



Invitation letter

CASA SCAR National Meeting in Italy

29 May 2018

Ministry of agriculture, food and forestry policies, Rome

The Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) is recognized by the European Commission and Member States as valuable coordination and advisory body on agricultural research and bioeconomy development. **The Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies (MIPAAF), supported by SCAR CASA Coordination and Support Action and with the participation/contribution of Rural National Network, is organizing a national SCAR Meeting. The overall aim of the meeting is to promote the outcomes of SCAR, increase its visibility and the engagement of national stakeholders.**

The one day meeting will be held on **29 May 2018 in the premise of Ministry of agriculture, food and forestry policies (Sala Cavour), Via XX Settembre 20, 00187 Rome**

Specific objectives of the meeting are to:

- inform policy makers, researchers and stakeholders involved in agricultural research and innovation about SCAR, explaining opportunities and advantages of being actively involved in the SCAR bodies and initiatives;
- trigger a process of coordination of actions at Italian and EU level, based on the existing national strategies and committees, with particular regard to the Italian Bioeconomy Strategy (BIC) and to the Plan for Innovation and Research in agriculture, food and forestry;
- exchange views and perspectives on bioeconomy research and innovation in Italy, with a specific focus on the role of agriculture, food and forestry.

The meeting gives the opportunity to bring together SCAR members and experts, representatives of the European Commission, national research bodies as well as stakeholders to discuss about agriculture research and bioeconomy issues and to participate into and benefit from SCAR activities.

You are invited to this event which would greatly benefit from the participation of representatives of relevant institutions, research centres, business sector and other stakeholders. Participants would gain a better knowledge of the SCAR system and activities while contributing to the discussion with their perspectives, expertise and knowledge.

The working languages are English and Italian. No simultaneous translation is provided



Programme

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Ministry of agriculture, food and forestry policies (Mipaaf)

Sala Cavour, Via XX Settembre, 20, 00187 ROMA

9:30-09:45 Welcome and introduction (Mipaaf representative)

9.45-11.00 Session 1. Presentation of SCAR and Coordinated Support Action CASA

- SCAR Overview (European Commission, Davide Amato)
- Presentation of some SCAR SWGs (Italian delegates): AKIS (Mara Lai), BWG (Bioeconomy, Stefano Grando), Food systems (Annamaria Marzetti); CWG Animal health and welfare (Marina Bagni); Foresight Exercise (Stefano Grando/Stefano Bisoffi, SCAR FE Task force)
- Activities of SCAR and Programme Committee SC2- H2020 (Stefano Bisoffi, IT SC2 deputy delegate)
- CSA CASA: aims, progress and background (Rolf Stratmann, CASA Coordinator)
- CSA CASA study: Representation and inclusion in SCAR (Dorri te Boekhorst, CASA team)

11:30- 11:45 Coffee break

11.45-13.30 Session 2. Parallel groups (Chair/rapporteur tbc)

Common themes:

- 1) What can SCAR do for Member State, Regions, stakeholders?
 - 2) How can institutions and stakeholders interact with SCAR?
- Group 1: Focus on SCAR WGs
 - Group 2: Focus on ERANETs, JPIs and other coordination actions
- Reporting from parallel groups

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch break

14.30-15.30 Session 3: National strategies for research and innovation

- Strategic Plan for Innovation and Research – PSIR (Serenella Puliga, Mipaaf)
- Italian bioeconomy strategy – BIT (Annalisa Zezza, CREA PB)
- Regional strategies for R&I for agriculture and bioeconomy (Regional Research Network speaker tbc Laura Bartalucci/Fausta Fabbri)

15:30-17:15 Session 4: Improving coordination at national level

Round table and open debate (contribution by EC, SCAR, National bodies, Regions, farmers' organisations and other stakeholders) (chair, tbc)

Themes:

- Actions needed to improve coordination among institutions and stakeholders for research and innovation in the agricultural, food and bioeconomy fields
- Opportunities for national institutions and stakeholders to profit of SCAR to enhance national-level coordination and to trigger R&I actions in the frame of BIT and PSIR.

17:15-17:30 Conclusions



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