



Promoting the sustainable use of pesticides via the reformed Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)

3rd stakeholder event on the revision of the SUD

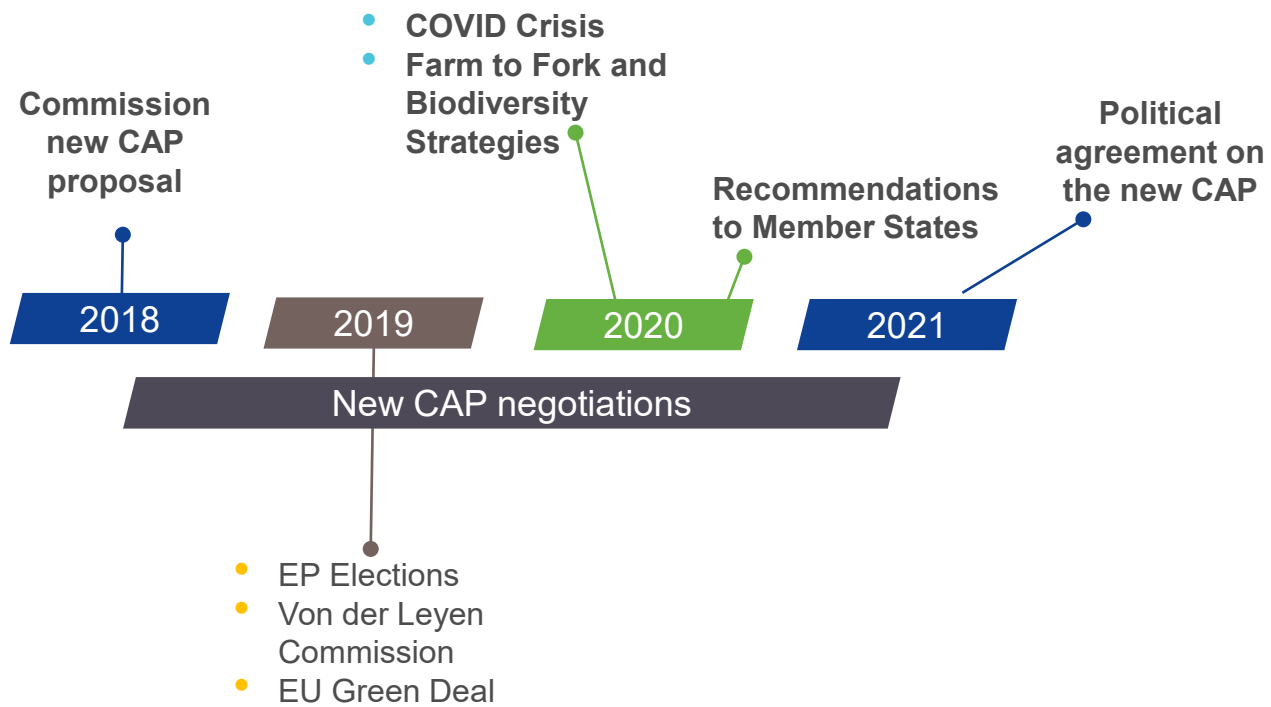
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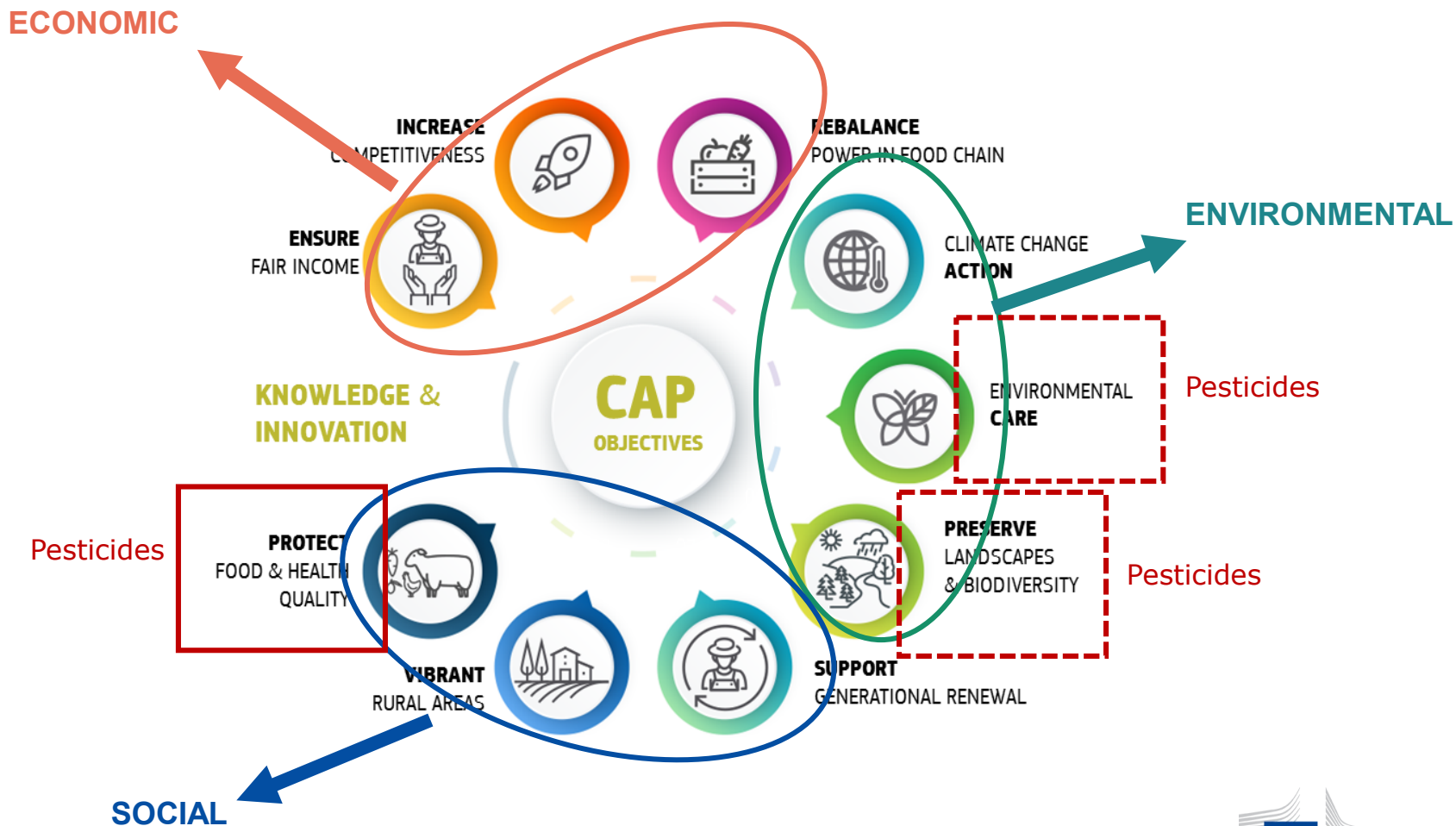
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The background and the new CAP

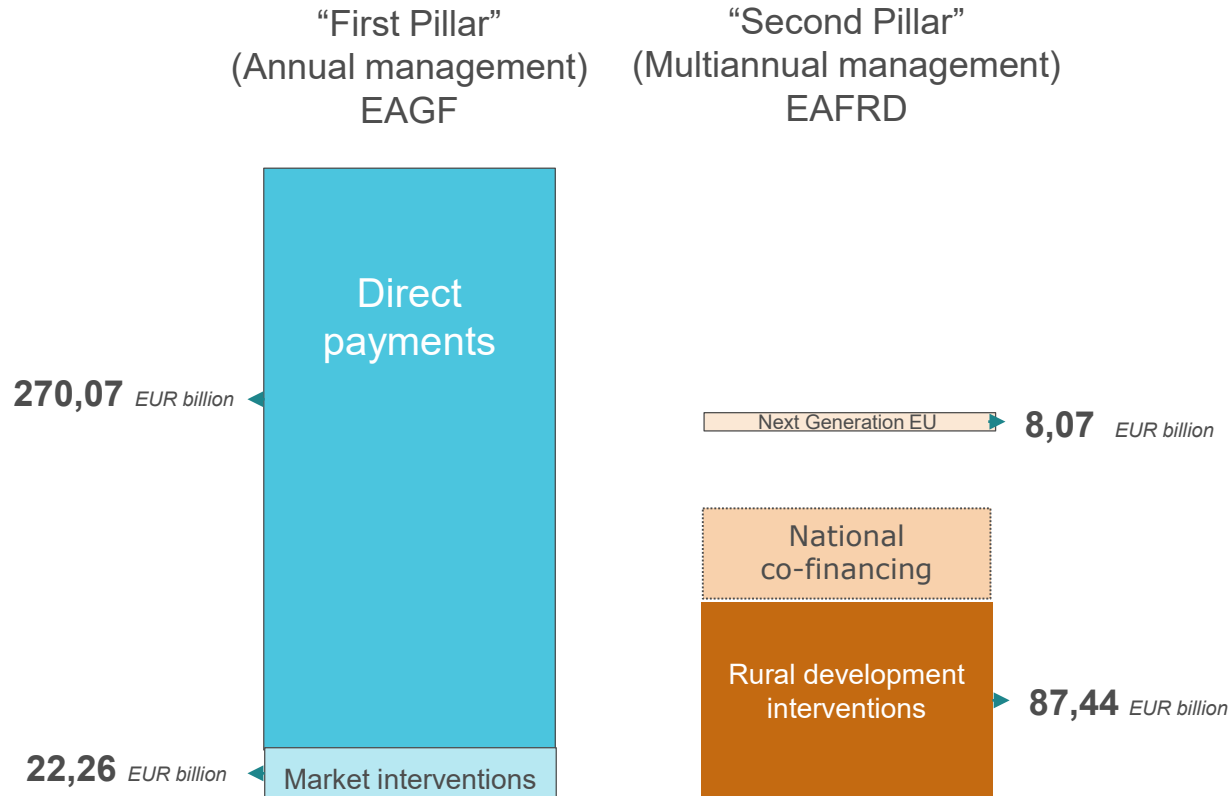
Timeline



CAP Objectives & sustainability dimensions



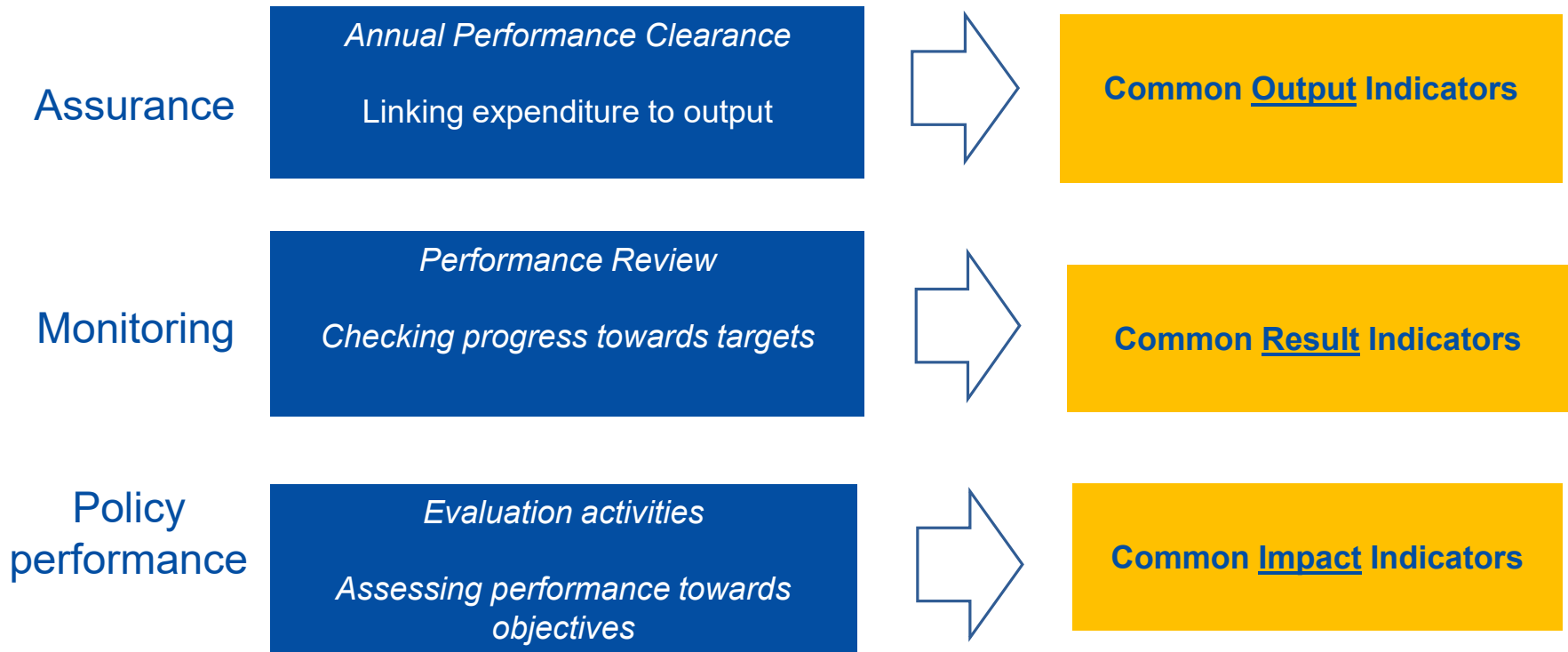
Money available under the CAP (CAP total financing 2021-2027 (current prices))



CAP Strategic Plans

- **Single CAP plan** for the whole CAP (with few exceptions)
- **Strategic approach** based on needs assessment
- **Structured dialogue** with Member States
- CAP Plans will be **approved by the Commission**
- Need to **ensure the commonality** while recognising the specificities of each Member State
- Must be **ambitious**

Focus on performance: monitoring and assurance

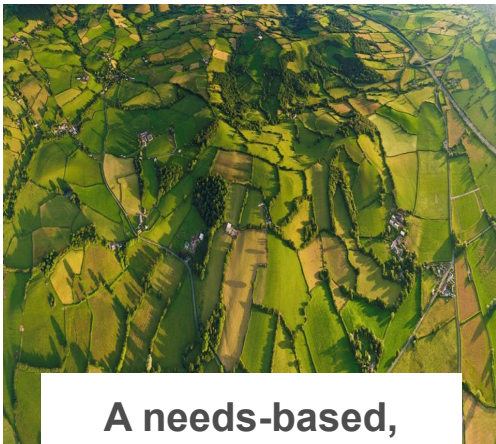


Green Deal alignment

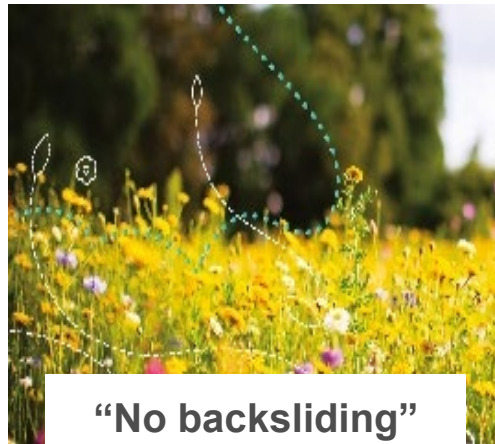
Three mechanisms to align the CAP Strategic plans to the ambition foreseen in the Green Deal and the linked strategies (Farm to Fork, Biodiversity Strategy, ..):

- Link of the CAP Strategic Plans with the climate and environmental legislation (listed in the CAP legislation)
- Assessment of the CAP Strategic Plans
- Reporting mechanisms by the Commission:
 - In 2023: to assess the joint efforts of all the CAP Plans in a collective way
 - In 2025: Commission report with possibility to issue recommendations to the MS

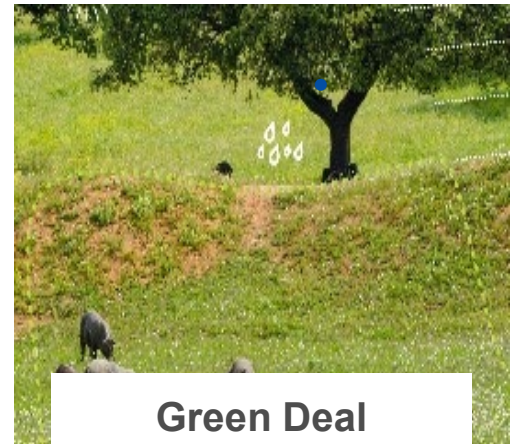
A greener CAP



**A needs-based,
targeted approach
to addressing
environmental &
climate objectives**



**“No backsliding”
clause**

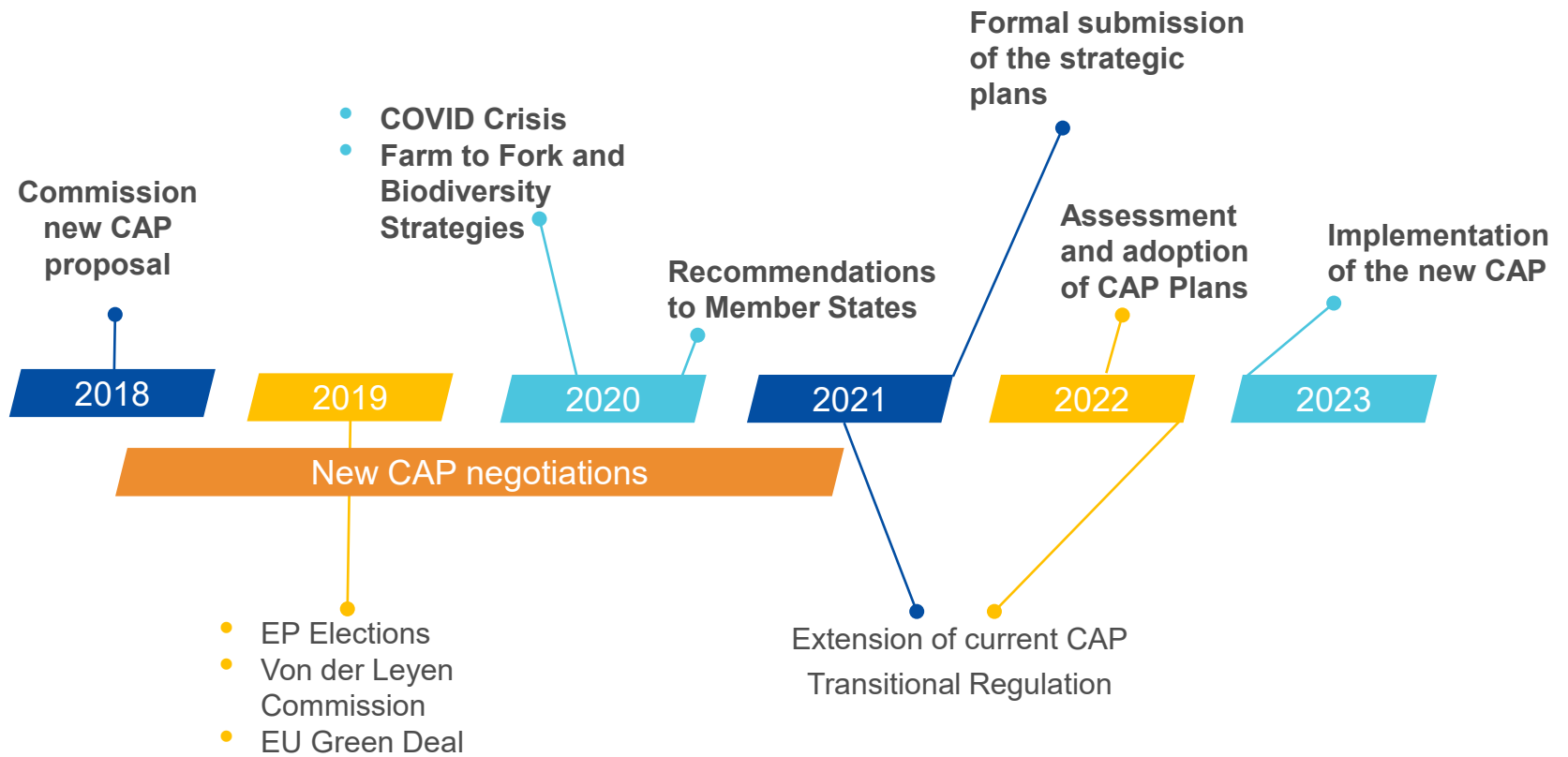


**Green Deal
Alignment**

Link to Recommendations

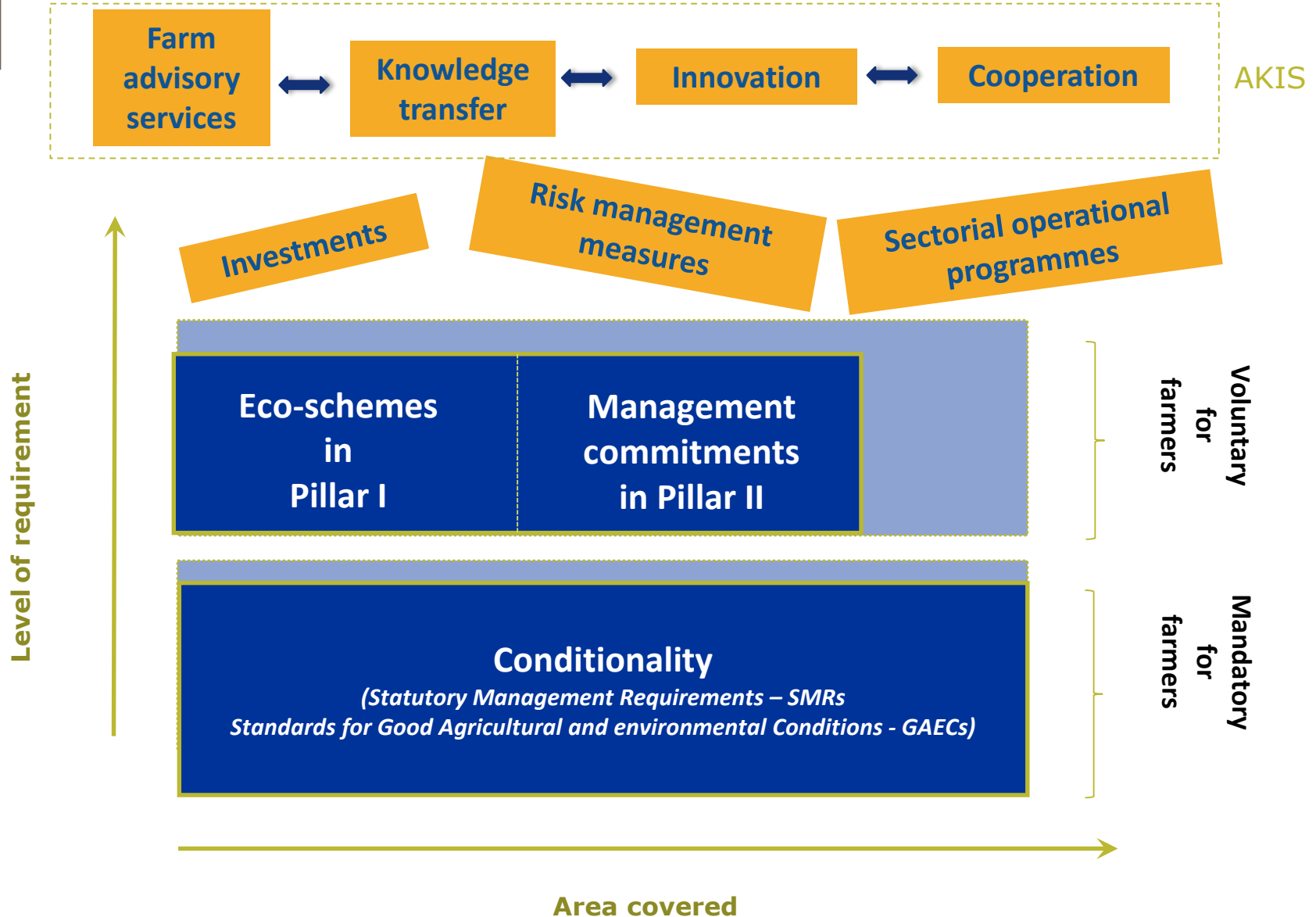
- Published in December 2020
- Based on **data** and **facts** and tailored to particular circumstances
- Recommendations will serve as **reference points** for the CAP Plan assessment
- Commission will **address observations** as part of the approval process
- Commission will **verify overall coherence** of the CAP Plans **with the Green Deal objectives and targets**

Timeline



The new CAP: how can it help for the sustainable use of pesticides?

The new architecture of CAP instruments



Enhanced Conditionality



- A **link** between CAP payments and Directives & Regulation (Statutory Management Requirements-SMRs) and standards of Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions (GAECs)
- **Reduction of CAP payments** in case of infringements
- Applies to **90% of farmers and agricultural area**
- Includes the **pesticides Regulation**
- **New requirements** added in the scope: ex. **the SUD**

Enhanced Conditionality



- The **SUD provisions** include
 - Certification of equipment
 - Certification of users
 - Restrictions in protected areas
 - Handling, storage and disposal of remnants
- The new framework will also allow Member States introducing into conditionality the **general Integrated Pest Management (IPM) principles** which are fit for this mechanism, when the principles are implemented at national level on the basis of the SUD:
 - General IPM principle 1: GAEC standards on crop rotation, cultivation techniques, adequate plant protection techniques, ecological infrastructure, ...
 - General IPM principles 5, 6 and 7: SMR on relevant conditions for proper use

Eco-schemes



- **Voluntary** support to be offered by Member States to farmers
- **25% of direct payments budget**
- Basically **annual** commitments
- **Level of support** to be decided by Member States, which may take the form of :
 - **Remuneration of public good** provided (top-up of income support), and/or
 - **Compensation** of cost incurred/income foregone

Eco-schemes



- Support many types of **voluntary actions** going beyond conditionality and other relevant obligations, such as for instance :
 - *Establishment of non-productive areas on agricultural land*
 - *Diversified crops on the rotation*
 - *Conservation agriculture without pesticides: rotation, no ploughing, soil cover*
 - *Maintenance of organic farming*
 - *etc...*

Support for rural development



- **Voluntary** support to be offered by Member States to farmers or other beneficiaries
- Rural development support
 - must cover **environment- and climate-friendly land management**, and
 - may also cover animal welfare, compensation for disadvantages, **investments, risk management, knowledge-building, innovation and co-operation**.
- Basically **multi-annual** commitments (5-7 years for management commitments)
- **Level of support** takes the form of **compensation** of cost incurred/income foregone
- Minimum mandatory expenditure for **environment and climate: 35%** of the EAFRD

Support for rural development



- Support many types of **voluntary actions** going beyond conditionality and other relevant obligations, such as for instance :
 - *Reduced or ban of use of pesticides*
 - *Use of Integrated Pest Management beyond the obligations under the SUD*
 - *Longer multiannual rotation and diversified crops*
 - *Payments for investments for pesticides management and localized spraying*
 - *Payments for training and advice*
 - *Conversion to organic farming, etc...*
- But also
 - *Investments for precision spraying equipment*
 - *Financing risk management*
 - *Contributing to advice, cooperation and monitoring systems, etc ...*

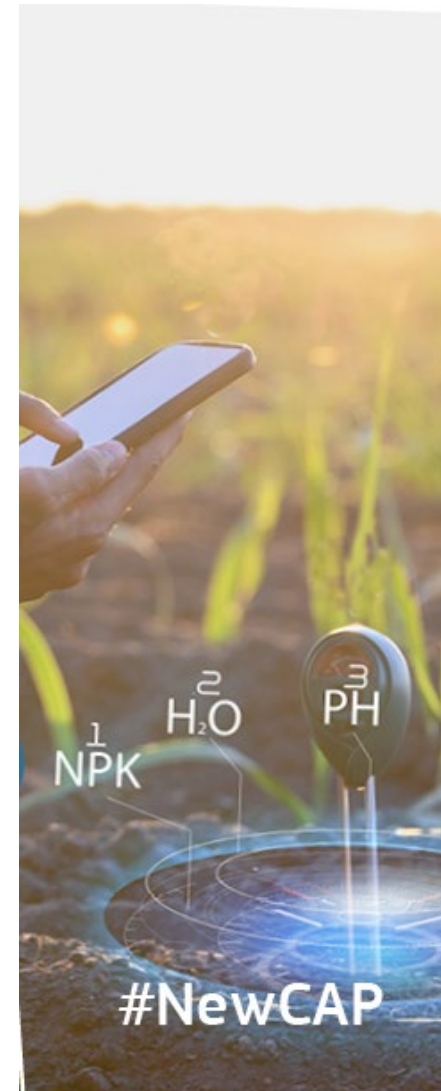
Sectoral interventions



- **Sectoral programmes (wine, fruit & vegetables, olive oil, hops...)** integrated in strategic plan regulation
- **A higher profile for the environment and climate**
- **At least 15% of funding** for operational programmes in the **fruit and vegetables sector** must be spent on actions for environment and climate (10% in the current period), such as IPM
- Possibility for **dedicated actions in other sectors** (up to 3% of the DP envelope)

Knowledge, research & innovation

- Advancing research, knowledge-sharing, and innovation is essential for a smart and sustainable agricultural sector
- **EUR 9 billion** under Horizon Europe (2021-2027) dedicated to food, environment, agriculture, bioeconomy
- Knowledge and innovation are a **cross-cutting objective** of all CAP strategic plans
- **European Innovation Partnership** (EIP-AGRI) key to stronger agricultural knowledge and innovation systems
- The **Farm Advisory System** key tool in sharing new knowledge and ideas



Thank you