analysis, to identify points for attention for SCAR, and to consolidate recommendations on how to foster inclusion and representativeness. One aspect is Member State participation in SCAR activities. The other aspect relates to achieving more effective coverage of the wider bioeconomy by involving different ministries and mandated organizations leading to the development of more successful national bioeconomies.

The other theme, which is related to the first, is the structure of SCAR vis-a-vis its suitability to deliver on SCAR's role within the research and innovation policy landscape. Preliminary results from a review of the current organisation and structure of the SCAR will be presented and further elaborated upon through workshop activities with the ultimate aim of identifying opportunities for greater value addition in SCAR, and prioritising actions to improve the quality of results for greater impact.

The keynote presentations and group discussions aim to increase knowledge of SCAR objectives, activities and outcomes. They are designed to make the advantages and opportunities for active involvement in SCAR more visible. The meeting wishes in particular to engage those countries where the national authorities are interested in raising their respective countries' profile in SCAR and to foster the uptake of SCAR outcomes nationally.

SCAR Conference 2017 Organising Team:

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Christine Bunthof & Dorri te Boekhorst, SCAR CASA WP1

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The conference is co-organised by the Estonian Presidency and the SCAR CASA project.



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SCAR Conference Day 1 - Monday 4 December

9:30 Registration and welcome coffee

Session 1: Opening session (Chair: Toomas Kevvai, Deputy Secretary General for Food Safety, Research and Development, Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs)

10:00-10:15 Welcome by Illar Lemetti, Secretary General of the Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs

10:15-10:30 Introductory presentation: The new role of SCAR (Mike Collins, SCAR representative)

10:30-11:15 Keynote: Main findings from the innovation policy reviews of different countries by OECD (Catherine Moreddu, OECD)

Session 2: Examples of national bioeconomy strategies, and presentation of Policy Briefs and activities from SCAR Working Groups (Chair: Toomas Kevvai, Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs)

11:15-11:30 Presentation: development of a national bioeconomy strategy in France (Valérie Dehaut, Ministry of Agriculture)

11:30-11:45 Presentation: progress towards a national bioeconomy strategy in Ireland (Maeve Henchion, TEAGASC)

11:45-11:55 Presentation: Outcomes of the Agri-food SME workshop organised by DG RTD and DG AGRI 17 October 2017 Brussels (Anikó Juhász, AKI)

11:55-12:05 Presentation: SCAR AKIS policy briefs (Anikó Juhász, AKI)

12:05-12:15 Presentation: policy documents from SWG Bioeconomy (Stefan Rauschen, Projektträger Jülich)

12:15-12:25 Video: SCAR Forest

12:30-13:30 Lunch

Session 3: Group discussions on SCAR Review: strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and next steps (Chair: Maeve Henchion, TEAGASC)

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.

13:30-13:35 Welcome back by the CASA project coordinator (Rolf Stratmann, Projektträger Jülich)

13:35-13:45 Introduction to group discussions by the chair

13:45-14:15 SWOT analysis of the SCAR - preliminary results (Laura Devaney, TEAGASC)



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- 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
- 16:40-16:45 Closing of Day 1 (Küllli Kaare, Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs)

Evening Programme

- 18:00-19:00 A guided walk in Tallinn Old Town (ends at the Conference dinner venue)
- 19:15 Conference dinner in Olde Hansa (<https://www.oldehansa.ee/making-contact/#google-maps>)

SCAR Conference Day 2 - Tuesday 5 December

- 8:30 **Registration desk open**
- Session 4: SCAR Foresight Process** (Chair: Christine Bunthof, WUR)
- 9:00-9:20 Presentation: The SCAR Foresight Process (Elke Saggau, BLE)
- Session 5: Representation and Inclusion - Setting the Scene** (Chair: Christine Bunthof)
- 9:20-9:50 Keynote: Inclusiveness in research and innovation processes (Erkki Karo, Tallinn University of Technology)
- 9:50-10:20 Presentation: Outcomes of study Representation and Inclusion in SCAR (Dorri te Boekhorst, WUR)
- 10:20–10:40 **coffee break**
- 10:40-10:55 Presentation: Policy Brief on inclusiveness from PLATFORM project, including identified bottlenecks (Martin Greimel, BMLFUW)
- 10:55-11:10 Presentation: EURAGRI experiences in increasing involvement of underrepresented regions and/ or organisations (Bettina Heimann, EURAGRI)
- 11:10-11:20 Presentation: Outcomes of CASA-SCAR national meeting in Spain, organised to raise SCAR visibility and involvement at national and regional level (Rocío Lansac, INIA)
- 11:20-11:30 Presentation: Rationale and background for a CASA-SCAR national meeting in Poland, planned for 2018 (Eugeniusz Chyłek, Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development)



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11:30-11:40 Presentation: Rationale and background for a CASA-SCAR national meeting in Hungary, planned for April 2018 (Ákos Kristóf, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture).

Session 6: Parallel group work on Representation and Inclusion, Stakeholder Involvement, and Policy Connections and Synergies (Chair: Christine Bunthof)

11:40-11:50 Introduction of aim and structure for group work by the chair

11:50 Coffee “to go”

12:00-13:30 3 parallel group discussions
Check the participant list to know your group

Group 1. Representation and Inclusion

Moderators: Dorri te Boekhorst & Christine Bunthof

Group 1 will discuss representation and inclusion challenges, and work towards concrete suggestions to improve representation in SCAR bodies.

Group 2. Stakeholder Involvement

Moderators: Laura Devaney & Maeve Henchion

Group 2 will consider the role of stakeholders in planning and implementing national bioeconomy strategies.

Group 3. Policy Connections and Synergies

Moderator: Stefan Rauschen

Group 3 will discuss connections and synergies of the SCAR with key EC policies in its domain, such as the Common Agricultural Policy, Common Fisheries Policy, Research & Innovation Policy, and Food 2030. The goal is to prepare an “engagement strategy” for SCAR towards the ongoing policy processes.

13:30- 14:30: Lunch

14:30-15:15 Reporting back from the breakout groups

Session 7: Closing Session (Chair: Toomas Kevvai, Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs)

15:15-15:45 Conclusions (Waldemar Kütt, European Commission)

15:45-16:00 Closing words from Estonian Presidency organisers of SCAR meetings in Tallinn (Küllli Kaare, Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs)