

Introduction to SCAR

(Standing Committee for Agricultural Research)

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Turkey and Croatia
Explanatory meeting
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The launch of the “new” SCAR

- **1974:** Council Regulation N° 1728/74 establishing SCAR
- **1974-1999:** DG AGRI responsible for agricultural research and management of SCAR
- **July 2004:** SCAR management transferred from DG AGRI to DG Research
- **22 November 2004:** Dutch Presidency report calling for a high-level decision platform: a new role for SCAR
- **End November 2004:** Member State Permanent Representations to nominate two high-level representatives
- **2-3 February 2005:** First “new” SCAR meeting

SCAR tasks

Main role for SCAR:

Support the Commission and MS towards better coordination of agricultural research across the European Research Area

This will involve:

- Strategic discussions on the agricultural research agenda in Europe in the long term (FP7 and beyond)
- Enhanced cooperation between Member States (joint research programmes, common infrastructures)
- Research agenda in scientific support to the Common Agricultural Policy
- Exchange of information with complementary mechanisms under EU Framework Programmes



Main conclusions from the SCAR meeting of 2-3 February 2005

- **Priority topics for a Common Research Agenda**
- **Mapping infrastructures / institutions / activities**
- **Establishment of a permanent SCAR Working Group**
- **Nomination of Observers**
- **Development of a prototype for a SCAR web portal**

SCAR organisation & operation

SCAR meeting - *SCAR members*

- High-level decision forum
- Set up and monitor working group
- Consider proposals for action

Working groups - *Nominated ad hoc staff*

- Standing oversight SCAR-WG operate as a think-tank
- Collaborative working groups (CWG) on specific topics

Secretariat - *Commission*

- Preparation of and follow-up from plenary meetings
- Assistance to SCAR-WG

Towards a Common Research Agenda

Agreement on priority topics

- Strategic discussions on the agricultural research agenda in Europe based on existing and possible future coordination fora (e.g. ERA-Nets, Technology Platforms, Networks of Excellence)
- Identified areas for possible cooperation between Member States

Establishment of collaborative working groups (CWG)

- Commitment for coordinating CWGs on 13 themes

SCAR input to FP7

- Discussion paper on FP7

Mapping of EU agriculture research capacity

Mapping infrastructures: a draft paper

- Identification of key-agriculture infrastructures of EU relevance
- Sharing existing infrastructures among Member States research teams
- Targeted proposals for future activities of SCAR
- Links with European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructure

Mapping activities: a project

- Building on EU-funded projects from recent calls (e.g. SSP4 “Mapping and foresight of the EU agricultural research capacity”)

Mapping institutions: a website

- Development of a prototype for a SCAR web portal building on existing EU websites and linking with relevant MS/institution



COMMITMENT FOR COORDINATING CWG 13 THEMES

ICT and robotics in agriculture

Coordinator: DK

12 participants: DE, IE, UK, BE, IT, LV, FI,
SK,GR,CH, IL

Agriculture and sustainable development

Coordinator: FR

21 participants: DE, IE, CY, IT, PT, HU, LT, EE,
AT, MT, SE, TR, BG, LV, BE, SK, PL, GR, CH, IL

Renewable Raw Material for Industry

Coordinator: DE

19 participants: FR, DK, IE, UK, NL, BE,PT,
HU, LT, EE, AT, SE, TR, LV, SK, PL, GR, IL

Sust. Livestock prod. from grassland

Coordinator: IE

16 participants: UK, BE, CY, PT, HU, EE,
FI, TR, LT, AT, LT, SK, PL, GR, CH

Animal Health

Coordinator: UK

22 participants: FR, DK, DE, IE, NL, BE, CY, IT,
HU, LT, EE, MT, FI, SE, TR, LV, PL, GR, NO, IL

COMMITMENT FOR COORDINATING CWG 13 THEMES

Mediterranean agriculture

Coordinator: IT

4 participants: CY, TR, IL

**Development of draught and disease
resistant crops**

Coordinator: HU

8 participants: LV, LT, TR, SK, PL, CH, IL

Ecological networks and corridors

Coordinator: FR, NL

7 participants: LT, LV, TR, SK, CH, IL

Human alimentation & nutrition

Coordinator: FR, NL

12 participants: BE, LV, SK, CH, IL

Advanced Technologies for Climatic Control of Greenhouses and Livestock Housing
Coordinator: IL

Develop. of sustainable agriculture in Baltic Sea Region

Coordinator: PL



Interaction between SCAR-WG and CWGs

- The management of CWGs is under the control of co-ordinators and participants
- The SCAR WG has an overseeing and advisory capacity role to play
- The SCAR Secretariat (Francois.Constantin@cec.eu.int) should act as a central information point

Next steps

- **Fifth meeting of the SCAR-WG: 10 November 2005**
- **Third meeting of the “new” SCAR: 1-2 December 2005**
- **Report to the European Parliament and to the Council: *in 2006 ?***
 - Article 11 Council Regulation N° 1728/74