



Workshop

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The French Ministry of Agriculture and Food
78 rue de Varenne 75007 Paris, France

THE SCAR FOOD SYSTEMS STRATEGIC WORKING GROUP (SCAR FS SWG) provides strategic advice and support to the EU Research and Innovation policy framework FOOD2030. The FS SWG contributes to move towards better Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) R&I policy coherence and strategic orientation by integrating and analysing the different regional, national and European initiatives in place.

Diversifying Food Systems in the Pursuit of Sustainable Food Production and Healthy Diets

The current food production system is facing a decrease in the diversity of crops and animal breeds, which undermines the ability of agriculture to adapt to climate change and to cope with pests and diseases. In parallel to the threat to agrobiodiversity, we notice a trend towards the homogenisation of diets (greater intake of calories, too much animal proteins, and ultra-formulated foods that are high in sugar, salt and fat) and an increase in diet-related health problems.

Diversity through the all food systems approach could be considered as a driver for change by improving direct interactions between food producers and consumers, increasing the quality of diet for a better health, or fostering local processors, etc. Therefore, the initiatives to diversify food systems should take into account the impact in terms of sustainability and healthy diet. All stakeholders along the food chain must to be involved.



Aim of the workshop

SCAR FS SWG has organised two workshops bringing together different stakeholders with representatives of JPIs: FACCE, HDHL and OCEANS, SUSFOOD2, researchers, policy makers and external experts working in this area. Based on the lessons learnt during these previous events on diversifying food systems and thanks to the contribution of experts, the SCAR FS SWG is currently preparing concrete recommendations for policy makers.

The third and final workshop to be held on 14th May 2019 will be dedicated to the presentation of policy recommendations on how to promote diversity in food systems at national, regional and European level. These recommendations will be shared through interactive discussion with relevant stakeholders and Member States representatives.

Registration

The workshop is open for participation without registration fees. [Online registration.](#)

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Programme

09.00 Registration and welcome coffee

10.00 Welcome speech - The French Ministry of Agriculture and food

10.15 Opening - Introduction and Purpose of the workshop - Monique Axelos, chair of SCAR FS SWG

10.30 Diversifying Food Systems – Why do we need to strengthen diversity in food systems? - Scientific expert

11.30 Presentation of recommendations on how to increase diversity in food systems- Minna Huttunen, co-chair of SCAR FS SWG

12.00 Round table 1 : What is the expected impact for diversity in Food Systems? - Scientific experts, Representatives of Public and Private sector

Discussion

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Round table 2 : What improvements are required in order to achieve these objectives? – Scientific experts, Representatives of Public and Private sector

Discussion

16.00 Coffee break

16.15 Findings from the sessions - Closing the workshop - Monique Axelos, Chair of SCAR FS SWG

