

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

11th Plenary Meeting

Brussels, 15-16 December 2009 – Centre Albert Borschette (CCAB) – Room 4C

Draft Agenda

Chair: Maive RUTE

15 December 2009, 19:30 Dinner

Restaurant “L’Atelier européen”, 28, rue Franklin, 1000 Bruxelles

Ø Participation of Hansjörg NEUN, Director of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation, Wageningen NL

16 December 2009, 9:00 – 18:00 hrs

1. Opening of meeting

- Welcome/Introduction, Maive Rute, Director DG RTD/E

2. Adoption of the draft agenda

3. Adoption of the draft minutes from the meeting 15-16 June 2009

4. From Swedish to Spanish Presidencies

- Outlook of the SE Presidency
- Announcements from the ES Presidency

5. Joint Programming in Agricultural Research (JPAR)

- Decisions from the Competitiveness Council 3/12 on the JP process
- Towards JPAR initiatives
- Side event at UN Climate Change Conference, Copenhagen

6. Follow-up of the SCAR foresight process

- Outlook of the 2nd foresight exercise
- Future development of the foresight monitoring and signalling mechanism (FMSM)
 - SCAR-FG statement on the launch of a 3rd foresight exercise

7. On-going SCAR initiatives

- FR-NL proposal for a new CWG on *Agriculture Knowledge and Innovation Systems*
- Results of the survey in CWG *Infrastructures*, FR
- Update on surveys in Collaborative Working Groups
 - CWG on *Climate Change and Agriculture*, ES
 - CWG on *Agriculture and Energy*, DE
 - CWG on *Risk Research on GMOs*, AT
 - CWG on *Animal Welfare*, UK
 - Update on other on-going SCAR CWGs and new/future ERA-Nets

§ ERA-ARD Conference, 17/12, Brussels

8. AOB

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Summary Conclusions & Short-Term Timetable

1. INTRODUCTION

New Chair Maive RUTE thanked the participants of the SCAR-WG for their work during the last semester and in particular the SE Presidency for chairing the meetings. The delegates were given an outlook of the achievements of the SE Presidency and were informed on the programme and priorities of the ES Presidency in the broad field of agro-food research.

2. JOINT PROGRAMMING IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (JP-AR)

The SE SCAR delegate Rolf ANNERBERG, who chaired the High-Level-Group on JP over the last six months, gave an overview of the whole JP process which culminated in Council conclusions 3/12 recommending the adoption in 2010 of two KBBE-related JPI proposals¹.

The Member and Associated States supporting each proposal are now expected to further substantiate the scientific scope, methodology and tasks of the initiatives, as well as the organisational aspects and the next steps to be taken.

With regard to "Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change" (JP-1) a first informal meeting was organised by INRA on 16/12/2009 in Paris. A further and more formal workshop focussed on the JPI governance will be organised by the FR Ministry of Research in January/February 2010.

In parallel, the EC will prepare Council decisions for the launch of the two JPIs, including the state of play of research both at EU and at national level. In this respect, the SCAR delegates will be soon requested by the Secretariat to fill in an ad hoc template with specific questions to update the positions of each interested country. The survey carried out by the CWG on Climate Change & Agriculture will also be an important input.

The plenary widely discussed the role of SCAR in consolidating and implementing any KBBE-related JPI and unanimously opted for an advisory role/oversight function. Several delegations stressed the need for an institutional role in the future management mechanisms of JP-1 and asked the EC to look into such a possibility. In any case, all stressed that although JP is a process led by MS with EC acting as a facilitator, good governance involving MS, EC and SCAR is paramount for the success of the whole process.

The SCAR plenary was informed about a side event on "Agriculture and Climate Change - Towards a global research alliance" organised by DG Research of the EC in the framework of the UN Climate Change conference in Copenhagen (COP 15) on 18/12/2009. The event was expected to discuss the international dimension of JP-1 in the context of a proposal for a Global Alliance on Agricultural GHG Mitigation Research.

3. FOLLOW-UP OF THE SCAR FORESIGHT PROCESS

The plenary discussed the suggestion from the SCAR-WG of preparing a 3rd Foresight exercise which foresees the establishment by the EC of a new foresight expert group in spring 2010 aiming at reporting to the SCAR plenary in December 2010 (and, if possible, preliminary results at KBBE Conference on 14/09/2010). The SCAR-WG was given the mandate to set up specific

¹ JP-1 "Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change"

JP-2 "Health, Food and Prevention of Diet-related Diseases"

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terms of reference for a new expert group to be appointed in 2010, which will be submitted to the SCAR members for approval (remotely or at the next plenary in June 2010 at the latest).

4. ON-GOING SCAR INITIATIVES

The plenary agreed on the establishment of a new CWG on Agriculture Knowledge and Innovation Systems proposed by FR and NL. A consultation will be launched by the Secretariat in early January and the SCAR-WG will agree on the terms of reference for the setting up of an expert group to fulfil the tasks foreseen by the CWG rationale.

The plenary expressed satisfaction for the results of the survey carried out by the CWG Infrastructures coordinated by FR and for the links established with ESFRI. It was agreed that the group should continue its work of mutual information and coordination of activities. Several follow-up options highlighted by the coordinator will be discussed at SCAR-WG level.

In the context of the recognised relevance of the CWG on Climate Change and Agriculture to the JP developments, ES announced its intention to share the coordination of the CWG with another interested country, which should be ideally identified at the next CWG meeting on 13 January 2010.

An update from the last meeting of the CWG on Agriculture and Energy (27/10, Brussels) was given by DE. A handover of the coordination from BMBF to BMELV is foreseen.

AT informed on the developments of the CWG on Risk Research on GMOs decisions the kick-off meeting (13-14/10, Vienna). A questionnaire will be circulated in January and a next meeting is foreseen in March 2010.

UK gave an update on the CWG on Animal Health and Welfare and the EMIDA ERA-Net, including the broadening of the remit and reshaping the structure of the group. EC reported that several countries had expressed interest in expanding the animal welfare aspects through the ERA-Net mechanism.

DK came up with a proposal of a new CWG on Sustainable food production for wealth, welfare and health - SUSFOOD. The plenary called for a possible merge with an ERA-Net proposal from FR on a similar topic and agreed that a revised proposal should be discussed by the SCAR-WG before the launch of a consultation.

PL presented a proposal to extend the scope of the CWG on Sustainable development of agriculture in the Baltic Sea within the structure of a Euroregion Baltic Technology Platform in the context of the Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. The plenary agreed that such a proposal should be discussed by the SCAR-WG before any presentation at the next SCAR plenary in June 2010.

5. NEXT STEPS

- § Next meeting of the CWG Climate Change and Agriculture: 13 January 2010 in Brussels
- § Next SCAR-WG meeting: 14 January 2010 in Brussels
- § The 12th SCAR plenary meeting will take place in June 2010 (a date will be fixed)

Country	Organism participating in SCAR meeting 15-16 June 2009
AT	Lebensministerium
BE	Flamish Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research
	Ministère de la Région wallonne, DG Agriculture
CH	Office fédéral de l'agriculture - OFAG
CZ	Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic
DE	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung
	Bundesministerium für Verbraucherschutz, Ernährung und Landwirtschaft
	Ministry for Food and Rural Areas of Baden-Wuerttemberg
DK	Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Danish Food Industry Agency
EE	Ministry of Agriculture
EL	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
ES	Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria
FI	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
FR	Ministère de l'agriculture, de l'alimentation, de la pêche et des affaires rurales
	INRA
HU	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
IE	Department of Agriculture & Food
	TEAGASC
IL	Agricultural Research Organization
IT	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole e Forestali
LT	Research and Development Department of Luxemburg Government
LU	Administration des Services Techniques de l'Agriculture
NL	Knowledge Directorate Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality
NO	The Research Council of Norway, Dept. Agriculture and Marine Issues
	Norwegian Ministry of Agriculture and Food , Department of Research, Innovation and Regional Policy
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
PT	INIAP
RO	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, Research, Quality of Products and Biological Agriculture Department
RS	Ministry of Science and Technological Development
	Institute of field and vegetable crops
SE	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Affairs Agriculture Division - research section
	The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning
SI	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food
SK	Animal Production Research Centre APRC Nitra
TR	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs
UK	Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs