

# PRESENTATION: SCAR SWG FOOD SYSTEMS

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During its first mandate (2016-2019), the FS SWG carried out 2 studies, provided 3 policy briefs and 3 workshop reports

- **Mapping report** - Assessment of research and innovation on Food Systems by European Member States–June 2018
- **Policy brief** – The added value of a Food Systems Approach in Research and Innovation. – Sept. 2019
- **Study** – Synthesis of existing food systems studies and research projects in Europe- Sept. 2019
- **Policy brief** – Diversifying Food Systems in the Pursuit of Sustainable Food Systems and Healthy Diets – to be finalised soon.
- **Workshop reports and summery reports** – Diversifying Food Systems in the Pursuit of Sustainable Food Systems and Healthy Diets –June 2019
- **Workshop report** (*joint workshop SCAR AKIS and FS*) – "Agri-food SMEs collaborating for innovation along the supply chain - What, who, how?" –October 2017
- **Policy brief** (*Joint workshop SCAR AKIS, ARCH and FS*)- "Programming Research and Innovation for Improved Impact" – September 2018
- **Workshop report** (*Joint workshop SCAR FS SWg and JPIs: FACCE, HDHL and OCEANS*)\_ "Future –proofing food systems" - Mai 2018
- **Joint Declaration – SCAR FS SWG and JPIs FACCE, HDHL and OCEANS** – Towards climate-smart, sustainable food systems for healthy Europe. –A joint declaration to support the transition to future-proofing food systems –to be released soon
- **Workshop report** – European Partnership " Safe and Sustainable Food Systems for People, Planet and Climate – **provided in November 2019**

## The SCAR FOOD SYSTEMS SWG – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mandate

contributes to:

- The development of the **European Green Deal** and its new “**Farm to Fork strategy**”
- The successful implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (**SDGs**) and the **COP 21 commitments**.

promotes the development and shaping of Food System R&I Policy implementation at EC level (DG RTD, SANTE, AGRI, CNECT; JRC, etc.)

provides strategic advice and support to:

- The Policy Framework "**FOOD 2030**" and the **Cluster 6 of Horizon Europe**.
- DG RTD's **Updated Bioeconomy Strategy (2018)** as food plays a key role in Bioeconomy.
- DG RTD's International Collaborative activities and the International Bioeconomy Forum (**IBF**) on FS relevant areas.

The SCAR FOOD SYSTEMS SWG will respond to **Member state needs** on:

- informal exchange on national FNS related policies and strategies and their implementation
- exploring and assessing national R&I strategies to future-proofing of Food Systems,
- supporting MS in their implementation of more efficient R&I initiatives and policy coherence for FNS.
- helping Member States to bring the message at greater European political level (EC, Council, EU Parliament etc.)

- Involves **20 Members States** and **Associated countries**: AT, BE, DE, DK, EE, ES, **FI, FR**, HU, IE, IT, LT, MT, NL, NO, PL, RO, SE, TR, UK, open to all SCAR participating countries that can join at a later stage.

- Timeline: **3 years** – from December 2016 to December 2019 (The youngest SCAR SWG)

- Members are:

Representatives of National Ministries (agriculture, rural development, research and education, economic development, health, etc.)

Representatives of research centres, universities.

Representatives of 3 JPIs (FACCE, HDHL, OCEANS)

Representatives of the EC.

- Three meetings per year

Target group	Collaboration and joint activities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SCAR Plenary</li> <li>• Member States -Ministries and Research Centers</li> <li>• DG RTD – FNS Framework FOOD2030</li> <li>• DG AGRI</li> <li>• DG SANTE</li> <li>• European institutions (Parliament etc.)</li> <li>• JRC- Joint Research Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bioeconomy SWG</li> <li>• Other SCAR SWGs and CWGs (AKIS, Fish, Sustainable animal production CWG; Animal Health and Welfare CWG)</li> <li>• JPIs – FACCE, HDHL, OCEANS, WATER</li> <li>• ERA-NET (SUSFOOD2, ICT-AGRI-FOOD)</li> <li>• KIC (EIT FOOD) etc.</li> <li>• BIOEAST initiative (WG on Food Systems)</li> <li>• FIT4FOOD2030</li> <li>• PRIMA Initiative</li> <li>• BLUEMED Initiative</li> </ul>



- **June 2019** – Consultation of MS – Ideas and suggestions for topics to be addressed during the new mandate
- **26<sup>th</sup> June 2019** – SCAR FS SWG Meeting – brainstorming and identification of the actions
- **July 2019** – MSs provided further information on the identified actions (Objectives, Content, Deliverables, SDGs addressed)
- **September 2019** – Drafting the first version of the next ToR, finalise the description of the actions, circulation of the documents to the members
- **18<sup>th</sup> September 2019** – Discussion during the SCAR FS SWG Meeting
- **25<sup>th</sup> September 2019** – Presentation of the next ToR to the Steering group
- **October 2019** – Circulation of the ToR to the MSs for comments
- **End of October 2019**– 2<sup>nd</sup> draft, including the MS comments, circulated to the FS SWG Members
- **14<sup>th</sup> November 2019** – presentation at the Steering Group meeting
- **06<sup>th</sup> December 2019**– presentation at the SCAR Plenary

## Selection of the most impactful issues to be addressed during the new mandate

- **June 2019** – MS were asked to provide suggestions for topics to be addressed during the new mandate
- **26<sup>th</sup> June 2019** (Meeting in Brussels) – brainstorming and identification of the 6 actions:

*A1: Food systems of the future*

*A2. Monitoring impact*

*A3: Translate science into policy*

*A4: Consumers and Food Systems*

*A5: Food system waste management*

*A6: Digitalization (DG) and Artificial intelligence (AI)*

**July –August:** drafting the one-page description of the actions according to the template: Objectives/ Content/ Deliverable/ SDGs addressed

# ToR

## Planned actions

Action	Description
<b>Action 1: Food systems of the future</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding of the complexity of adaptive food systems and methodology for a system approach</li> <li>• Development of a methodology for studying and exploring FS for policy making and innovation action</li> </ul>
<b>Action 2. Monitoring impact</b>	Monitoring and assessment of food systems actions and progress
<b>Action 3: Translate science into policy</b>	Effective translation of science outputs to policy practice in the form of best practice guidelines and the usage of policy briefs
<b>Action 4: Consumers and Food Systems</b>	Engagement of actors and especially consumers / citizens via different participatory schemes
<b>Action 5: Food system waste management</b>	Efficiently using agro-resources and reducing the high percentages of food waste today in food systems of tomorrow
<b>Action 6: Digitalization (DG) and Artificial intelligence (AI)</b>	Digitalisation and food systems, a cross-sector approach to get new insights from another domain and a means to reach breakthrough innovations.



# Selection of the most impactful issues- VOTING RESULTS

Since we will not be able and we will not have enough time to address the 6 topics during the 2<sup>nd</sup> mandate, our work will focus only on **3 actions**.

- **December 2019** - Consultation for each SCAR FS SWG member state to indicate its preferences and choose the most impactful issues among the 6 actions according to their national strategy and ambitious.

- **Priority ranking:**

1. Not at all important
2. Low importance
3. Neutral
4. Important
5. Very important

	Action	
1	A1.Food systems of the future	15 "very important"
2	A5. Food Systems Waste management	11 "very important"
3	A3.Translate science into policy	10 "very important"
	A4. Consumers and Food Systems	8 "very important"
	A6. Digitalization (DG) and Artificial intelligence (AI)	8 "very important"
	A2. Monitoring impact	4 "very important"

- **Revise objectives** of each selected action and decide on relevant **deliverables**
- Set up a **detailed work plan** and **timetable (2020-2023)**
- **Task leaders**
- Discuss, modify and approve the **ToR**
- Prepare **collaboration with Bioeconomy SWG / Bioeast FOOD SYSTEMS** Working group/ **Fit4Food2030**
- Organise the **3 annual meetings**

### **MEETING OUTCOMES**

- Workshop report
- Detailed work plan
- Planning of the SCAR FS SWG meetings for 2020
- Planning of joint activities (joint workshops) / Bioeconomy SWG and FIT4FOOD2030

- Lack of resources. Funding is needed to provide relevant deliverables (studies, policy brief)
- Relatively small group of Member States that are actively involved. A priority will be given to attract new members
- Risk of divergence from the initial work plan because of high pressure towards urgent policy matters.
- Risk of overlapping targets, work and output between the SCAR FOOD SYSTEMS SWG and other SCAR SWGs and CWGs, respectively.

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# THANK YOU

For your attention

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