

# FPU

# Terms of Reference

## Workpackage 4

# Scope and Objectives

## Scope:

- The FPU's remit and goals are restricted to the relevant SCAR CWG's objectives;

## Objectives:

- To maintain and evaluate on a regular basis the common strategic research agenda
- To facilitate the establishment of (strategic) research programmes in Member and Associated states
- To facilitate cost-effectiveness of research-commissioning by trying to establish and publish shared priorities

# Tasks

- **Maintain the common SRA** (renewal on regular basis for instance)
  - Evaluate common SRA
  - Evaluate best practices for priority setting
- **Propose new foresights** to cover identified gaps in future outlook on regional or tran-national level;
- Contribute to the execution of the action plan for joint trans-national programming;
- **Propose (strategic) research topics** for commissioning on EU level taking into account the on-going and planned research in European countries;
- **Propose research capacity and capability building** (infrastructure and expertise) on regional and trans-national level

# The work

- The FPU will be an operational unit within the SCAR CWG
- The work will be an on-going process with product updates in a certain frequency
- The work consists of individual and plenary tasks which need to be coordinated and organised

# Structure

- FPU:
  - Executive committee:
    - a chairman
    - vice-chairman
    - secretary
    - treasurer
  - 4 members
- Membership duration: 4 years (1/2 rotation every 2y)
- Equal representation of EU regions
  
- Meetings coincide with regular SCAR CWG meetings as much as possible, but
- Additional meetings are foreseen

# Additional issues

To increase (governmental, scientific and public) awareness the FPU will try to **conduct its work as transparently** as possible

The FPU will seek for **participation in or collaboration with relevant networks / platforms** in the field of emerging risks and emerging diseases regarding threats to animal health to build synergy