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BALTIC WORKSHOP ON SCAR AND BIOECONOMY STRATEGIES

4-5 April 2019, Riga

Venue: Hotel Mercure Riga Centrum and Latvian Academy of Sciences

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 Latvian Academy of Sciences, in collaboration with the Latvian Ministry of Agriculture, Lithuanian Ministry of Agriculture, and Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs, supported by SCAR CASA Coordination and Support Action, organize jointly a Baltic SCAR Workshop. The overall aim of the meeting is to promote the outcomes of SCAR, increase its visibility and the engagement of national stakeholders.**

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;
- to initiate discussion on needs/gaps of national Bioeconomy Strategies;
- to activate support mechanisms for Baltic countries, drawn among others on good practices, expertise and guidance;
- to foster preparation / implementation of dedicated Bioeconomy Strategies in the Baltic counties, thereby increasing the number of EU Member States with a national Bioeconomy Strategy;
- to strengthen Baltic international cooperation.

This event brings together representatives of relevant institutions, research centres, business sector and other stakeholders. Participants will gain a better knowledge of the SCAR system and activities while contributing to the discussion on bioeconomy strategies with their perspectives, expertise and knowledge.

The working language is English.

Organising committee:

Prof. Baiba Rivza, Latvian Academy of Sciences. Member of SCAR FOREST

Dr Christine Bunthof, Wageningen University and Research, Netherlands. SCAR CASA WP Representativeness

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Final Programme

Thursday April 4, Hotel Mercure Riga Centrum, Elizabetes 101	
	Arrival
16:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
17:00	Session 1: Introductions and Keynote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome by hosting organiser - Baiba Rivza, Latvian Academy of Sciences Welcome speech on behalf of Latvian Minister of Agriculture Kaspars Gerhards, by Head of Cabinet Janis Eglits Introduction to meeting by co-organiser Christine Bunthof, SCAR CASA Key note followed by Q&A: Introduction on the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) and on European bioeconomy policy - Liutauras Guobys, SCAR Secretariat EC RTD
18:30	Walk together to the restaurant
19:00	Dinner at restaurant "FOREST" Raiņa bulvāris 21, Rīga, LV-1050
Friday April 5, Latvian Academy of Sciences, Academy square 1	
8:30	Morning coffee
9:00	Welcome by the President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences - Ojārs Spārītis
9:05	Session 2: SCAR Working Groups, SCAR Foresight, and SCAR CASA (moderator: Christine Bunthof) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction about SCAR Working Groups + brief presentations AHW, Fish, and ARCH by moderator SCAR Foresight – Elke Saggau, BLE, Germany, Foresight Group co-chair AKIS – Jean-Marc Chourot, Ministry of Agriculture and Food of France, Working Group member Bioeconomy – Alexandros Theodoridis, Project Management Juelich, Germany, Working Group co-chair Forest – Martin Greimel, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism of Austria, Working Group co-chair Food Systems – Alvija Šalaševičienė, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania, Working Group member Sustainable Animal Production – Elke Saggau on behalf of Bernhard Polten CASA – Coordination & Support Action for SCAR – Rolf Stratmann, SCAR CASA
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	Session 3: Bioeconomy Strategies in Baltic countries: Context and Scope (moderator: Baiba Rivza) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latvia – Irina Pilvere, Rector of Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technology Lithuania – Dalia Miniataite, Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania Estonia – Helena Pärenson, Ministry of Rural Affairs of Estonia
11:45	Session 4: Research Programming (moderator: Baiba Rivza) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The making of Strategic Research Agendas - Christine Bunthof, Wageningen University & Research, The Netherlands EU Framework Programmes for Research & Innovation - Janis Ancans Coordinator of Horizon 2020 NCP of Latvia
12:15	Lunch break
13:15	Session 5: Poster session Pitch presentations by researchers and PhD students in the poster display room
13:45	Session 6: Needs, gaps and opportunities for Baltic Bioeconomy (moderator: Maarja Malm) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position of Latvian Ministry of Agriculture – Ainars Nabels-Sneiders, Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia Building Bioeconomy strategy, case Turkey - Canan Göksu Sürücü, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Turkey Building International Relationships as part of developing the Bioeconomy, case example Canada – Murray McLaughlin Education on Bioeconomy - Baiba Rivza, Latvian Academy of Sciences
14:45	Conclusions and recommendation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflection on workshop and outcomes – Jean-Marc Chourot, SCAR CASA Final conclusions and closing of meeting - Baiba Rivza, Latvia Academy of Sciences
15:00	End of Meeting