FACCE-MACSUR

FACCE MACSUR Kickoff-Meeting

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The FACCE MACSUR kickoff event
The FACCE MACSUR kickoff meeting took place 15-16 October 2012 in Berlin, Germany. The date for the meeting was moved from July to October to accommodate the participation of most institutions involved in MACSUR in a sufficiently large meeting place. One hundred and forty-five persons participated in the event. The meeting was organized as a workshop to allow for expanded time for interaction among the participants of the 73 involved institutions.

![Participants](image)

**Fig. 1. Country affiliation of meeting participants.**

The keynote lectures by Tim Benton (Global Food Security and University of Leeds) and Tim Carter (Finnish Environment Institute - SYKE) set the background by describing the need for assessing future impacts on food security and how to deal with the uncertainty associated with data, models, and projections.

In parallel sessions participants discussed the organization of the work in the project and in each Theme, common approaches to answering the questions, selection of scenarios, involvement of stakeholders, and how the results will be presented. The results of the four cross-cutting workshops are documented in separate reports (M-H3.3.1 through M-H3.3.4) and serve as the starting point for more detailed planning over the following months.

A post-hoc survey filled in by 75 attendees showed that the workshop had answered many organizational issues. But since the project has only started, many more issues must be discussed and clarified in the coming months, the survey showed. Overall, two thirds of the participants were satisfied with the organization of the workshop.

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**Annex**
Kickoff Workshop agenda
Modelling European Agriculture with Climate Change for Food Security
— a FACCE JPI Knowledge Hub —

MACSUR

- **advances** science on the modeling of agriculture under climate change to improve food security through interdisciplinary European collaboration
- **works** to the benefit of European policy makers, public institutions, farmers, consumers, and extension services.
- **improves and integrates** models and tools of crop and livestock production, farms, and national & international agri-food markets and demonstrates the integration of these models and tools for selected farming systems and regions.
- **identifies** the consequences of adaptation and mitigation measures and the availability, affordability and accessibility to food for people across Europe.
- **provides** hands-on training to young and experienced researchers in integrative modeling.
- **aims** at bolstering European capacity in responding to the challenges of food security and climate change and to assist countries outside the EU in their endeavours towards food security in the face of climate change.

**Kickoff Meeting and Workshop**

15-16 October 2012, Berlin

MACSUR joins almost two hundred scientists from 73 organizations for studying the effects of climate change on food security using models. At this meeting we will focus on setting terms of references for the overarching activities, especially the regional pilot studies.

With the concentration of MACSUR on the diversity of European farm systems and environments, crop rotations, and integration across sectors and scales, MACSUR will become a cornerstone of assessments of future food security.

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**Location:** Hotel Estrel, Sonnenallee 225.
http://www.estrel.com

**Arriving by plane:** From Schönefeld (SFX) take S-Bahn S9 to 'Treptower Park', switch to S541 (circle line) till 'Sonnenallee'. From Tegel (TXL) take bus TXL to 'Hauptbahnhof'. Buy a single ABC ticket (3.10 €).

**Arriving by train:** From Hauptbahnhof (exit Europaplatz) take bus M41 till 'Ziegrastraße'; from Südkreuz take S542 (circle line) till 'Sonnenallee'; from Ostbahnhof take S55, S75 or S9 to Ostkreuz, switch to S41 (circle line) till 'Sonnenallee'. Buy a single AB ticket (2.40 €).

**Fees:** Monday night BBQ, 30 € cash
Agenda

Monday, 15 October

7:00  **Registration** (30 € for BBQ and 150 € late-registration fee, cash only)
8:45  **Opening** (Martin Banse/Richard Tiffin), Room ECC-1, 1st floor

**Plenary keynotes**
9:00  Tim Benton, Global Food Security (UK)
9:50  Tim Carter, Finnish Environment Institute
10:40  **Break**

**Plenary sessions with Hub and Theme leaders**
11:10  Mission of MACSUR (Martin Banse)
11:30  Realization of MACSUR mission in CropM (Frank Ewert/Reimund Rötter)
11:40  Realization of MACSUR mission in LiveM (Nigel Scollan/Jac Meijs)
11:50  Realization of MACSUR mission in TradeM (Floor Brouwer/Franz Sinabell)
12:00  **Plenary Questions & Answers**  
       – science (publications, stakeholders, FACCE, …)
       – practical (communication, web site, future meetings, Consortium Agreement, …)

13:00  **Lunch**

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18:00  **Plenary session**, Room ECC-1, 1st floor  
Realization of MACSUR mission by integration (Richard Tiffin)

18:30  **End**
19:30  Get-together with barbecue

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Tuesday, 16 October

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12:30  **Plenary session: summary, vision** (M. Banse), Room ECC-1, 1st floor
12:45  **Closing of kick-off meeting**