

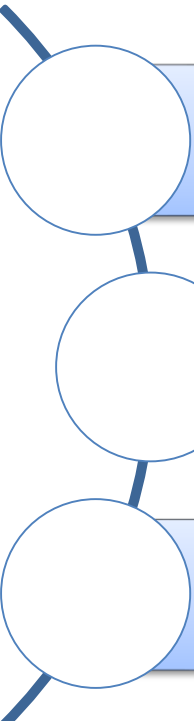
Bioeconomy Strategic Working Group

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What is SCAR?



1974: Advisory board established (Regulation (EEC) No 1728/74 of the Council of 27 June 1974)

2005: Revised mandate by the Council

2012: Widening the mandate of SCAR (no Council decision)

SCAR member countries

SCAR currently represents 37 different countries

➤ EU Member States

- Ministries (mainly of Agriculture and some Research)
- Organisations such as research councils

➤ Observers: Candidate and Associated Countries (in the context of the EU R&I Framework Programme)

➤ European Commission holds the secretariat and chair, DG RTD (DG AGRI is closely involved)

Main role for SCAR

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

This will involve:

- Strategic discussions on the research and innovation agenda in Europe based on existing and possible future coordination fora (e.g. ERANET Cofund, EJPs, JPIs, European Partnerships)
- Enhanced cooperation between MS (joint research programmes, common infrastructures)
- Research and innovation agenda in scientific support to the CAP and other policies.

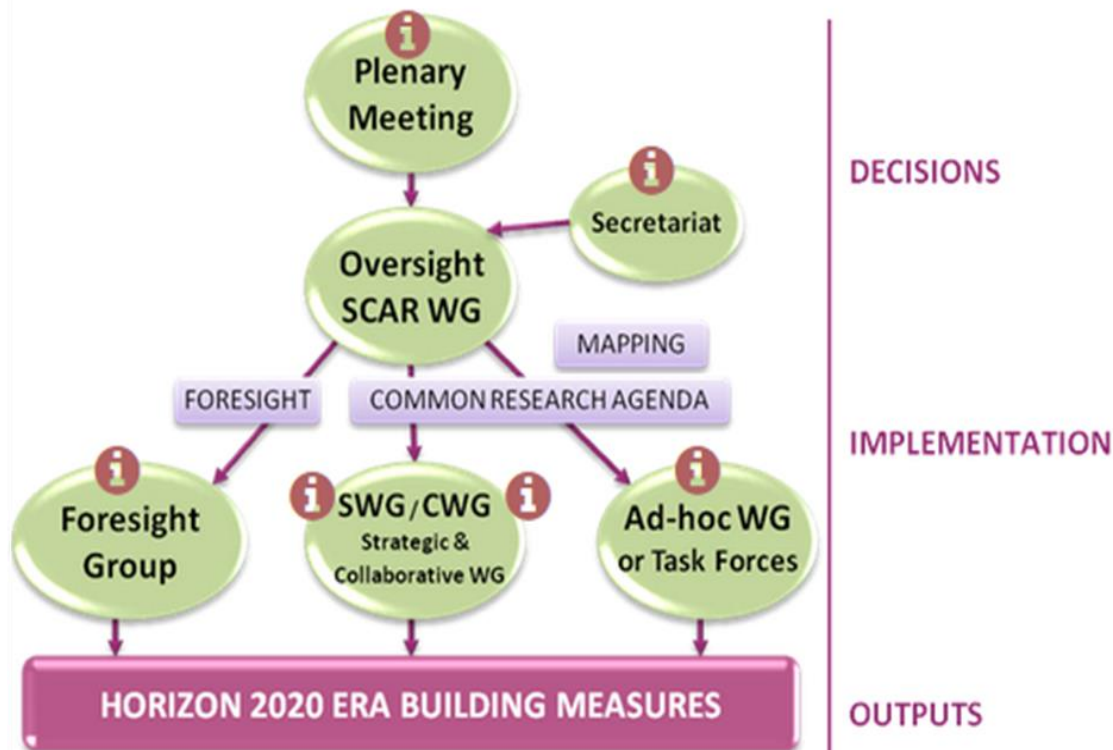
SCAR Main Activities



Better coordination of agricultural research in Europe Integrated European Research Area

SCAR Structure

SCAR ORGANISATION



SCAR delivers through various groups, each with its own responsibilities but, ultimately, reporting to the six-monthly plenary meeting of official delegates.

SCAR Strategic Working Groups

Participants:

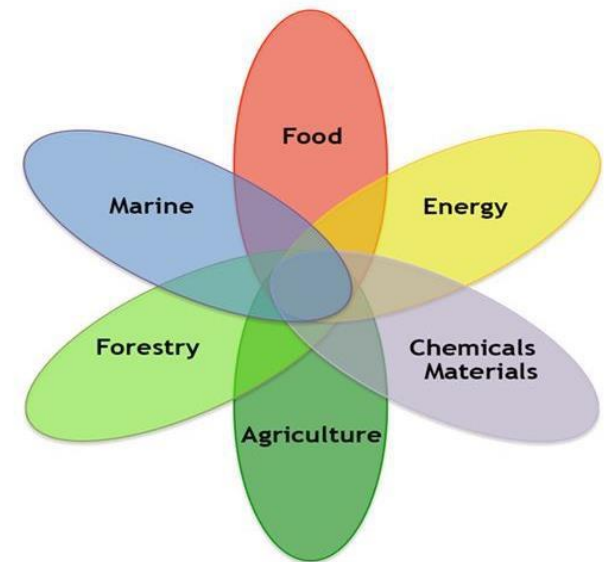
- SCAR members
- EC Staff

Main tasks:

- Discuss strategic matters on broad issues. Contribute to medium long-term research and innovation agenda
- Formulating research policy advice on:
 - **Fisheries and aquaculture research (SCAR FISH);**
 - **Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (SCAR AKIS);**
 - **Sustainable bioresources production (Bioeconomy SWG);**
 - **Forestry research and innovation (SCAR Forest);**
 - **European Agricultural Research towards greater impact on global challenges (SCAR ARCH).**

Bioeconomy Strategic Working Group

- 2012: Proposal for Joint Strategic Working Group under SCAR (SCAR together with representatives of the former KBBE-NET and LMI)
- 2012 Broad EU definition of Bioeconomy: from production to consumption of biomass
- 2nd mandate: 30 people, 18 countries and EC, BBI JU SRG, JRC (+ invited participants from other relevant initiatives/institutions, e.g. FAO)
- 2016: SWG Sustainable Bioresources and CWG Integrated Biorefineries are merged
- New (3rd) mandate Jan 2020 – Dec 2021



Mission

Mission: To increase the added value for and of the Bioeconomy by

- Provision of a platform for (informal) exchange, strategic discussion and mutual learning between MS, AC and the EC on regional/national/EU-wide activities, strategies and their implementation in different action areas.
- Supporting the EC and MS/AC in the design and implementation of Bioeconomy strategies and thematically relevant policies by delivering specific recommendations and strategic advice based on MS/AC needs and key areas of interest.
- Supporting SCAR, the EU and MS with advice on Research and Innovation in the Bioeconomy domain.

Main achievements of 2nd mandate

- MS needs for the new EU Bioeconomy Strategy
 - technical note + policy brief
- Synergies between bioeconomy and circular economy
 - technical note
- Bioeconomy and CAP reform
 - letter on CAP reform , discussion on bioeconomy in NSP
- Themes, instruments, tools and measures to bring the European Bioeconomy forward under Horizon Europe
 - Strategic Knowledge and Innovation Agenda (SKIA)

Main achievements of 2nd mandate

- Overview of indicators to monitor and assess Bioeconomy at EU and MS level
 - Bioeconomy monitoring study
- Information on national Bioeconomy policies in the BIOEAST macro-region
 - Study of State of play of Central and Eastern Europe's Bioeconomies
- Support to the creation of Bioeconomy clusters in Central and Eastern Europe
 - Joint workshop with BBI SRG and BIOEAST
- Support to the implementation of EC's Policy Support Facility
 - 3 Joint workshops with EC and BIOEAST, synthesis report
- Preparation of SCAR opinion on BBI JU successor under Horizon Europe
 - Opinion paper on 'Circular bio-based Europe'

Future plans

I. Knowledge collection

The BSW will **contribute to knowledge collection and pooling in support to the design, implementation and monitoring of the Bioeconomy**, especially its related research and innovation policies, on a regional, national and European level.

II. Science to policy

The BSW will **support the development of evidence-based policies linked to the bioeconomy** by contributing to the programming of research, the design and implementation of the relevant processes. Support will be given through **provision of tools, advice and recommendations** (e.g. in the form of technical notes and policy briefs) **based on the knowledge gathered under action line I or collected through direct collaboration under action line III.**

III. Networking & collaboration

The BSW can act as a **bridge between different actions and constituencies**. Networking will allow for mutual learning and the **creation of synergies and alignment between different stakeholders and (policy) areas**. The **collaboration with a range of partners relevant in the BE is a source of knowledge for action line I and at the same time provides a means of implementation for action line II.**

Workplan for 2020

	April/May 2020	September 2020
Topic	Workshop with MS on national strategic plans for CAP	Indicators for monitoring of the bioeconomy
Objective	Give advice on the creation of national strategic plans for the reformed CAP	Support the identification of indicators for BE monitoring adapted to the needs of MS
Activity	Exchange best practices for the inclusion of bioeconomy in the creation of national strategic plans for the CAP during a workshop	Support the JRC in the development of a set of indicators for the monitoring of the bioeconomy; collect suggestions and needs of MS through questionnaires and during workshop(s)
Deliverables	Policy document with recommendations and best practice examples	Technical note
Target groups	Member States, EU COM, BBI JU, COPA-COGECA	EU COM, JRC, Member States

Join the BSW!

Benefits of participation

- Keep up to date with the latest news from EU and MS
- Exchange information and best practices with other MS/AS & learn from each other
- Create new knowledge together
- Identify research needs (European and national levels)
- **Date for kickoff: May 2020**

THANK YOU
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