



Support for environmental and climate objectives in agriculture

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Context

- The Green Deal launched in 2019
- The main environmental and climate issues in agriculture



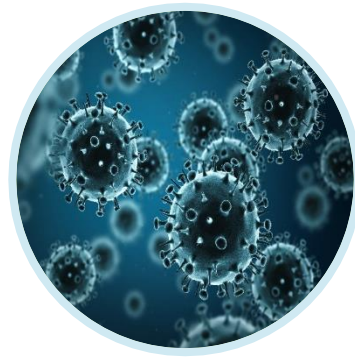
(the Farm to Fork and biodiversity strategy in 2020)



Reduction by 50 % of the overall use and risk of **chemical pesticides** and reduction use by 50 % of more hazardous **pesticides** by 2030



Achieve at least 25 % of the EU's agricultural land under **organic farming** and a significant increase in **organic aquaculture** by 2030



Reduced sales of **antimicrobials** for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 50 % by 2030



Reduce **nutrient losses** by at least 50 % while ensuring no deterioration in soil fertility; This will reduce use of **fertilisers** by at least 20 % by 2030

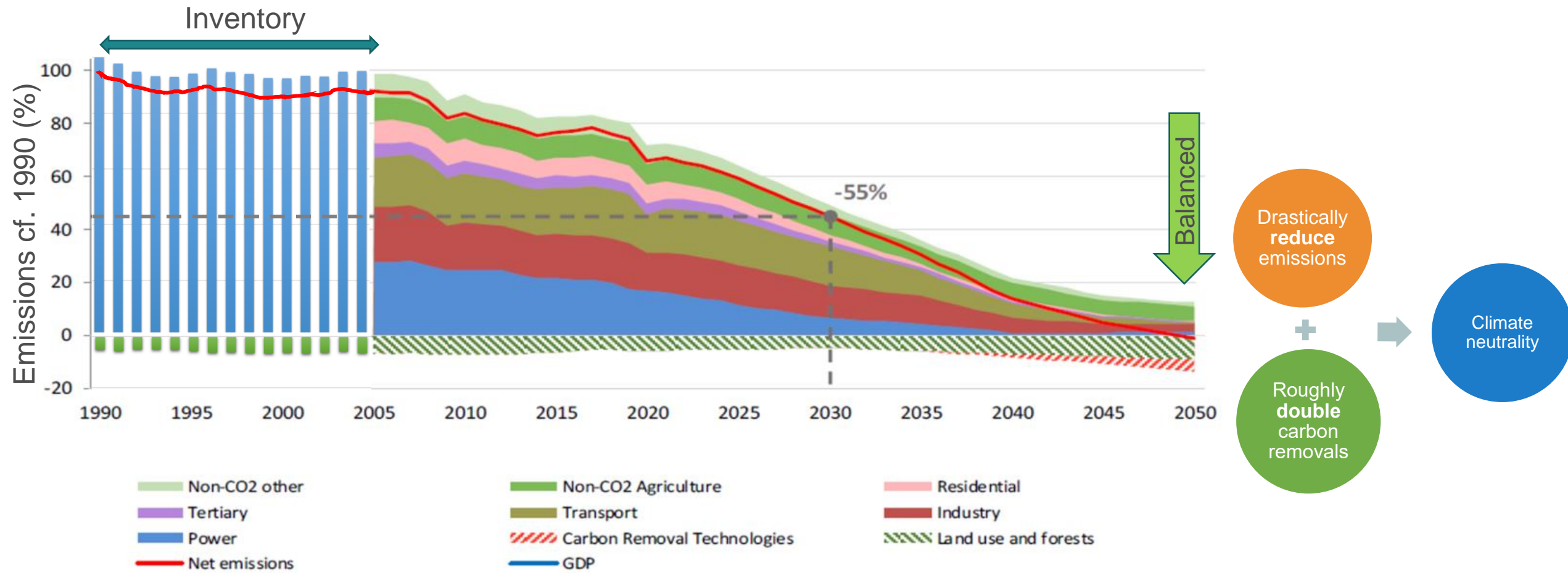


Making back at least 10 % of agricultural area **under high-diversity landscape features** by 2030



Achieve 100 % access to **almost broadband internet** in rural areas by 2025

Pathway to climate neutrality: Climate Law



GHG projections for climate neutrality
 1990 GHG emissions = 100
 Source: EU 2030 Climate Target Plan

Environmental and climate issues in agriculture

- ✓ **Climate change**
 - ✓ **Adaptation – resilience, extreme weather events, pests, water stress**
 - ✓ **Mitigation – reduction of emissions, removals and carbon storage (climate neutrality in 2050)**
- ✓ **Natural resources**
 - ✓ **Soil - degradation, erosion, lack of organic matter, water retention capacities etc.**
 - ✓ **Nutrients – excess leakage in water in some territories, deficit in other regions**
 - ✓ **Water quantity and quality – water bodies under stress, water pollution**
 - ✓ **Air quality – pollutant emissions (ammonia..), public health**
- ✓ **Biodiversity**
 - ✓ **Declining farmland biodiversity (birds, pollinators...) - lack of landscape features**
 - ✓ **Negative effects of pesticides**

A lot of synergies between these issues (sometimes trade-offs)

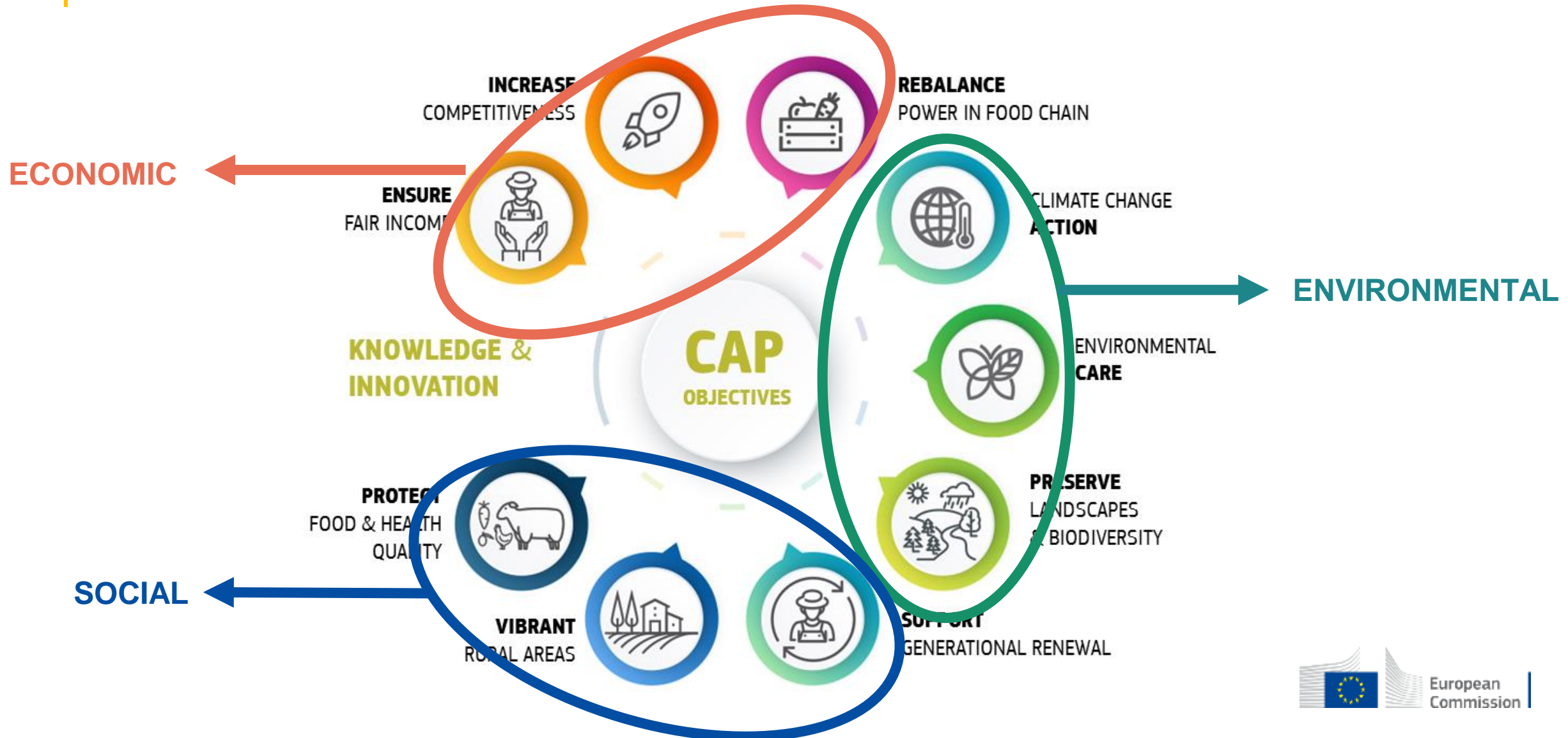
Strong interlinks with environmental and climate legislation

CAP 2023-2027

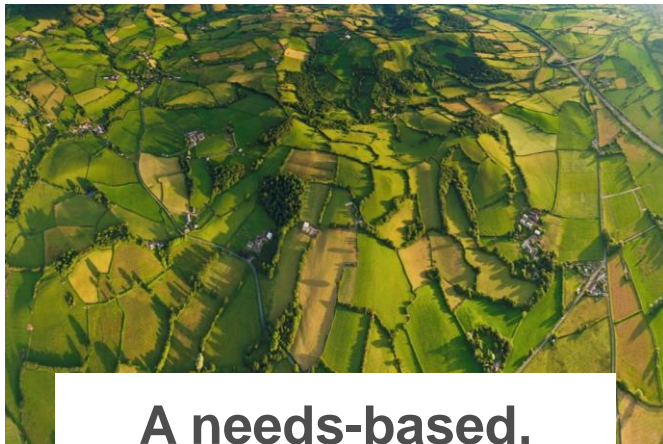
- Overall view of objectives (the 3 dimensions of sustainability)
- Zoom on the CAP support for env/climate objectives
- Other examples of CAP support possibly relevant for insect breeding



CAP Objectives & sustainability dimensions => entry point to strategic planning



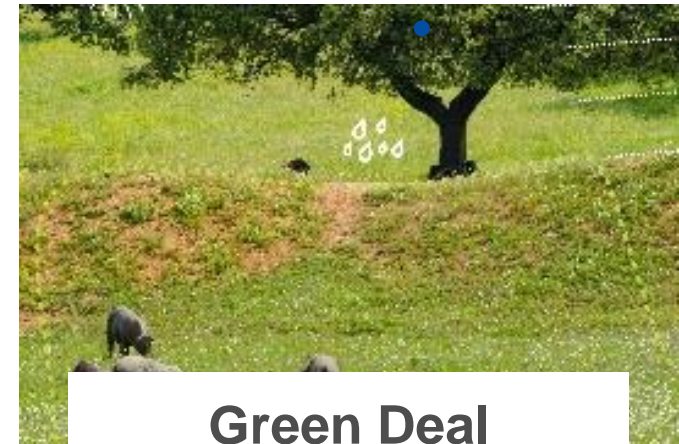
A greener CAP



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

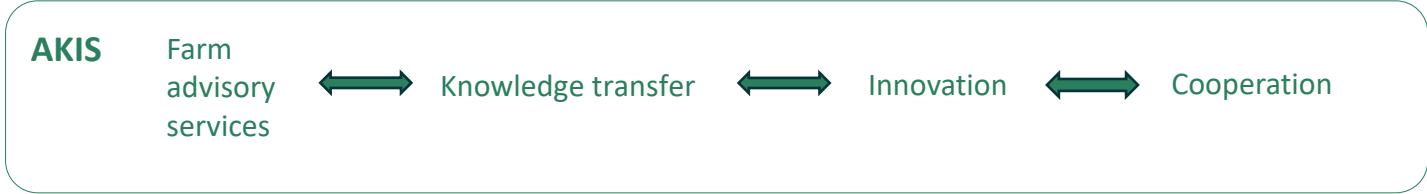


**“No backsliding”
clause**



**Green Deal
Alignment**

The green architecture



Targets for voluntary efforts (Result indicators - % of UAA, % of LU, No of ha, MW, persons)



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| Eco-schemes (min 25% of Direct Payments) | Rural development (min 35% of the EAFRD) | | Knowledge & information Risk management |
| | Agri-env-clim commitments Natura 2000 compensations & WFD compensation Green investments Areas facing natural constraints | Sectoral interventions (15% fruit & vegetables 5% wine) | |

Enhanced conditionality (GAECs and SMRs)

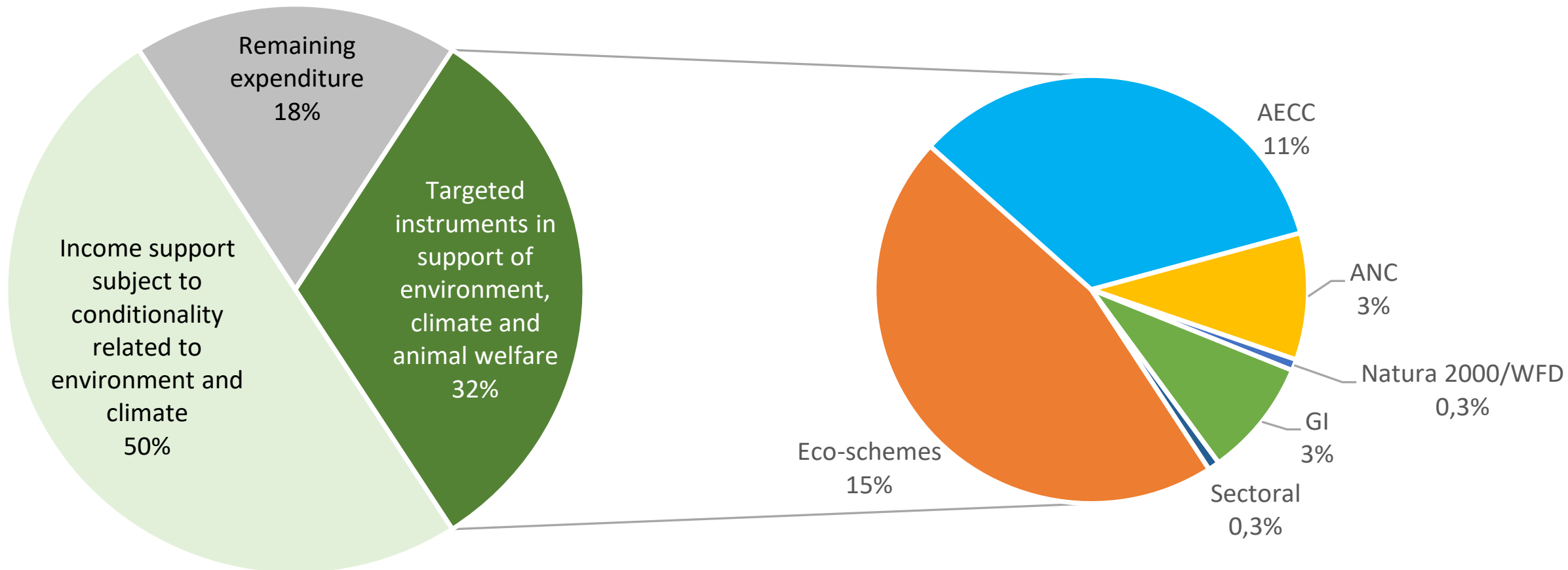
Certain elements of definitions (e.g. agricultural area, eligible hectare, permanent grassland)

Voluntary

Mandatory

Environmental and climate sustainability

- 32% of total public CAP funding dedicated to deliver environment/climate benefit and to encourage practices that go beyond the conditionality



Expected contribution of the CSP to env/climate objectives and first assessments

✓ Some highlights:

- ✓ **Soil health support** (with rotation, tillage practice, soil cover etc) on 47% of farmland
- ✓ 35% of EU farmland supported for both **carbon sequestration** (grassland management, peatland and wetland..) & reduction of N₂O emissions (*new study showing promising results*)
- ✓ Support for restrictions on **fertiliser use** and for improving soils on 15% of EU farmland
- ✓ 30.7% of EU farmland planned to be supported for **biodiversity conservation or restoration**
- ✓ CAP specific area and animal - based support for **organic farming** in 2027 will almost double compared to previous period

✓ Some points of attention:

- ✓ **Adaptation to climate change:** need for increased engagement in investments anticipating future needs (link with economic resilience). Many synergies with other actions.
- ✓ **Water resilience:** Also need to anticipate aggravation of situation, and act at different levels (including on soil water retention capacities etc.)

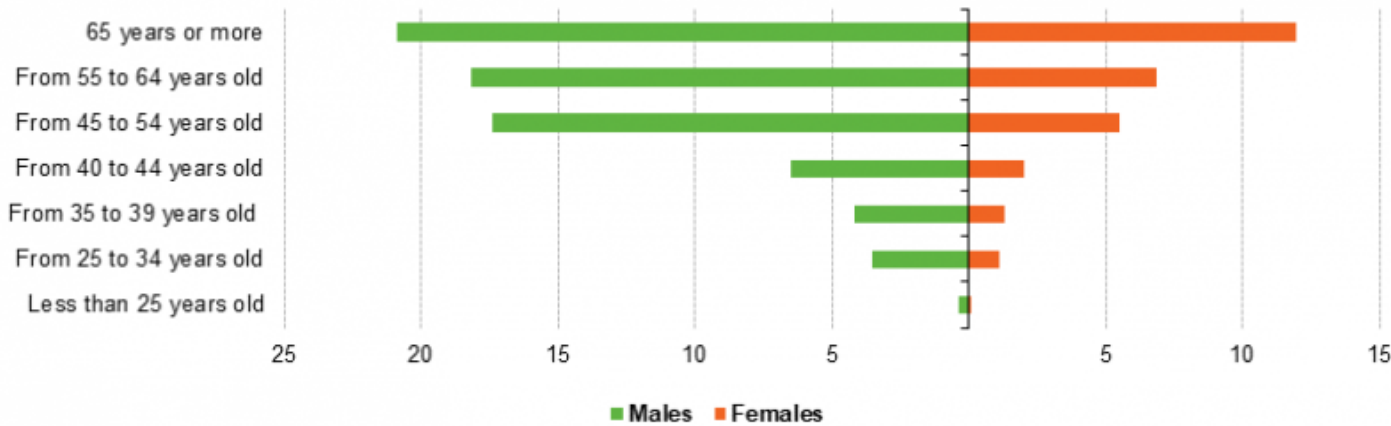
Need to attract young and other new farmers



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Ageing of farming population

Age classes of farm managers, by gender, EU-28, 2016
(% of all farm managers)



Source: Eurostat (online data code: ef_m_farmang)

Higher support to young farmers who set up a farm

Minimum amounts per each Member State that must be used to support young farmers

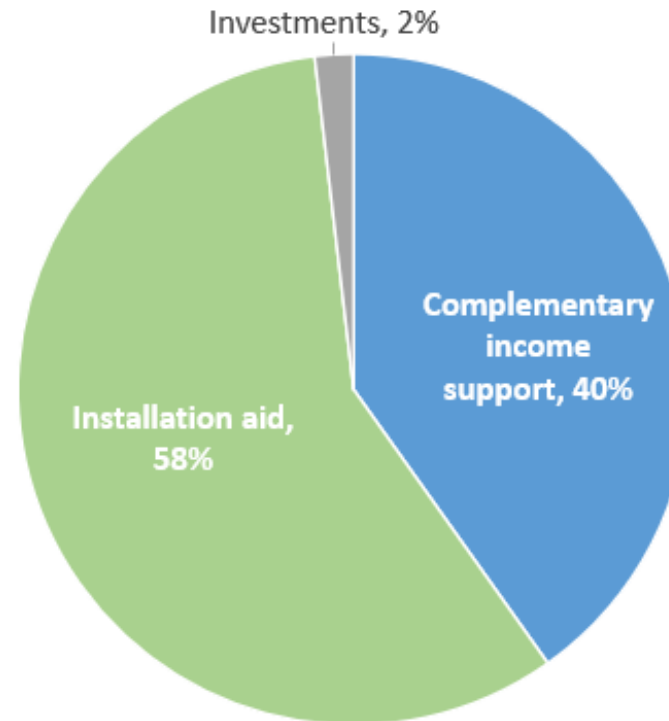
This support may be granted as income support, investment support or start-up aid for young farmers



CSPs' support for young farmers



- ✓ **€8.5 billion**
of total public expenditure
- ✓ 17.5% > minimum required
- ✓ About **377 000 young farmers** to be supported in entering the farming business

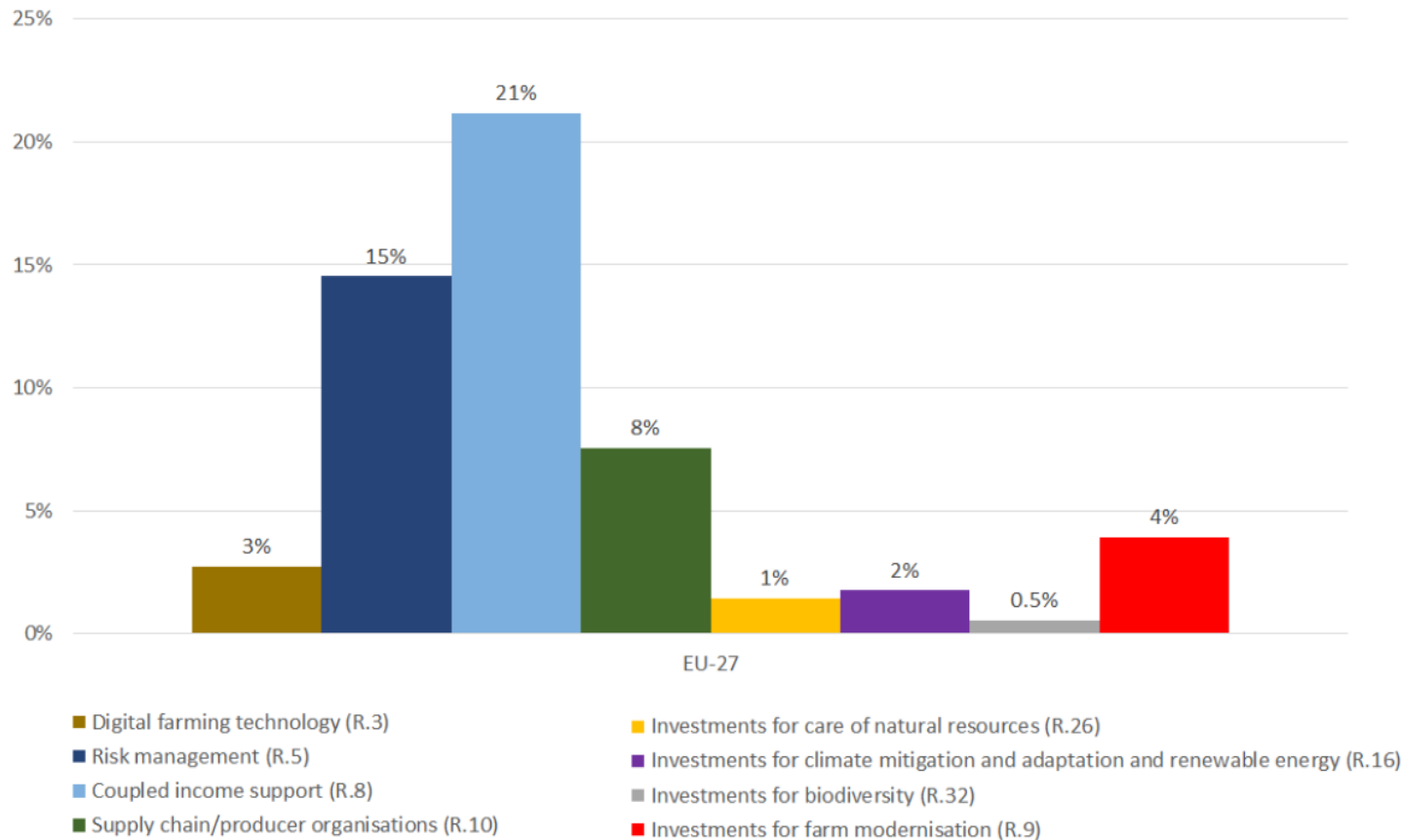


Points of attention:

- Relies on **complementarity** with national instruments (access to land & finance, advisory system....)

The CSPs prioritise productivity growth and adoption of innovative practices and technologies.

Share of farms targeted to benefit from support enhancing farm competitiveness



- **Almost 400 000 beneficiaries** from productive (mainly on-farm) investments.
- Investments oriented towards climate adaptation and improving environmental conditions supporting productivity are growing in importance.
- **760 000 farms** to benefit from support for participating in **producer groups and organisations, local markets, short supply chain.**
- Financial instruments: 1.33 billion attracted and paid to final recipients by end 2022 (4x)
- But overall limited allocation of resources and use of cooperation and coordination tools.

CSPs' support to knowledge sharing & innovation



Advancing research, knowledge-sharing, and innovation is essential for a smart and sustainable agricultural sector

- ✓ Variety of tools
- ✓ Close to €2.1 billion for knowledge, exchange and information
- ✓ 6 600 innovation projects under the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI)
- ✓ More than 200 000 independent advisers
- ✓ Investments in digital technologies and services to optimise resource efficiency, including for precision farming



Work on protein / protein report



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Following the **2022 Communication on Food Security**:

- ✓ **Series of workshops, dialogues and survey** on the status of EU proteins production, distribution and use
- ✓ **Study on feeding strategies** to diversify protein sources in different livestock systems in the EU
- ✓ **Four detailed factsheets:**
 - ✓ Supply and demand of protein in the EU
 - ✓ CAP interventions
 - ✓ EU countries' initiatives
 - ✓ Research and innovation
- ✓ Joint Research Center report on drivers, potential synergies, and trade-offs of **alternative future scenarios for protein in the EU**, using a food systems' approach
- ✓ To note:
 - ✓ EP report on a European Protein Strategy (Oct. 2023)
 - ✓ AGRIFISH of 18/11/2024: AOB on an EU protein strategy (DE, DK, largely supported)

CAP beyond 2027



The post-2027 CAP - timing

CAP Strategic Plans 2023 - 2027



***Political orientation
after EP elections***

***Strategic
orientation
European Council***

***Priorities European
Commission
2024-2029***

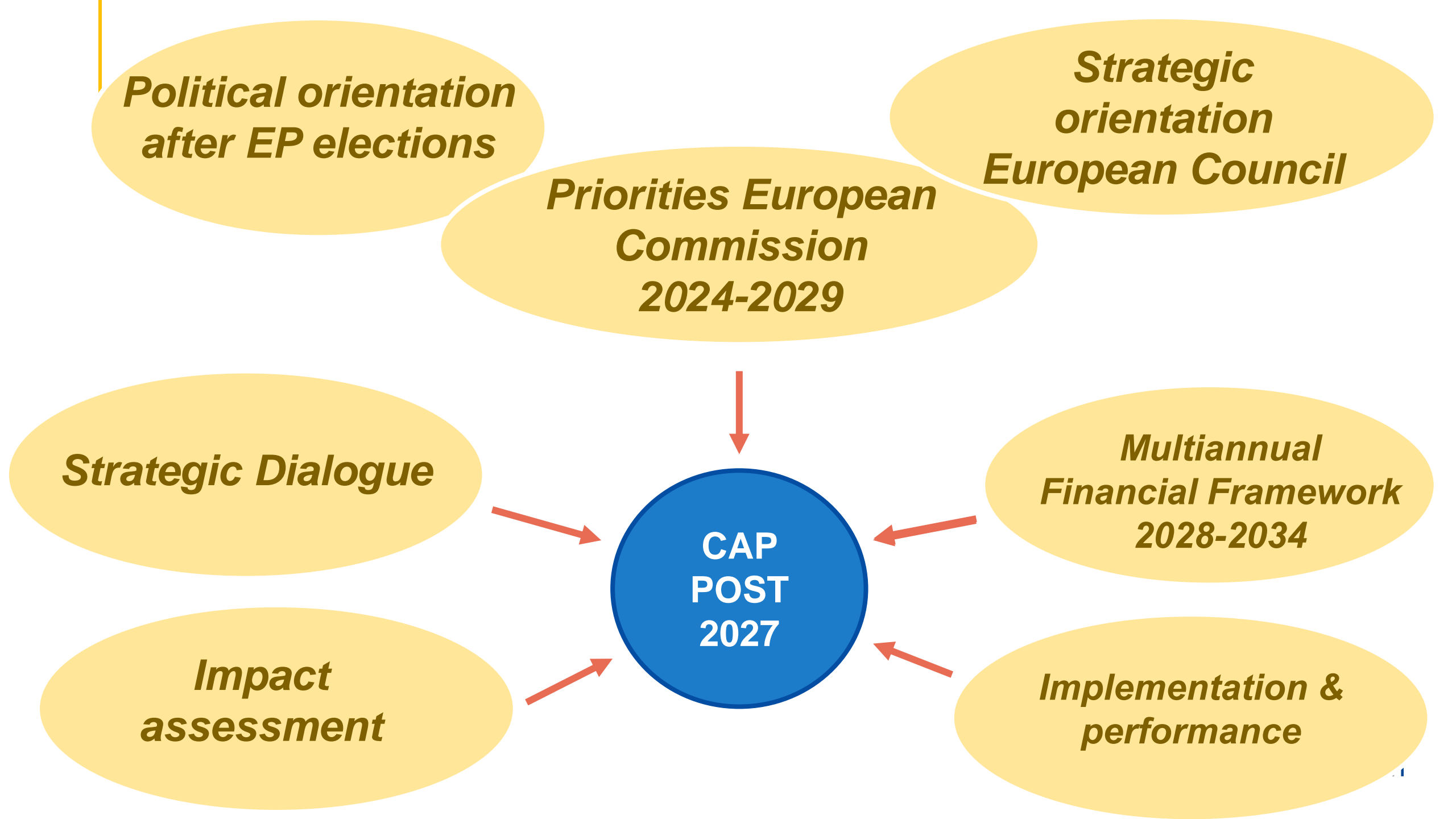
Strategic Dialogue

***Multiannual
Financial Framework
2028-2034***

**CAP
POST
2027**

***Impact
assessment***

***Implementation &
performance***



Mission letters Commissioners Designate

- Mission letter Commissioner designate for agriculture C. Hansen
 - **Vision for Agriculture and Food** → first 100 days
 - **New approach to deliver on sustainability** to support farmers in **decarbonisation** and preserving biodiversity.
 - Strengthen farmers' position in the value chain
- Mission letter Commissioner designate for environment J. Roswall
 - **Boost the circular economy across the board (Circular Economy Act)**

Thank you!

