



Terms of Reference for the KNSI Committee

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KNSI Committee – Terms of Reference

- The KNSI Committee is the core of the Knowledge Network
- Formed from **National Research Leads** and **National Funding Representatives** from each participating country
- **Terms of Reference** outline the
 - the overarching principals
 - the structure and role of the Committee
 - how the Committee will operate



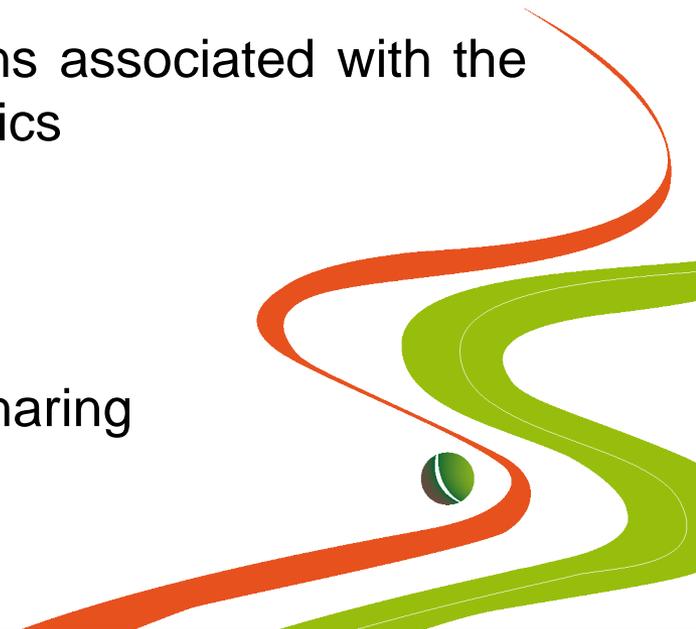
ToR: KNSI Aims & Objectives

- **Aim:**
- The KNSI aims to have an important advisory role for policy makers, programme managers and other stakeholders by:
 - Creating synergies
 - Knowledge building
 - Bridging gaps between research and implementation



ToR: KNSI Aims & Objectives

- **Objectives are to:**
 - Establish a network of multi-disciplinary research groups or consortia
 - Create a network of research sites farms across Europe
 - Develop a typology of landscape classifications associated with the study farms on which to test standard metrics
 - Raise awareness of innovative and landscape management practices
 - Identify cases of best practice for knowledge sharing



ToR: KNSI Scope - Definition

- **The following definition of SI was agreed in the scoping meeting, and is written into the Terms of Reference:**

Sustainable intensification means simultaneously raising yields, increasing the efficiency with which inputs are used and reducing the negative environmental effects of food production. It requires economic and social changes to recognise the multiple outputs required of land managers, farmers and other food producers, and a redirection of research to address a more complex set of goals than just increasing yield.

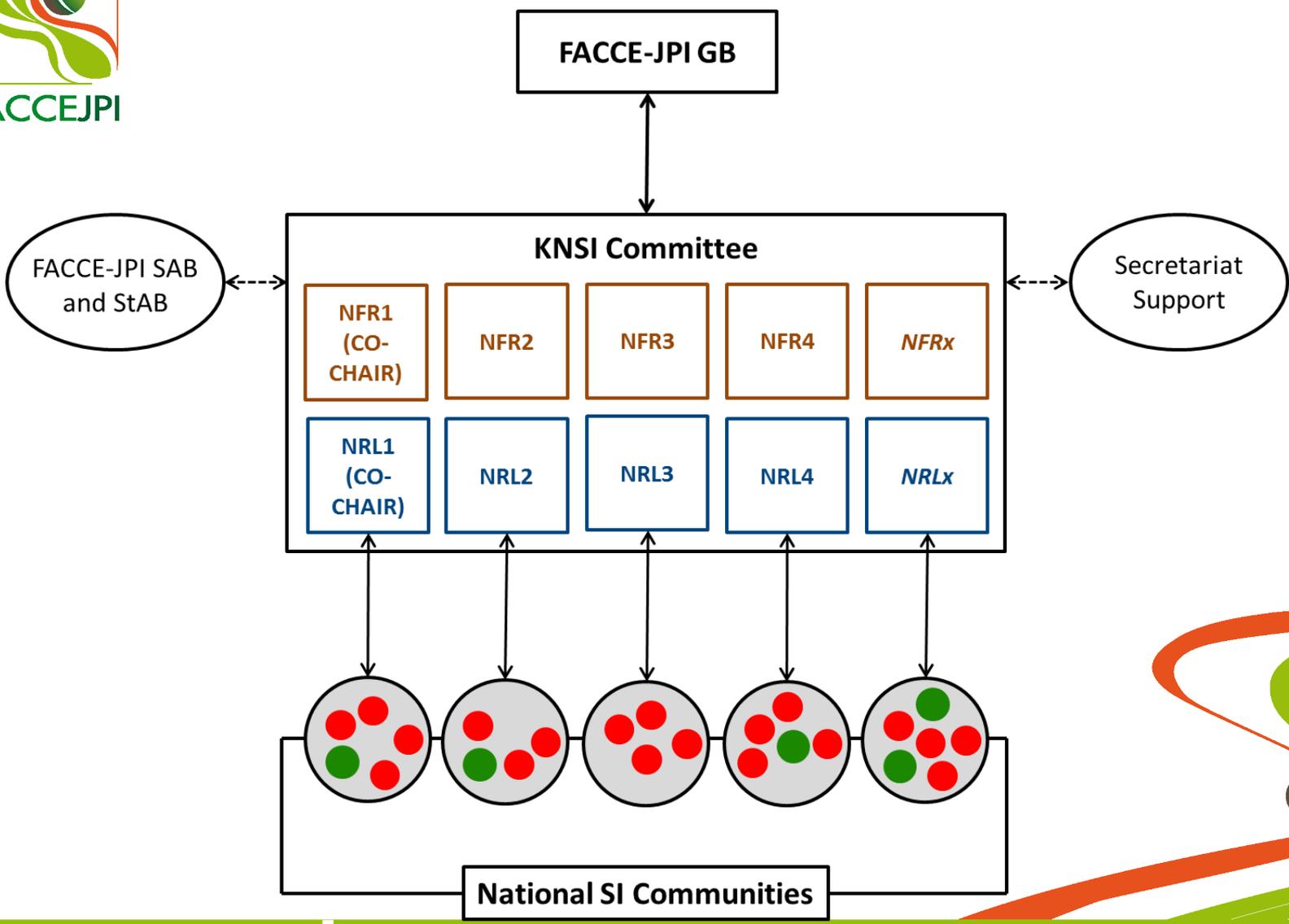
Citation: Foresight. The Future of Food and Farming (2011) Final Project Report. The Government Office for Science, London.

ToR: KNSI Scope – Critical needs

- **Multi-disciplinary, systems approaches** that integrate technological, social, economic and policy issues at the farm and landscape scale
- **Diversification** in combination with crops and livestock to promote resilience
- **New perspectives on plant and animal breeding**, focus on more resilient and productive varieties with lower input needs
- More research on **farm management systems**, focusing on efficient use of inputs through the development of new technologies
- Development of **common methodologies to foster resource/ data access and availability** and mutual learning.



ToR: Management Structure





ToR: Roles and functions

- **KNSI Committee - National Research Leads:**
 - Key liaison and communication between wider community and FACCE-JPI
 - Expertise and engagement in SI research and networks
- **KNSI Committee - National Funding Representatives:**
 - Knowledge of national SI funding programmes and policy
- **Secretariat:**
 - General meeting support
 - Dissemination through FACCE-JPI website
- **FACCE SAB and StAB:**
 - Advice from wider FACCE perspective



ToR: Governance

- **Two Co-Chairs are to be elected:**
 - **One NFR and one NRL, from different countries**
 - **Elected for three years**
- Interested KNSI Committee members should nominate themselves, and the Committee will vote (by email, after the meeting)
- KNSI Committee is accountable to the FACCE-JPI Governing Board



ToR: Duration and meetings

- **The KNSI will operate initially for three years**
- Following three years, the FACCE-JPI Governing Board will decide on continuation
- The KNSI will meet at least once per year
- Quorum of two-thirds required
- Decisions by consensus or by majority voting (each country has two votes: 1 NRL, 1 NFR)
- Member country to bear T&S expenses for attendance

ToR: Tasks

- **Three main tasks:**

- I. To network and exchange information**

Share information about national research and funding programmes, and on the objectives of the KNSI

- II. Brokerage**

Bringing together researchers/groups to cooperate
Investigating opportunities for funding alignment

- III. New interventions**

Seek possibilities for new interventions (either targeted to GB or through other means)

Based on the above, an Action Plan will be developed and regularly reviewed



Thank you for your attention!

Break for coffee, followed by discussion

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Terms of Reference - Discussion

- **Open discussion session - chance to:**
 - resolve questions
 - request clarification
 - Adopt Terms of Reference

(subject to agreed modifications)



Terms of Reference - Discussion

- **Questions raised in advance:**
 - Meetings: annual physical meeting, virtual meeting in between
 - Clarity on language re: Member State/Country
 - Clarity on text re: new members (2.3.1.1)
 - Back-to-back with GB meetings? (2.3.1.4)
 - 2.4 “Can” vs “should”, re exchange of information



Terms of Reference - Discussion

- **Member State vs Country:**
 - Currently mixed use in ToR
 - Not all participating countries are EU Member States
 - Recommend standardisation to “Country” or “Member Country” referring to membership of KNSI rather than EU (depending on context)



Terms of Reference - Discussion

- **New Members (of KNSI)**
 - Currently text about new countries joining KNSI is in the same paragraph as the duration of the Committee Membership.
 - Confusing – suggest separating into a different paragraph



Terms of Reference - Discussion

2.3.1.1 Nomination, appointment and membership of the KNSI Committee

...(Initial) **duration of Committee Membership** is a fixed term of three years after which the GB will decide on continuation or rotation. **Member States wishing to participate later on in the KNSI can do so by contacting the Committee Co-Chairs and upon approval of the FACCE-JPI GB.**

Participating Member States need at least be able and committed to:

- Allocate **in-cash** funding for Committee meetings' travel and sustenance costs of their two Committee Members;
- Allocate **in-cash or in-kind** funding for at least 2 PM per year for their NRL;
- Be in a position to allocate **in-kind or in-cash** funding for KNSI Committee proposals accorded by the GB.

Terms of Reference - Discussion

- **Meetings**

- ToR (2.3.1.4) state that the Committee will meet at least once a year, **if possible back-to-back with GB meetings....**
- Is this necessary, or would back-to-back with other meetings be just as efficient?
- Recommendation – change to the text to be general e.g. “at a convenient time/location for the KNSI Committee members

Terms of Reference - Discussion

- **2.4 Tasks – Network and exchange information:**

- Current text:

*Exchange of information **can occur** between Member States but also between National Research Leads and Funder Representatives.*

- Can vs should...
- Recommend: “...should occur both between NRL and NFLs, and between Member Countries...”