

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 1/2

- 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 2/2

- **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) (WUR (DLO), APS (Ministry of Environment and Food through AU), MAAF, 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
- - 08/2018 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)

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 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

Collaborative Working Groups

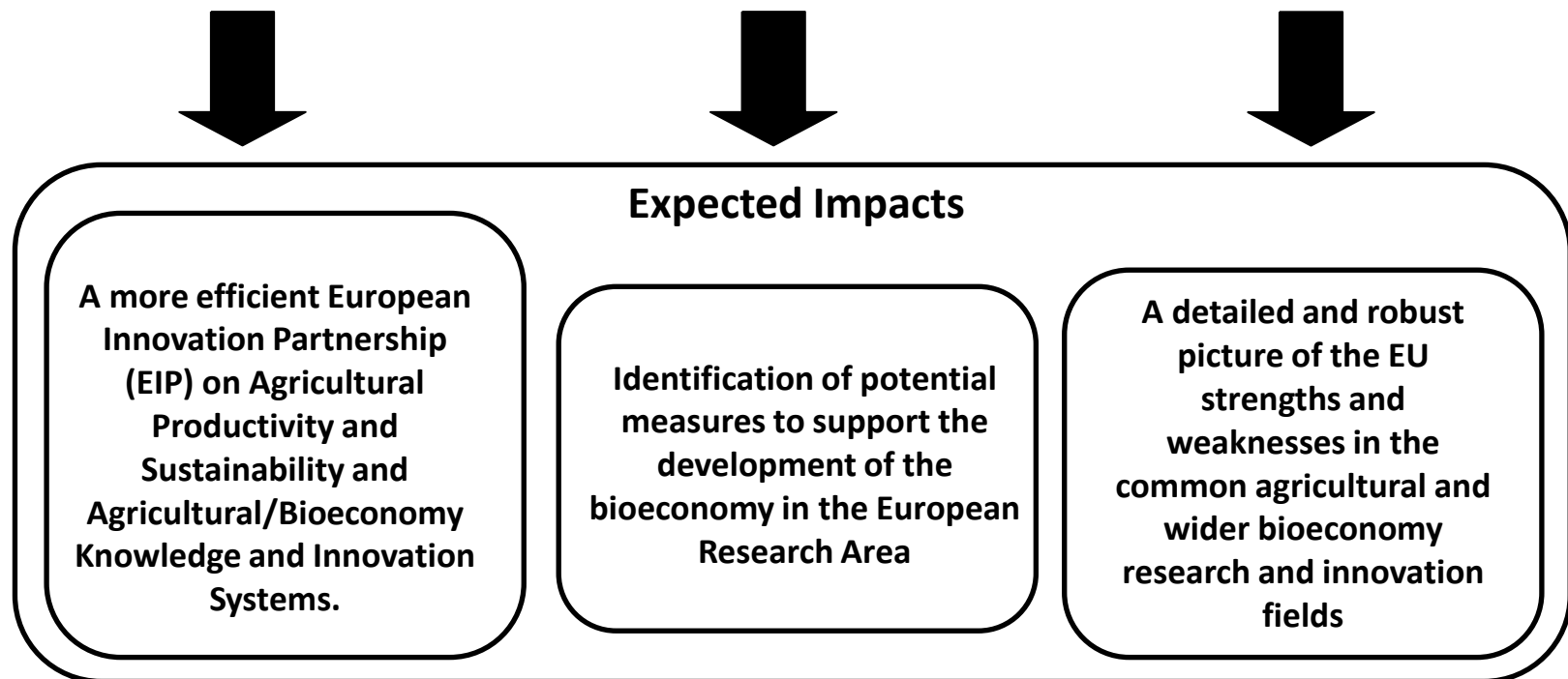
Foresight Group

Other activities, ad-hoc
groups, task forces

Agricultural Knowledge and
Innovation Systems

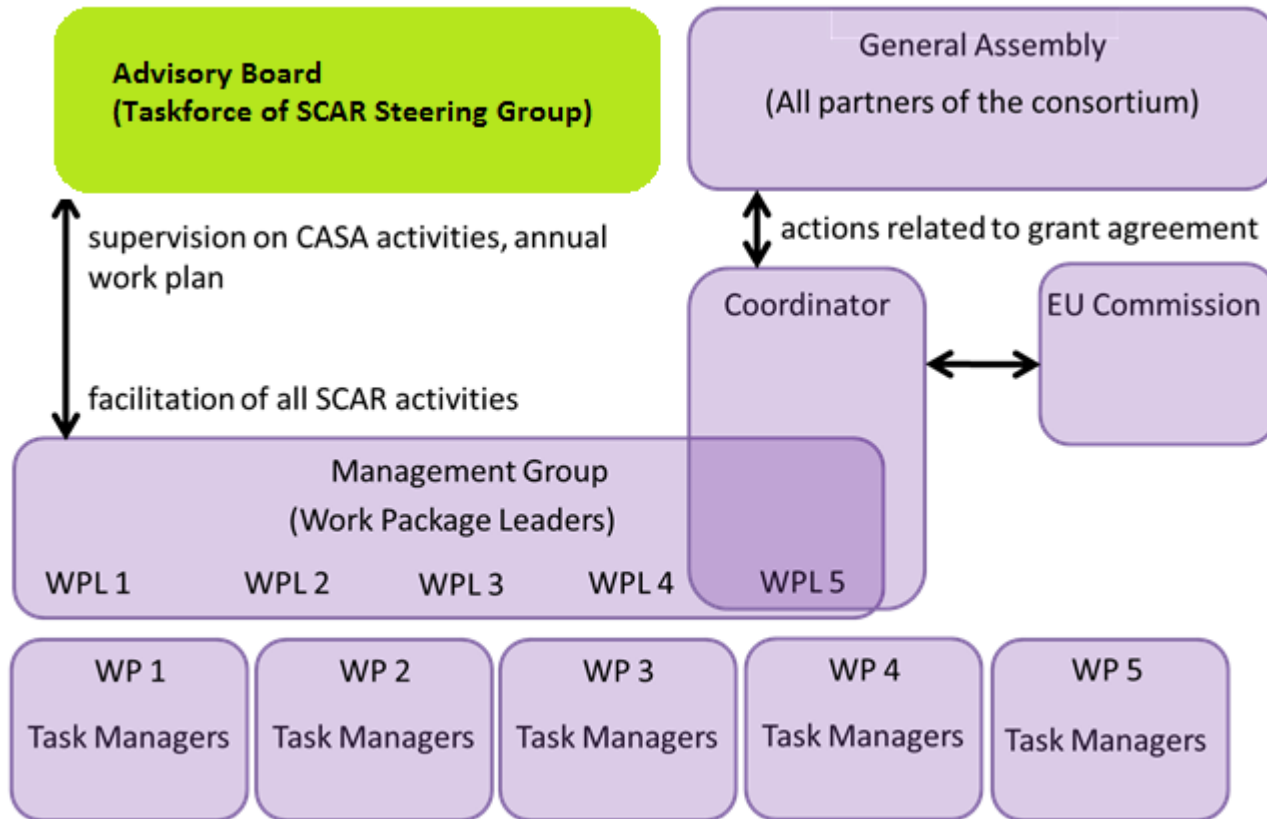
Sustainable Animal
Production

SCAR activities



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Work Package Leader

	Participant No.	Participant organisation legal name	Short name in proposal	Country
WPL 5	1 (CO)	Forschungszentrum Jülich Project Management Jülich (PtJ)	JUELICH	Germany
WPL 1	2	Stichting Dienst Landbouwkundig Onderzoek; change of legal structure and name to WUR	DLO Now WUR	The Netherlands
WPL 3	3	Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung	BLE	Germany
WPL 4	4	Ministere de L'Agriculture de L'Agroalimentaire et de la Foret	MAAF	France
WPL 2	5	Aarhus Universitet	AU	Denmark
	6	TEAGASC - Agriculture and Food Development Authority	TEAGASC	Ireland
	7	Ministero della Salute	MOH	Italy
	8	Eigen Vermogen van het Instituut voor Landbouw en Visserijonderzoek	ILVO	Belgium
	9	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole Alimentari e Forestali	MIPAAF	Italy
	10	Instituto Nacional de Investigaçao Agraria e Veterinaria	INIAV	Portugal

WP1: Representativeness

Rationale

As the reflection paper on the role of SCAR highlights in Chapter 4 Challenges to SCAR in an evolving landscape

SCAR's wider remit has obvious consequences for the operation of the Committee

- additional groups needed
- maintain country representativeness
- MS inclusion in activities
- transparency and information flows
- range of expertise to bring in
- bridging gaps between ministries at national level

WP1 Objectives

Targeted activities

- to increase representativeness of currently less involved MS
- maintain interest of currently involved MS
- widen involvement in view of wider remit

WP1 Tasks

- T1.1 Analysis of **key factors of involvement and representation**
- T1.2 **Conference on representativeness**
- T1.3 **Mentoring programme**
- T1.4 Meetings to **enhance visibility and use of SCAR** outcomes in MS and to **step up the engagement** of MS in SCAR

T 1.1 Analysis of the key factors of involvement and representativeness

How to get answers concerning representativeness?

- i. A desk study of SCAR meeting reports;
- ii. Interviews with chairs of SCAR groups;
- iii. Survey among national delegates;
- iv. Moderated discussions in working groups.

T1.2 Conference on Representativeness

- Expected outcomes: SCAR-wide exchange of good practices, consolidation of approaches to step up representativeness, recommendations for Member States, SCAR and the EC
- 70 – 80 participants
- 4 – 5 December 2017, Tallinn, Estonia (hosted by the Ministry of Rural Affairs)
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- Organisation contacts: Külli Kaare (Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs) and Christine Bunthof (CASA WP1)



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T1.2 Conference on Representativeness

- Programme focus:
 - Addressing inclusiveness: bottlenecks and challenges
 - Success factors (best practices for organising SCAR work at national level)
 - Examples of organising SCAR WG activities at national level
 - Exchange of experiences in benefitting from the SCAR 4th Foresight Exercise

T1.4 Meetings in Member States

2017

10 – 11 May meeting in Spain.

Hosting organisation : INIA

Further more:

In 2017/18:Hungary

In 2017/18:Poland

In 2018/19: two more countries

WP2: Added Value and Improved Quality for Greater Impact

One of the **driving forces** behind establishing this CSA was the wish to provide

“Added Value and Improved Quality for Greater Impact”, which became the title of WP2.

This should be done by supporting SCAR through **facilitation and coordination of the working groups**, thus helping deliver **results of improved quality** leading to **greater impact** of SCAR activities.

CASA WP2 Overview

The **objective** of this work package is to **support SCAR and its SWGs and CWGs** to deliver results of **improved quality** creating added value to outputs for **greater impact** within the evolving landscape of the broader bioeconomy.

CASA WP2 Tasks 1/2

WP 2 will provide support to working groups (SWG, CWG, Foresight Group & SCAR SG) through 5 tasks:

- T2.1 **Added Value** and Improved quality for greater impact
- T2.2 **Facilitation** of organisation of working groups and their meetings

CASA WP2 Tasks 2/2

- T2.3 Organising external **expert studies** in support of the working groups' activities
- T2.4 **Coordination and linkages** between SWGs & CWGs and with DGs
- T2.5 Support to the Implementation of the **4th Foresight** and its recommendations

Task 2.3 Organising external expert studies in support of the working groups' activities

SWG AKIS; 2 studies planned

- Synergies among EU-funds in the field of research and innovation in agriculture
- Inventory of research and innovation infrastructures improving knowledge flows in the field of agriculture

Guidelines provided by Alex Percy-Smith,
Work Package 2 Leader and Task Manager

WP 3: Strategic Advice

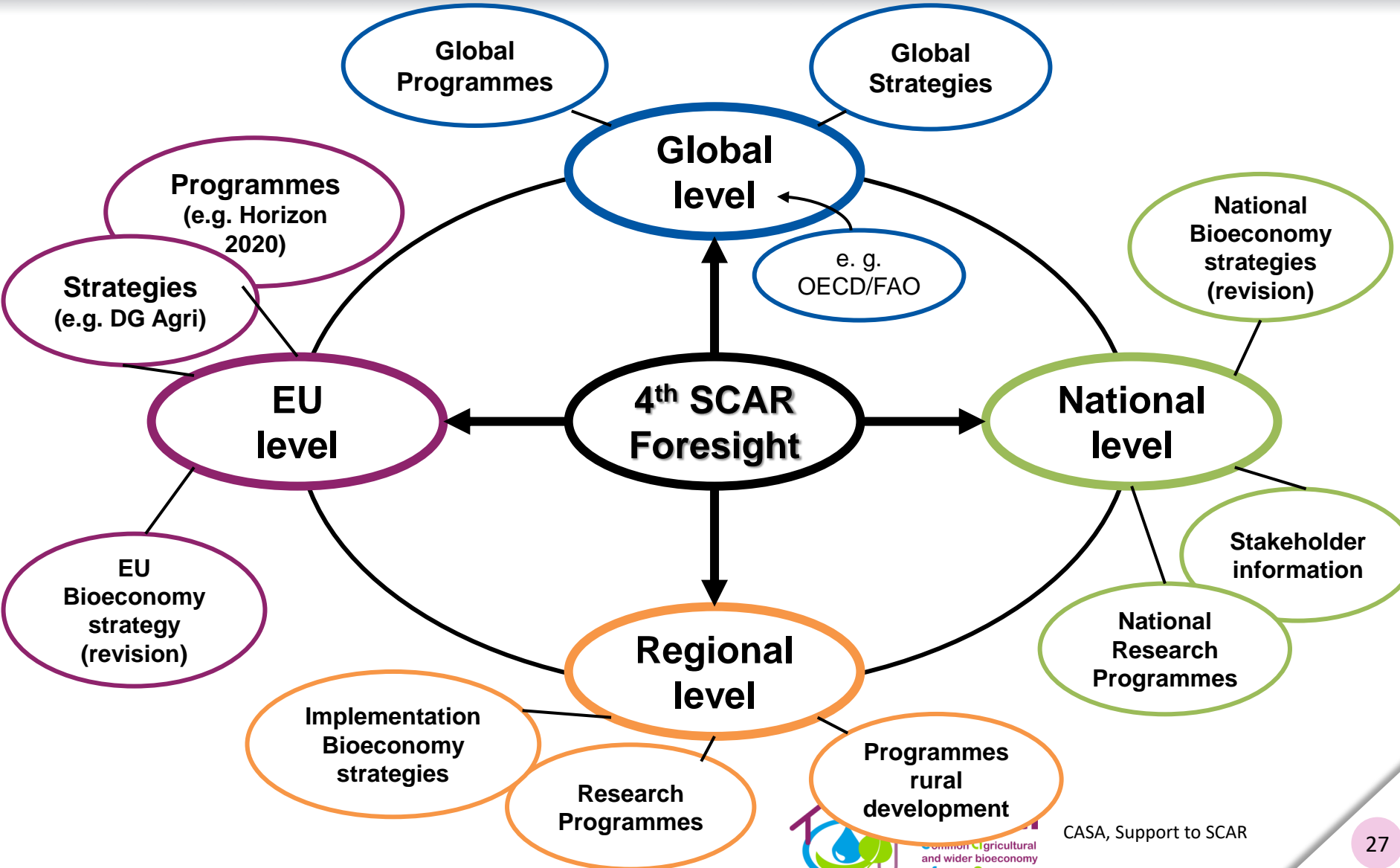
Tasks 1/2

- T 3.1: Assess the **state of play of research and innovation policy in the broader Bioeconomy area**: preparatory work
- T 3.2: Assess the **state of play of research and innovation policy in the broader Bioeconomy area**: Assessment and SWOT analysis
- T 3.3: **SWOT Conference**
- T 3.4: Support SCAR on **better alignment of research and innovation policies**

WP 3 Tasks 2/2

- T 3.5: Support SCAR in **developing general procedures and tools for initiating new activities**
- T 3.6: Creating a structure for **future SCAR Foresight processes**
- T 3.7: Develop an **Impact Assessment Framework**
- T 3.8: Develop **scenarios on sustainability and follow up activities**

T 3.6 – The way forward Implementation / dissemination of SCAR Foresight results / recommendation – Example 4th SCAR Foresight



WP4: Communication and Dissemination

WP4 Objectives

- To ensure **adequate knowledge transfer and dissemination** of SCAR activities in order to achieve high impact of the results on the research community, the stakeholders and other interested parties
- **Improved links** between the SCAR activities
- The SCAR reports/studies need to be disseminated nationally and internationally to stakeholders and end-users
- The **impact of SCAR** activities is to be **reinforced**.



THANK YOU

For your attention

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