

88th Plenary Meeting

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

Draft Agenda

Chairman: Tim Hall

15 June 2009, 19:30 Dinner

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

Participation of Corrado PIRZIO-BIROLI, Rise Foundation

16 June 2009, 9:00 – 18:00 hrs

1. Opening of meeting

Welcome/Introduction, Tim Hall, Acting Director, DG RTD/E

2. Adoption of the draft agenda

3. Adoption of the draft minutes from the meeting 17-18 December 2008

4. From Czech to Swedish Presidencies

§ Outlook of the CZ Presidency

§ Announcements from the SE Presidency

5. Assessing the impact of CAP Reforms

Policy issues and research challenges, DG AGRI

6. Follow-up of the SCAR foresight process

- Publication on the 2nd foresight exercise
- Outcome of the "Sustainable Development" Conference session "Foresight and public goods" 27 May 2009
- Future development of the foresight monitoring and signalling mechanism (FMSM)
 - § *SCAR-FG statement on further analysis and use of the 2nd foresight results*

7. Joint Programming in Agricultural Research (JPAR)

- Latest information from the High-Level-Group on JP (GPC)
- Outcome of the JPAR Workshop on 4 June 2009
- Towards JPAR initiatives

8. On-going SCAR initiatives

- AT proposal for a new CWG "Research on Risk Assessment of GMOs"
- Update on surveys in Collaborative Working Groups
 - § *CWG on Infrastructures, FR*
 - § *CWG on Climate Change and Agriculture, ES*
 - § *CWG on Agriculture and Energy, DE*
 - § *Update on on-going SCAR CWGs and new/future ERA-Nets*

9. AOB

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

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Summary Report

Chairman: Timothy Hall, Acting Director DG RTD/E
Secretary: François Constantin, DG RTD/E¹

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chair thanked the participants of the SCAR-WG for their work during the last semester and in particular the Presidency trio FR-CZ-SE delegation for chairing the meetings. A speech was given by Mr. Jiri URBAN, Deputy Minister for Environment, Research and Education, Czech Ministry of Agriculture. DG AGRI gave a presentation on the Health Check Impact Assessment experience, lessons learnt and the relation to the CAP reform process, which was followed by a discussion on challenges and opportunities for research.

2. JOINT PROGRAMMING IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (JPAR)

The SE SCAR delegate Rolf ANNERBERG, who will chair the GPC over the next six months, illustrated the indicative roadmap towards the adoption of JP initiatives by 2010. Some provisional outcome of the national consultations will be presented at the next GPC meeting on 23/06. Then preliminary proposals will be presented by GPC members on 14/09 while short-list of JPI proposals is expected to be adopted on 10/11.

The plenary was informed on the outcome of the JPAR Workshop on 4/06. The 3 reports on research topics previously identified by the SCAR-WG as responding to major societal challenges were discussed ("Agriculture and Climate Change: Adaptation and Mitigation" – "Food, diet, health and prevention of metabolic diseases" – "World food security and supply).

The plenary then discussed on the SCAR strategy in support to GPC members who may wish to submit a related JPI topic, in relation both to the indicative JP roadmap and the outcome of the workshop. Although it was acknowledged that the "Agriculture and Climate Change" topic was already in the form of an advanced draft proposal (with strong input from related CWG), it was agreed that, at this stage, the 3 themes should be further deepened without prejudice of future SCAR suggestions on which proposal(s) may be selected for the first batch of the JP procedure. Therefore, it was suggested that the SCAR delegates would send, before the GPC meeting on 23/06, to their national homologues in the GPC a Draft SCAR position paper on Joint Programming combining the 3 topics, with the aim to demonstrate that considerable preparation is going on in the SCAR countries for the launch of a possible JPI, and also provide information about the directions and interest. The SCAR-WG was also given the mandate to decide upon any message to be given to the GPC before its meeting on 14/09.

3. FOLLOW-UP OF THE SCAR FORESIGHT PROCESS

The SCAR Plenary was provided with the final publication on the 2nd foresight exercise which was presented at the "Sustainable Development" Conference session "Foresight and public goods - a new framing for agricultural research", 27/05/09. A wide discussion followed on further analysis and use of the 2nd foresight results and on the possible timing for the launch of a 3rd round in the framework of the foresight monitoring and signalling mechanism (FMSM).

4. ON-GOING SCAR INITIATIVES

AT illustrated a proposal for a new CWG "Research on Risk Assessment of GMOs". Due to the sensitiveness of the issue, several delegations expressed some reservations on the opportunity to set up such a CWG (ES, SE) while others may be ready to support the initiative (BE, DE, EL, HU, NL) or wait for clarifications before doing so (CH, FR, UK). The proposal will also be discussed by the KBBE-NET. AT was invited to reflect on the possibility to issue a revised proposal taking on board the comments from the plenary before a formal consultation among SCAR countries is launched by the Secretariat. The discussion was followed by an update on on-going SCAR CWGs and new/future ERA-Nets of KBBE relevance.

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5. NEXT STEPS

- Ø Next SCAR-WG meeting: 8 September 2009
- Ø 11th SCAR plenary meeting: 9 December 2009 (dinner 8/12)

Country	Organism participating in SCAR meeting 15-16 June 2009
AT	Lebensministerium
	BMG Federal Ministry of Health
BE	Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research
BG	Institute of Soil Sciences "Nikola Poushkarov"
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	Development, Environment and Rural Development Directorate for Food, Fisheries and Agri Business
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, Department of Agriculture
FR	Ministère de l'agriculture, de l'alimentation, de la pêche et des affaires rurales
	INRA
HU	Ministry of Agriculture
IE	Department of Agriculture & Food
IL	Agricultural Research Organization
LU	Research and Development Department of Luxemburg Government
	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
PL	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
PT	INIAP
RO	National Institute for Biology and Animal Nutrition
RS	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
UK	Department for Environment, Food and Rural affairs