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Meeting Summary

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EUROPEAN COORDINATION GROUP (ECG)

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ACRONYMS:

APAARI	Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions
AARINEA	Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa
AGM	CGIAR Annual General Assembly
ARD	Agricultural Research for Development
ASARECA	Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa
CAADP	Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme
CGIAR	Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
DEEC	Development & Emerging Economy Countries
DG AIDCO	European Commission – Direction General EuropeAid
DG DEV	European Commission – Direction General Development and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States
DG RTD	European Commission – Direction General Research
EC	European Commission
ECG	EIARD – European Consultative Group
EFARD	European Forum for Agricultural Research for Development
EIARD	European Initiative for Agricultural Research for Development
EPMR	CGIAR Centers – External Programme and Management Review
ERA	European Research Area
ERA-ARD	ERANET - The Agricultural Research for Development (ARD) dimension of the European Research Area (ERA)
ERANET	FP - European Research Area - Networks
EU	European Union
ExCo	CGIAR Executive Council
FAAP	Framework for African Agricultural Productivity
FARA	Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa
FORAGRO	Foro de las Américas para la Investigación y Desarrollo Tecnológico Agropecuario
FP	DG RTD - Framework Programme
FP7	DG RTD – 7 th Framework Programme 7
FSTP	Food Security Thematic Programme
GDPRD	Global Development Platform for Rural Development
GFAR	Global Forum for Agricultural Research
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit
ICIPE	International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
PAEPARD	Platform for African European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development
SAG	ERA-ARD Southern Advisory Group
SCAR	Standing Committee for Agricultural Research
TF	EIARD Task Force
ToR	Terms of Reference
WECARD/CORAF	West and African Council for Agricultural Research and Development
WG	EIARD – Working Group

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GUESTS:

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David RADCLIFFE (**DFID**)

0. Opening Session

0.1. Opening and welcome

Jonathan Wadsworth, EIARD Chair, opened the meeting and Jorge de Macedo, President of IICT, who hosted the meeting, welcomed participants on behalf of Portugal.

0.2. Introduction of ECG participants

The participants briefly introduced themselves. 18 EIARD Members (25 delegates) were represented, which is in line with the previous attendances of ECG meetings (18 in 2007, 16 in 2006, 17 in 2005, 16 in 2004, and 15 in 2003).

0.3. Adoption of the Agenda

The annotated agenda in Annexe 1 was adopted.

Decision 1: EIARD Members adopted the ECG14 agenda.

0.4. Formal Adoption of the Minutes of the 13th ECG meeting

The Meeting Summary of the 13th ECG Meeting in Florence, on 11 and 12 November 2007, were adopted with minor revisions.

Decision 2: EIARD Members adopted the Meeting Summary of the 13th ECG Meeting.

1. EIARD Status Report & Governance

1.1. Review of EIARD during the last twelve months

The Executive Secretary (ExSec) informed EIARD Members on the progress to date with the 2008 EIARD Work Programme (Annexe 2), ECG Action Points (Annexe 3), and current Task Forces and Leads (Annexe 4).

The Executive Secretary updated EIARD Members on the state of EIARD membership. In particular:

- Since the ECG13 meeting in Florence, 7 new representatives have joined the ECG, which represents a lower turn-over of 13% compared to 16% in 2007, 24% in 2006, 25% in 2005.
- Currently, there are 52 EIARD representatives in the ECG, the same as in 2006, compared to 54 in 2006 and 2007, and 46 in 2005. It should be noted that EIARD Members have still very different approaches of their representation in the ECG, some EIARD Members nominating up to 6 representatives, while other only have 1.

The ECG list was circulated and participants updated information provided.

Discussion:

- Italy suggested that an annual report be written by the ExSec to support this annual review.
- Concerning EIARD Leads and Task Forces, France mentioned that some third party bodies to which EIARD is contributing are not mentioned (e.g. ERA-ARD, CAASNet).

Action 1: ExSec to prepare a written annual report to be approved by the ECG

Action 2: For the annual progress report at ECG, ExSec to complement the third party bodies to which EIARD individuals are contributing.

1.2. EIARD Governance

1.1.1. New EIARD Executive Secretary

The EIARD Chair updated EIARD Members about the process to recruit the new EIARD Executive Secretary that he launched in September, 2008 with a letter sent to EIARD Members. The EC call for candidates will be open from mid-November to mid-January, and the recruitment process is expected to be completed by end of March. The Chair stressed the necessity to urgently find a replacement since the current ExSec will leave on March 31, 2009. So the schedule is very tight.

Discussion:

- Several EIARD Members mentioned their interest to provide candidates but underlined that it was a complex decision process at their ministerial level to officially submit candidates. In case of a gap between the two ExSec, the EIARD WG will be in charge to put in place measures in order to secure as much as possible the continuity of EIARD business.

1.1.2. Appointment of the Working Group Members between ECG14 and ECG15

The current Members of the Working Group are EC, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.

Discussion:

- Finland and Sweden decided to withdraw from the WG. Hungary informed the ECG that it is currently studying the possibility to join the WG.
- Italy stressed that with the launching of the FSTP EIARD Project the role of the WG will be even more important for EIARD.

Decision 3: The ECG endorsed for one year the following Working Group membership:

- Belgium,
- EC,
- France,
- Germany,
- Ireland,
- Italy,
- Netherlands
- Norway,
- Spain,
- Switzerland,
- United Kingdom.

1.3. State of the European ARD Area (EFARD – ERA-ARD – SCAR - ECART)

The ExSec updated EIARD Members about the state of:

- EFARD

- SCAR
- ERA-ARD
- ECART / NATURA

The main elements are presented in Annexe 5.

- Discussion:**
- Several EIARD Members expressed their appreciation about the presentation which gives a global and dynamic picture of the state the European ARD Area.
 - A debate took place about the new paradigm supported by the Task Force SCAR / EIARD / ERA-ARD about a convergence between AR for Europe and AR for Developing and Emerging Economy Countries. Most of EIARD Members that took the floor supported the idea, which is already part of the new EIARD Strategy. Some members expressed concerns about the risk that funding currently devoted to ARD could be rerouted toward AR for Europe. On the reverse others pointed out that this new paradigm could attract new sources of funding for ARD. It requires further elaboration which is expected from the Task Force SCAR / EIARD / ERA-ARD.
 - France noticed that the link between EIARD and ECART, in particular concerning collaboration between European research institutions and CGIAR, is not yet explored.
 - Belgium suggested that the link between EIARD and GDPRD, even if it is not a platform restricted to Europe, would be useful since it is an important element of the new EIARD strategy.

Decision 4: The ECG supported the continuation of the SCAR / EIARD / ERA-ARD.

Action 3: EIARD WG to study the link with European ARD organizations and networks (e.g. ECART and NATURA) as listed in the new EIARD Strategy activities

Action 4: EIARD WG to continue to support the TF SCAR/EIARD/ERA-ARD

1.4. Information by EIARD Members on major initiatives

Three initiatives were presented:

- Germany presented the very good progress made concerning the coordination of European support to ICIPE, which is the first case study launched under Activity 3.6 of the new EIARD Strategy. Sweden, Switzerland (increased support), France, Denmark (increased support) are now supporting the core budget of ICIPE. Germany has also increased its project support. For the close future, Sweden is considering increasing its support and UK joining the group of European donors.
- France informed EIARD Members about the first elements of the second case study of coordinated European support to ARD institutions under Activity 3.6 which is ICRA. Netherland, France and UK are involved.
- France informed EIARD Members about the launching of a new ERA-Net on agricultural research in the Mediterranean region (ARIMNET), and call for greater involvement of EIARD Members in the region which is a political priority of EU.
- Spain informed EIARD Members about the recent FORAGRO meeting where the European ARD coordination system was presented. The EIARD proposal to launch a strategic alliance between EFARD and FORAGRO (Activity 3.5 of the new EIARD Strategy), similar to PAEPARD with FARA, was very well received. An opportunity should concretise in the FP7 FAFB Call 2010.

- Ireland informed EIARD Members about the report of the task force, led by a former Irish minister of agriculture, on Irish aid which recommends that 20% of Irish aid be dedicated to hunger reduction.

Discussion: ■ Several EIARD Members suggested that this very interesting item during ECG be better prepared in future ECG meetings by requesting EIARD Members early in advance to prepare information points.

1.5. Main challenges for the next twelve months

For the coming year, the Chair, Jonathan Wadsworth, highlighted:

1. The launching of the new EIARD strategy which should be adopted during this ECG meeting;
2. The launching of the new FSTP EIARD Project which aims to support the new EIARD strategy, and brings for the first time significant means to support EIARD ambitions.
3. The finalisation of the CGIAR reform for which EIARD should be very active, and which will be a complex, demanding and difficult exercise.

2. EIARD Strategy 2009-2013 & the FSTP support to EIARD

The objective of the session was to finalise the new EIARD Strategy. The ExSec informed EIARD Members about the outcome of the public consultation and proposed the final revisions of the EIARD Strategy 2009-2013 prepared by the Task Force in charge of the drafting of the strategy.

Discussion: ■ Netherlands commented that they were still not completely satisfied with some few elements that don't sufficiently align the new strategy with Southern needs and leadership. After discussion, each point was resolved in the text.

Action 5: ExSec to send the revised version of the new EIARD Strategy to EIARD Members for approval by end of November.

The project under the Food Security Thematic Programme (FSTP) that will facilitate the implementation of the new EIARD strategy was then presented by the ExSec. It is named "Fostering European aid effectiveness for ARD" and will be implemented by GTZ under the leadership of a Project Management Team composed of the ExSec (Team Leader) and EIARD representatives, who will be designated by the EIARD Working Group during its first meeting of 2009.

Discussion: ■ Netherlands underlined the importance of a well articulated European ARD information system that would make the link between the policy level (EIARD), the programme level (ERA-ARD) and the project level (ARD institutions and consortium, in particular ECART and NATURA). Sander van Opstal volunteered to contribute to this activity in the FSTP EIARD Project.
■ Portugal expressed its interest to contribute to Component 2 on Participation of the Civil Society in international policy dialogues on ARD.

Decision 5: The ECG endorsed the work programme of the FSTP EIARD Project that will be managed by GTZ from 2009 to 2011

3. The Food Price Crisis & the Global Partnership for Agriculture

Jean-Luc François (French Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs) made a presentation of the Global Partnership on Agriculture and Food Security (GPAFS) which is a political initiative launched in June 2008 during the FAO World Food Summit following a proposal of the French President. It is not anymore a French initiative since it has been endorsed by the EU, UN and G8.

There are three pillars in GPAFS:

1. An international “High Profile Policy Group” on food security and agriculture
2. An international platform/panel of experts on the global food security
3. A re-mobilisation of the international financial community for safety nets, food security and agriculture in developing countries.

Discussion: ■ The presentation was followed by a lively discussion that helped understand the GPAFS initiative. In particular, it was clear that ARD per se was not yet part of the initiative even if it is recognised as a key element of the long-term answer to food insecurity. It was suggested that EIARD be active to include an ARD component in GPAFS, especially through the CoDev Committee of the EU.

4. CGIAR Issues

4.1. Independent Review of the CGIAR System

The Chair of the Review Panel, Elizabeth Mc Allister presented the panel report and its main recommendations.

Discussion: ■ Questions and answers took place between ECG Members and Elizabeth Mc Allister, in particular about the following points:

- The synergy during AGM08 between the presentation of the Review's recommendations and of the presentation of the reform proposal from the Change Steering Team.
- The need for objective elements on the impact of the CGIAR on rural development. → Provided in the annexes of the report.
- The participation of Southern governments in the CGIAR
- The need for a much more innovation system approach in the CGIAR, breaking from the traditional and inefficient linear approach of research to development.

Decision 6: ECG Members discussed the EIARD position in AGM08 regarding the Independent Review. They concluded that the review reports, findings and recommendations will be a precious reference when designing the structure of the new CGIAR in detail, and that it should be used during the transition phase of the reform.

4.2. The CGIAR Change Management Process

Jonathan Wadsworth presented the analysis and recommendations of the Change Steering Team, he is co-chairing, concerning the reform of the CGIAR, and updated ECG Members of the high level donors meeting that recently took place in London on November 10th. The chair of the Alliance of CGIAR Centres (Emile Frison, Director General of Bioversity) explained the guiding principles of the reform and stressed that most of the Centres are ready to enter into a new strategy and partnership.

Discussion: ■ Questions and answers took place between ECG Members and Jonathan Wadsworth and Emile Frison, in particular about the following points:

- The use of the previous System Priorities in the new CGIAR.
- The need for an evaluation function clearly independent from other functions like the advisory function. Elizabeth Mc Allister recommended that this evaluation function applies to the Consortium, as well as to the Fund.
- The need to translate the open partnership principle into concrete instruments and modalities.
- The right timing for the Conference for Agricultural Research for Development (CARD), the Funder Summit and the transition period
- How flexible the Fund is to accommodate donors' priorities.
- The pivotal role of GFAR in the new CGIAR and its capacity to play this role.

A close session then took place between ECG Members.

- Discussion:**
- A table was circulated in order to get and share information about ECG Members' prospects for their participation to the new Fund in 2009 and 2010 and potential increase of their contribution.
 - Members were supportive of the reform proposed by the Change Steering Team. Most of EIARD previous positions on the reform (AGM07, ExCo 14 & 15) have been taken into account.
 - Nevertheless, some ECG Members expressed their concern that the proposal seemed not to give enough space for negotiation in AGM08.
 - Moreover, some issues have still to be further discussed, in particular:
 - The independent evaluation function.
 - The timing of the transition period.
 - The innovation system approach in the CGIAR.
 - The role and capacities of GFAR.
 - The accountability to the poor.
 - The open partnership.
 - The positions of the other regions/continents on the proposed reform were discussed.
 - In order to secure a strong and active decision system during the transition phase, AGM should delegate the decision power to ExCo in 2009.

Decision 7: ECG Members concluded that the reform of the CGIAR will be at a critical stage during the AGM08 Business Meeting and that EIARD should actively push for **1/** its adoption by CGIAR Members, leaving the remaining issues non conditional and for the implementation phase, **2/** a reform without delay and **3/** a fast transition period.

Action 6: EIARD Members to actively contact the CGIAR Members of the other continents to exchange views on the reform (e.g. Latin America).

4.3. Towards Common Donors' Approaches of the Monitoring & Evaluation of the CGIAR

Remy Noe (EC) made a presentation of the outcome of the ECART/NATURA study on a Common Donors' Approaches of the Monitoring & Evaluation of the CGIAR, which has been commissioned by the EC in 2008 on behalf of EIARD, following the decision during the ECG13 meeting. The study proposes to move from the regular project monitoring to a joint thematic review across the system that would be in line with a move from project funding to core funding as it is supported by EIARD in the framework of the ongoing reform process.

- Discussion:**
- EIARD Chair congratulates the EC and the ECART/NATURA team for a remarkable work that will be particularly useful under the current reform process. He underlined that the study could be a significant contribution for the reform process on the M&E mechanisms in the reformed CGIAR system.
 - Portugal proposed that the report be immediately sent by the EIARD Chair to CGIAR Members as a contribution to the reform process. The proposed pilot exercise in 2010 could be part of the transition phase.
 - Denmark stressed that, in the letter, the proposal for thematic reviews targets at the end, when approved, the Mega-Programmes and not the Systems Priorities, and that the proposal be opened to other donors.
 - France recommended that the System Priority (since the Mega-Programme are not yet in place) that will be evaluated during the pilot exercise in 2010 be carefully selected.

Action 7:

Chair to send the report of the ECART/NATURA study on M&E to the CGIAR Director for circulation to all CGIAR Members.

4.4. AGM 2008

4.4.1. EIARD's participation in AGM08

The ECG Members prepared the following meetings.

1. EIARD ad-hoc meeting (closed meeting)
 - Schedule: Sunday, Nov. 30th, from 14:00 to 20:00
 - Location: Secretariat Office
 - Agenda:
 - o Finalising EIARD positions for the AGM08 Business Meeting.
 - o Preparing the meeting with the CGIAR Chair (see Point 3)
 - o Discussion with the Bill & Melinda Gate Foundation (tbc)
2. EIARD Working Lunch: "The new EIARD Strategy and its support to the new CGIAR"
 - Schedule: Monday, Dec. 1st, from 12:30 to 13:30
 - Location: Room 3
 - Agenda:
 - o Presentation of the EIARD Strategy.
 - o Comments from some EIARD Members on the strategy.
 - o Discussion
3. Meeting with the CGIAR Chair.
 - Schedule: Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, 15:00 to 15:30
 - Location: tbc
 - Agenda:
 - o to be decided during the EIARD ad-hoc meeting (see Point 1)

4.4.2. EIARD positions during the AGM08 Business Meeting

The draft agenda of the AGM08 Business Meeting served as the basis for the ECG discussion.

Decision 8:

▪ The ECG Members identified the following set of issues for common positions during AGM08, began to discuss their content, and allocated tasks for the drafting:

1. CGIAR Status Report
 - a. Report from Director: → *Wolfgang Karsten*
 - b. Report from SC → *Pierre Fabre*
 - c. Report from the Alliance → *Jos Kalders*
2. Independent Review of the CGIAR System → *Paolo Sarfatti with the contribution of Ruth Haug, Isabel Faria de Almeida, Remy Noe*
3. Integrated CGIAR Reform Proposal → *Jean-Luc Khalfaoui with the contribution of all EIARD Members on the key issues for the reform.*
4. Change Management Transition Arrangement → *Pierre Fabre*
 - For the items related to the reform of the CGIAR, the EIARD Chair will be replaced by the Vice-Chair (Marc Debois) to deliver the EIARD positions.

Action 8:

EIARD Members to send to the ExSec the key issues they identified for the CGIAR reform by Monday Nov. 24th at the latest.

5. Dates and venues for the next EIARD meetings

5.1. Ad-hoc ECG meeting at AGM08.

See Item 5.1.1

5.2. 2009 ECG meeting (ECG15).

During the meeting Hungary kindly informed EIARD Members that they will explore the possibility to host ECG15.

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ANNEXE 1

14th EUROPEAN COORDINATION GROUP MEETING

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IICT - Lisbon

ANNOTATED AGENDA

-----November 12, 2008, Wednesday-----

Arrival

Check in at the Hotels

Informal dinner at local restaurant

20:00

-----November 13, 2008, Thursday-----

Opening Session

8.30 - 9.00

- ☒ **Welcome by Host Country (Portugal)**
- ☒ **Chair's opening**
- ☒ **Introduction of EIARD Members & Representatives**
- ☒ **Adoption of the Agenda**

Document :

- *Doc 1 - ECG14 Annotated Agenda*

- ☒ **Formal Adoption of the Minutes of the 13th ECG meeting**

Document :

- *Doc 2 - ECG13 Meeting Summary*

Session 1: EIARD Status Report and Governance

9.00 - 11.00

1.1. Review of EIARD activities during the last twelve months

Objective :

- *Reviewing EIARD's achievements since the last ECG meeting in Florence in Nov. 2007.*
- *Updating ECG on EIARD membership.*
- *Updating ECG on EIARD Task Forces, Leads and ECG Members in third party governing bodies and task forces.*

Documents:

- *Doc 3 - EIARD Work Programme 2008 - Progress Report.*
- *Doc 4 - Progress report on ECG Action Points by Oct. 2007.*
- *Doc 5 - List of EIARD Task Forces, Leads and Representatives*

Action :

- *Executive Secretary : Briefing*

1.2. EIARD Governance

➔ **New EIARD Executive Secretary**

Objective :

- *Informing ECG about the search by European States for candidates for the appointment of the new ExSec in April 2009*

Action :

- *ECG Members : Briefing*

➔ **Appointment of the Working Group Members between ECG14 and ECG15**

Objective :

- *Current members of the WG (Belgium, EC, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.) will express their intention regarding their WG membership between ECG13 and ECG14.*
- *Other EIARD Members consider joining the WG for 2009.*

Action :

- *Chair : Briefing*

1.3. State of the European ARD Area (EFARD – ERA-ARD – SCAR - ECART)

Objective :

- *Updating ECG on major progresses made in the building of the European ARD area.*

Documents :

- *Doc 6 - Task Force SCAR/EIARD/ERA-ARD – Comments on Version 1*
- *Doc 7 – Task Force SCAR/EIARD/ERA-ARD – Report Version 2*

Action :

- *Chair & Executive Secretary : Briefing*

1.4. Information by EIARD Members on major initiatives

Objective :

- *Informing ECG Members on major initiatives from EIARD Members regarding ARD.*

Action :

- *ECG Members : Briefing*

1.5. Main challenge for the next twelve months

Objective :

- *Highlighting the key challenges for EIARD in the year ahead.*

Action :

- *Chair : Briefing*

Coffee Break: 11.00 – 11.30

Session 2:

Strategy 2009-2013 & the FSTP support to EIARD Toward a more effective coordination mechanism

EIARD

11.30 - 13.15

Objective :

- *Discussing the outcome of the public consultation and proposed final revisions of the EIARD Strategy 2009-2013*

- *Endorsing the new EIARD strategy*
- *Updating ECG about the project under the Food Security Thematic Programme (FSTP) that will facilitate the implementation of the new EIARD strategy. Title of the FSTP EIARD Project : "Fostering European aid effectiveness for ARD"*
- *Endorsing the work programme of the FSTP EIARD Project that will be managed by GTZ from 2009 to 2011.*
- *Consider signing a Memorandum of Understanding between EIARD & GTZ*

Documents:

- *Doc 8 - EIARD Strategy 2009-2013 - Public Consultation.*
- *Doc 9 - EIARD Strategy 2009-2013 - Version 3 (16 Oct 08) Track Changes*
- *Doc 10 - EIARD Strategy 2009-2013 - Version 3 (16 Oct 08) Clean*
- *Doc 11 - FSTP FSTP Project - Work Programme - Draft 31 Oct 08*

Action :

- *Executive Secretary: Briefing*

Working Lunch: 13.15 – 14.45

**Presentation of the report of
the Independent Review of the CGIAR System**

(http://www.cgiar.org/exco/exco15/ir_synthesis_report_for_exco_sept2008.pdf)

by Elizabeth Mc Allister (Chair of the Review Panel) and discussion

Session 3: The Food Price Crisis & the Global Partnership for Agriculture 14.45 -
16.30

What consequences for ARD ?

with Jean-Luc François (French Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs)

Objective :

- *Informing ECG about the Global Partnership for Agriculture proposed by France*
- *Discussing the role and potential contribution of ARD and EIARD in this partnership*

Action :

- *French MAEE representative: Briefing*

Coffee Break: 16.30 – 17.00

Session 4: The CGIAR Change Management Process- 17.00 - 18.30

Toward a more streamlined and efficient system

with Emile Frison (Alliance Executive Chair)

Objective :

- *Discussing the state of the Change Management Process and the proposed reform that will be discussed for approval in AGM08*
- *Preparing the EIARD position at AGM08 on the proposed reform.*

Document :

- *Doc 12 - CGIAR Reform Proposal - Draft (29 Oct 08)*

Action :

- *Chair & Emile Frison: Briefing*

Official dinner hosted by Portugal

20.30

-----**November 14, 2008, Friday**-----

Session 5: Towards Common Donors' Approaches of the Monitoring & Evaluation of the CGIAR

8.30 - 9.30

Objective :

- *Updating ECG on the recommendations of the ECART/NATURA study on a Common Donors' Approaches of the Monitoring & Evaluation of the CGIAR.*
- *Based on these recommendations, the proposed reform of the CGIAR, and EIARD position on these, deciding the future EIARD steps and contributions regarding the M&E of the CGIAR for 1/ projects that will be funded by EIARD Members (based on Scenario 1 in the ECART/NATURA report), and 2/ the External Programs Review (EPRs) that could be put in place following the reform (follow-up to Scenario 2 in the ECART/NATURA report).*

Document :

- *Doc 13 - CGIAR M&E - ECART-NATURA Study - Final report*

Action :

- *Remy Noe (EC): Briefing*

Session 6: CGIAR AGM08 in Maputo

9.30 - 12.30

3.1. EIARD's participation in AGM08

Objective :

- *Discussing EIARD participation in AGM08 (meetings, ...)*

Coffee Break: 10.30 – 11.00

3.2. Major AGM08 Items (to be defined)

11.00 – 12.30

Objective :

- *Preparing EIARD positions for AGM08 Business Meeting*

Lunch: 12.30 – 13.30

Session 7: "any other business"

13.30 - 14.00

☒ **ECG15**

Objective :

- *ECG Members consider hosting the 15th meeting in 2009*

Closing Session

14.00 - 14.15

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ANNEXE 2

Progress Report with the EIARD WORK PROGRAMME 2008
by October 2008

Activities	Actions	Results/Comments
Transversal" activities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalise and launch the new EIARD Strategy 2008-2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting Version 2 Internal consultation on Version 2 External Consultation on Version 2 Drafting the final version Define the operating modalities (e.g. Advisory committee) Organise events: AGM08 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done Done Done Done Done Done: Side event organised
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start to develop an Action Plan to implement the new EIARD Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a project under the FSTP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing: ✓ FSTP Action Fiche developed and approved (1.3 Million €) ✓ Feasibility Study done by GTZ: Technical Annexe; Budget. ✓ Delegation Agreement between EC and GTZ prepared. ECG approval required before signing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare the replacement of the Executive Secretary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch the Call for applications (DG RTD procedure, background document, profile, ...) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Done: ✓ Recruitment file finalised; ✓ Chair's letter launching the recruitment sent to ECG; ✓ EC internal procedure launched.

Activities	Actions	Results/Comments
Output 1: Effective coordination of EU ARD Policies.		
1.1. Set up a reporting process to the Council and the Parliament on the progress of European Support to ARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Start from a consultation with DG RTD, DEV & AIDCO. ▪ SCAR Communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing: ✓ Currently exploring the possibility of a <u>direct</u> report form EIARD to the Council and the European Parliament. • Done: ✓ EIARD will be part of the Communication on SCAR, and the Communication on International S&T. ✓ Good visibility of EIARD during and in the conclusion of the informal meeting of the Ministries (Research) of the Competitive Council - Versailles, 16 & 17 juillet 2008
1.2. Support EFARD in linking together the different European ARD stakeholders (farmers organisations, NGOs, private sector, research institutions, policy makers), and with ARD stakeholders from DEC, for policy formulation and collective actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PAEPARD consultation on FP7 & FSTP programming 2009 and beyond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done: ✓ PAEPARD Workshop in April 2010 ✓ Recommendations translated into 8 ARD topics in the DG RTD Call FP7-FAFB 2009 (24 millions €) ✓ Recommendations currently taken into account for the preparation of the DG AIDCO/DEV FSTP Call 2009 (23 millions €); DG RTD Call FP7-FAFB 2010 (??€).
1.3. Develop coordination actions with other major non-European ARD policy makers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Through EIARD participation to the CGIAR Change Mgt Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done: VERY INTENSE consultations in 2008
1.4. Linking with the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR), in particular in the context of the 7e Framework Programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ TF SCAR/EIARD/ERA-ARD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done : ✓ Report released ✓ Discussed in SCAR Plenary in June: Proposed that the TF continues to play a facilitation role between SCAR/EIARD/ERA-ARD. ✓ ERA-ARD Steering Committee in October agreed with SCAR proposal. ✓ Decision of ECG to be taken

Activities	Actions	Results/Comments
Output 2: Effective coordination of EU investments in CGIAR.		
2.1 Develop a common vision on the future of CGIAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft an EIARD positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done: ✓ Vision released ✓ Position à ExCo15 ✓ AGM08 ?....
2.2 Develop a collective action on the CGIAR reform.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIARD individuals strongly involved in the CGIAR Change Mgt Process ▪ Sharing of information between these individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done: ✓ Europeans strongly involved in all the WG and the CST of the Change Mgt Process ✓ EIARD Chair co-Chair of the CST ✓ Active exchange of information between Europeans with certainly a gain of efficiency
2.3 Develop and implement joint monitoring and coordinated funding of the CGIAR.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECART study on the joint monitoring • Through EIARD participation to the CGIAR Change Mgt Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Done: ✓ Coordinated Monitoring: ECART/ATURA Report released ▪ Done: ✓ Coordinated Funding: One of the key element of the Change Mgt Process and potential result for the future of the CGIAR
2.4 Develop common positions on CGIAR issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>permanent</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Done

Activities	Actions	Results/Comments
Output 3: Effective coordination of EU investments in strengthening ARD organisations especially in Africa.		
3.1 Link with the coordination of member states national ARD programmes through ERA ARD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>permanent</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Done
3.2 Coordinate support to FARA and the sub-regional African ARD fora.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informing ECG of 2008 donors meeting on FARA and sub-regional African ARD for a action plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Done: ✓ Information sent to ECG ✓ But still very limited. NEED TO BE ENHANCED
3.3 Developing 2-3 concrete cases of joint support to ARD institutions or initiatives (e.g. ICIPE, ICRA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinated funding of ICIPE ▪ Coordinated funding to ICRA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Done ✓ Increased and coordinated European funding to ICIPE ✓ Ongoing ✓ EPMR and development of a new vision
3.4 Support the African-European platform on ARD between the African and European ARD Fora (PAEPARD), in particular in the context of the 7e Framework Programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PAEPARD workshop on FP7 & FSTP programming 2009 and beyond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done: ✓ PAEPARD Workshop in April 2010 ✓ DG AIDCO considering funding a second phase of PAEPARD in 2009. Would significantly support EFARD New Vision.

Activities	Actions	Results/Comments
Output 4: Effective coordination between EU investments in ARD and investments in rural development.		
4.1 Linking with Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (GDPRD).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First work at secretariats levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing: ✓ Following an invitation from GDPRD, EIARD New Strategy will be presented during the GDPRD Annual Meeting on Nov. 18 & 19. Concrete modalities to develop collaborations will be explored.
4.2 Linking with the group of Heads of Agricultural and Rural Development Sector (HARDS).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Informing ECG of HARDS activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Done: ✓ Information sent to ECG

ANNEXE 3

Progress Report by October 2007 from previous ECG Meetings
(In grey, actions done since the last meeting)

Reference	Action	By whom	Results/Comments
ECG12/2	As part of the implementation of the revised EIARD Strategy, the WG to study how the work processes could be improved in EIARD, in particular the use of Task Forces and Leads.	WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☒ Ongoing: ✓ FSTP EIARD Project ✓ Still to be done
ECG13/1	ExSec to add a column to the EIARD Task Force and Lead tables in order to indicate for each name the state/organisation/body which they represent	ExSec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☒ Done
ECG13/2	ExSec to see with ERA-AD Coordinator how to consult the ERA-ARD Southern Advisory Group on the new EIARD Strategy	ExSec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☒ Done ✓ Presentation of the new EIARD Strategy to the ERA-ARD Southern Advisory Group in Madrid in Feb. 2008. Very positive comments ✓ SAG consulted as part of the public consultation on the new EIARD Strategy
ECG13/3	ExSec to contact the GDPRD Secretariat to explore EIARD and GDPRD collaboration.	ExSec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done: ✓ Following an invitation from GDPRD, EIARD New Strategy will be presented during the GDPRD Annual Meeting on Nov. 18 & 19. Concrete modalities to develop collaborations will be explored
ECG13/4	ExSec to work with SCAR Secretary and ERA-ARD Coordinator to draft the ToR of a Task Force SCAR / EIARD / ERA-ARD	ExSec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Done : ✓ Report released ✓ Discussed in SCAR Plenary in June: Proposed that the TF continues to play a facilitation role between SCAR/EIARD/ERA-ARD. ✓ ERA-ARD Steering Committee in October agreed with SCAR proposal. ✓ Decision of ECG to be taken
ECG13/5	EIARD Members are invited to consider joining the group of donors willing to adopt the ad-hoc ExCo Committee recommendation on coordination of the funding of the system priorities.	ECG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing: ✓ Coordinated Funding: One of the key element of the Change Mgt Process and potential result for the future of the CGIAR
ECG13/6	The WG to elaborate a proposal for the code of	WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Done

	conduct of EIARD CGIAR Members that will be submitted to the ECG for comment and approval		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The WG of the Change Mgt Process on funding concluded that a set of principles and general rules of engagement, rather than a formal 'code of conduct', was more suitable in the CGIAR context. (10 principles were proposed)
ECG13/7	Launch a study to develop a joint European monitoring of the CGIAR	WG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Done: ✓ Monitoring: ECART/ATURA Report released

ANNEXE 4

TASK FORCES

	Status	ECG Members	(Representing)
TF on the revision of the EIARD Strategy	<i>Over</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Baccioni • P. Fabre • J. de Haas • JL. Khalfaoui • G Poulter • P. Sarfatti 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Italy</i> • <i>France</i> • <i>Germany</i> • <i>EIARD</i> • <i>UK</i> • <i>Italy</i>
TF SCAR/EIARD/ERA-ARD	<i>Active ?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. Marstorp • JL. Khalfaoui • C. Host • S van Opstal • E Fuhrmann • M Collins • Francesco Zecca 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>EIARD</i> • <i>EIARD</i> • <i>ERA-ARD</i> • <i>ERA-ARD</i> • <i>SCAR</i> • <i>SCAR</i> • <i>SCAR</i>

LEADS

	Lead
Genetic Resources IP Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-G. Thornström

ECG MEMBERS
IN THIRD PARTY GOVERNING BODIES


Institution	Body	ECG Members	Representing
CGIAR	ExCo	<p>ExCo Member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Wadsworth • R. Haug • M. Debois <p>Alternates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. Fabre • <i>tbd after the reform</i> • <i>tbd after the reform</i> 	(proposed by EIARD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK • Norway • EC • France
	Programme Committee of the Challenge Programme Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Debois 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC
GFAR	Donor Support Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J Wadsworth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK
	Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Debois 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC
EFARD	Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL. Khalfaoui • P. Sarfatti • I. Faria de Almeida • P. Fabre • A. Sorensen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIARD • Italy • EC • France • Denmark
ERA-ARD	Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL. Khalfaoui (observer) • MT. Dobao • P. Fabre • S. van Opstal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC/EIARD • Spain • France • Netherlands
ICRA	Board of Trustees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL. Khalfaoui • S. van Opstal • P. Bergeret 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIARD • Netherlands • France
PAEPARD	Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL. Khalfaoui (observer) • A. Sorensen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC • EFARD


ECG MEMBERS
IN THIRD PARTY TASK FORCES


Institution	Task Force	ECG Member	(Representing)
CGIAR	Change Mgt Process:		(proposed by EIARD)
	Change Steering Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• J. Wadsworth• R. Haug	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>UK</i>• <i>Norway</i>
	WG1 Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• JL Khalfaoui	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>EIARD/EC</i>
	WG2 Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P. Fabre• JL Khalfaoui	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>France</i>• <i>EC/EIARD</i>
	WG3 Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M. Debois	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>EC</i>
	WG4 Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• M Diekmann	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Germany</i>

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STATE OF THE EUROPEAN ARD AREA (EFARD – ERA-ARD – SCAR - ECART)


EFARD – EC Support in 2009 

- **The DG DEV Seconded National Expert should continue to facilitate EFARD activities**
- **The FSTP EIARD Project**
 - ✓ "Mobilize and facilitate through EFARD and GFAR, dialogues between Southern and European to prepare recommendations on ARD policies."
 - ✓ "Facilitate the development of platforms between EFARD and Southern ARD fora (FORAGRO & AAPARI)"
- **PAEPARD 2 should be supported by FSTP (5.5 M€) and an EFARD facilitator should be funded for 3 years with activities at the heart of EFARD new mandates.**
- **What about the support to EFARD from other EIARD Members ?** 


ERA-ARD 


- **ERA-NET on Agricultural Research for Development (DG RTD FP6)**
 - ✓ 14 European States
 - ✓ 4 years (2005 – 2009)
 - ✓ 3.5 millions €
- **Main achievement in 2008 → A coordinated call on Bioenergies.**
 - ✓ 10 European states contributing
 - ✓ 2 millions € (2009-2011)
- **Decision during the ERA-ARD Steering Committee in Oct 2008 to prepare a proposal for a second phase under a DG RTD FP7 Call 2009**




SCAR (1/2) 

- **Standing Committee on Agricultural Research**
 - ✓ Mandate to coordinate European agricultural research for Europe
 - ✓ Presentation by the SCAR Secretary during ECG13 proposing to explore synergies between SCAR & EIARD/ERA-ARD
 - ✓ An increasing role foreseen for SCAR in the future in the framework of the EU "Joint Programming" as the apex of all political EU agricultural research coordinating mechanisms.
- **Task Force SCAR/EIARD/ERA-ARD in 2008.**
 - ✓ Composition:
 - SCAR:
 - Elfriede Fuhrmann* from Austria
 - (Francesco Zecca* from Italy)
 - Mike Collins* from UK
 - EIARD:
 - Jean-Luc Khalfaoui* from EIARD
 - Håkan Marstorp* from Sweden
 - ERA-ARD
 - Christian Hoste* from ERA-ARD
 - Sander van Opstal* from The Netherlands.



SCAR (1/2) 

- ✓ *Version 1 of the report provided to SCAR, EIARD, ERA-ARD and comments received (See Doc 6)*
- ✓ *Version 2 (Final) released (See Doc 7) → 14 recommendations to foster synergies between Europe agricultural research for Europe and DEEC*
- **SCAR Plenary Meeting in June 2008:**
 - ✓ *"Proposed that the Task Force SCAT/EIARD/ERA-ARD continues its work as a "light coordination mechanism" to foster synergies between European agricultural research for Europe and DEEC"*
 - ✓ Agreed by ERA-ARD during its Steering Committee in Oct 2008
 - ✓ Decision from EIARD on its future participation to the Task Force ?...



- **Jorge de Macedo will give a brief update** (*Item 1.4*)
- **EIARD Strategy**
 - ✓ "Linking with European ARD organisations and networks (e.g. ECART and NATURA)"
- **ECART – NATURA ongoing discussions to increase the links between the two in order to provide a full European ARD offer in research and education.**
- **ECART – CGIAR ongoing discussions to increase collaboration** (*See the ECART Paper.*)

