



Scotland's Research Strategy for Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, 2027-32

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Research Vision

“to support high quality research
that is relevant and responsive
to Scotland’s environment,
communities, people and the rural
economy”



Strategic Context

- ▶ The ENRA Research Programme is a multidisciplinary portfolio of research.
- ▶ Five-year cycles to enable long term strategic research linked to government priorities.
- ▶ The new strategy outlines the approach for 2027–2032.
- ▶ Directly supports Scotland's commitment to addressing global challenges such as **climate change and biodiversity loss**.
- ▶ Also supports **agriculture, food production, and land management**, helping Scotland build a sustainable and resilient economy.

2027-2032 ENRA Research Strategy Approach

and key
customers



Gathering our research asks

- ▶ We have engaged with key Scottish Government policy, agencies and researchers to identify Area of Research Interest (ARIs)
- ▶ The ARIs are included in the strategy and are subject to further prioritisation and public consultation.
- ▶ ARIs will be published as a signal to the wider sector of Scottish Government's priorities.



What does research deliver for customers?

Effective policy for Government

Decision support tools

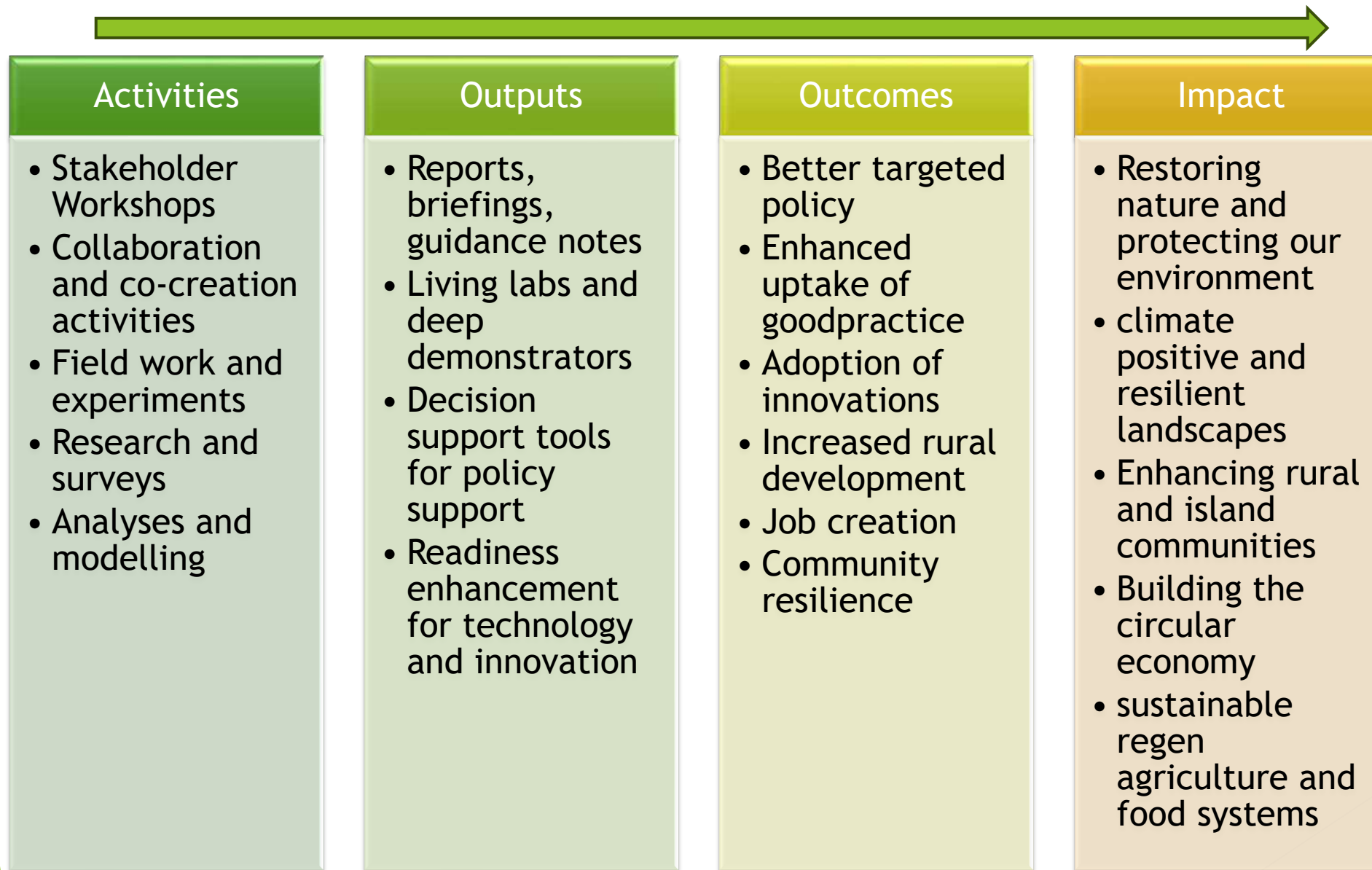
Better practice for producers/land managers

Living Labs

Support for innovation

Business partnerships

Theory of Change



Delivering our investment

Strategic Research Programme

- Long term research to support ARIS
- Main Research Providers used to deliver
- Processes to support flexibility
- Support for living lab activities

Underpinning National Capacity

- Support for National Collections
- New support for integrated data and modelling

Centres of Expertise

- Interfaces between policy and research
- we will review the scope of subjects covered to ensure that the impact of our investment is maximised

Impact Investment & Responsive Research

- Focus on impact
- Deliver effective knowledge exchange tools
- Collaboration with other UK funders or industry stakeholders

The Draft Strategy for 2027- 32 Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Research *consultation is open*

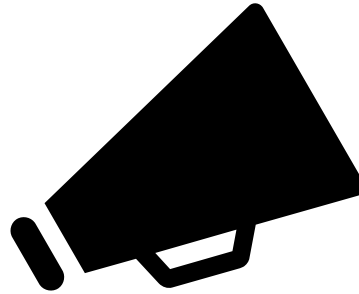


GIVE YOUR VIEWS

We are now seeking views on these proposals to help inform and shape the future direction of environmental and agricultural research in Scotland. Give your views here:

<https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/draft-strategy-environment-2027-2032/>

If you would prefer to respond to the consultation via email, or have any questions, please use: RESASConsultation2025@gov.scot



Consultation on 2027-32
Environment, Natural Resources
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Research Strategy

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