



# Member State recommendations and the Green Deal Targets

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# Recommendations - Process

- June – Dec 2020
- **Multiple actors** involved: COM+MS
- Publication on 18/12/2020:
  - Umbrella communication **COM(2020) 846 + Annex 1 on Green Deal targets**
  - **27 Staff Working Documents (one for each Member State)**
- **Translations** now available online -> updated roadmap of CAP strategic plans

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# Recommendations – Key principles

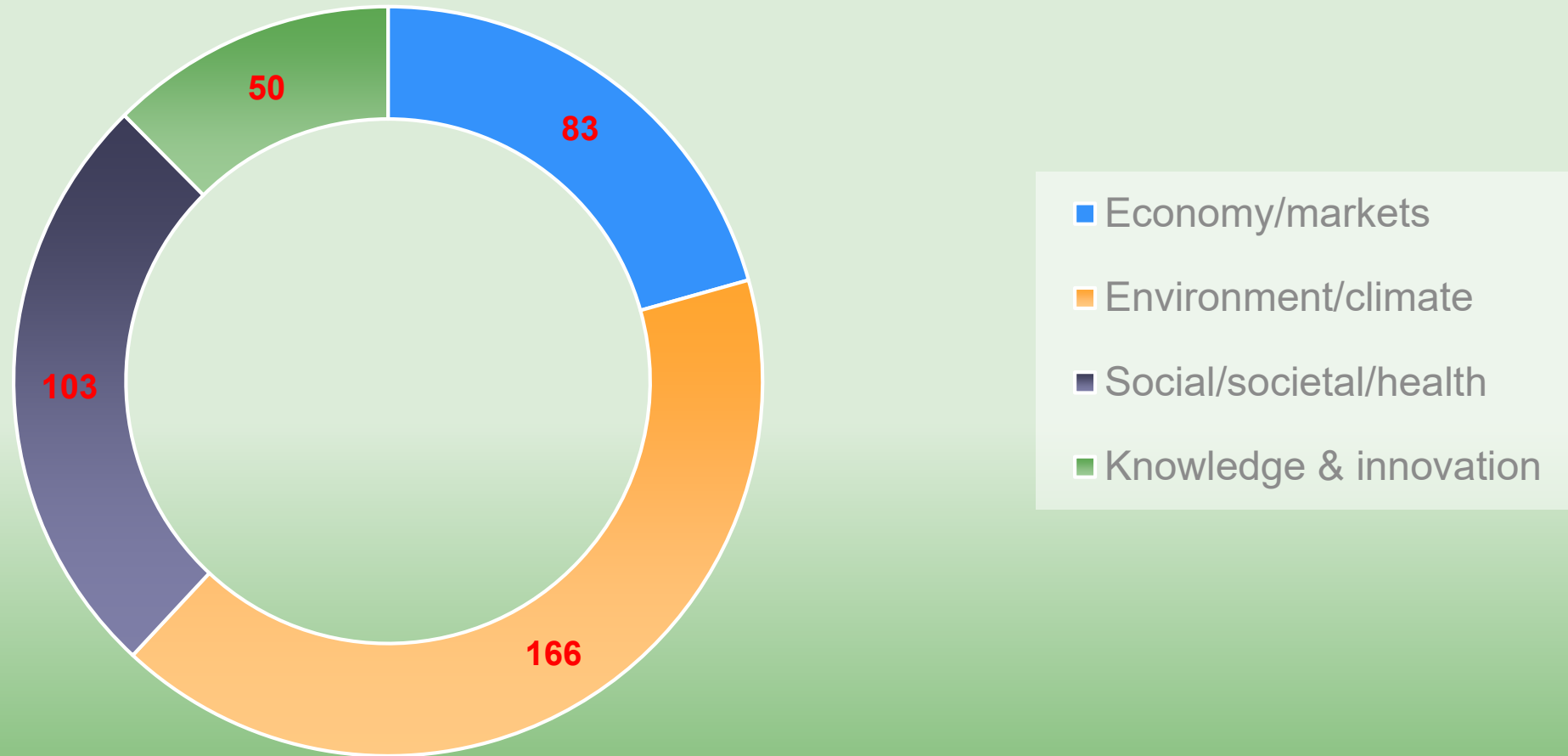
- Analysis **based on** latest available **evidence**
- Consistent treatment of Member States, while accounting for specific situation
  - ✓ **Differentiate between Member States** with regard to starting points and necessary efforts
- Focus on key issues: Identify **what should be achieved, with which policy routes,** and which **CAP interventions** (consistency with other policy tools)
  - ✓ Respect **subsidiarity** and Member State **flexibility**
- Pay particular attention to the **Green Deal targets**



# Recommendations – What do they include?

- **Analytical part (part II):** country specific assessment based on **facts and evidence** structured around **9 + 1 CAP objectives**
  - Assessment of each MS in relation to different context/impact indicators and key policy parameters
  - Use of EU sources and, when available, also national sources
- **Limited number of recommendations embedded in narrative (part I):** Balance between economic, environmental/climate and social/societal/health aspects
  - Need to focus on the most relevant issues (+/- 15 recommendations)
  - Balance between the specificities of each MS and the common approaches in the solutions

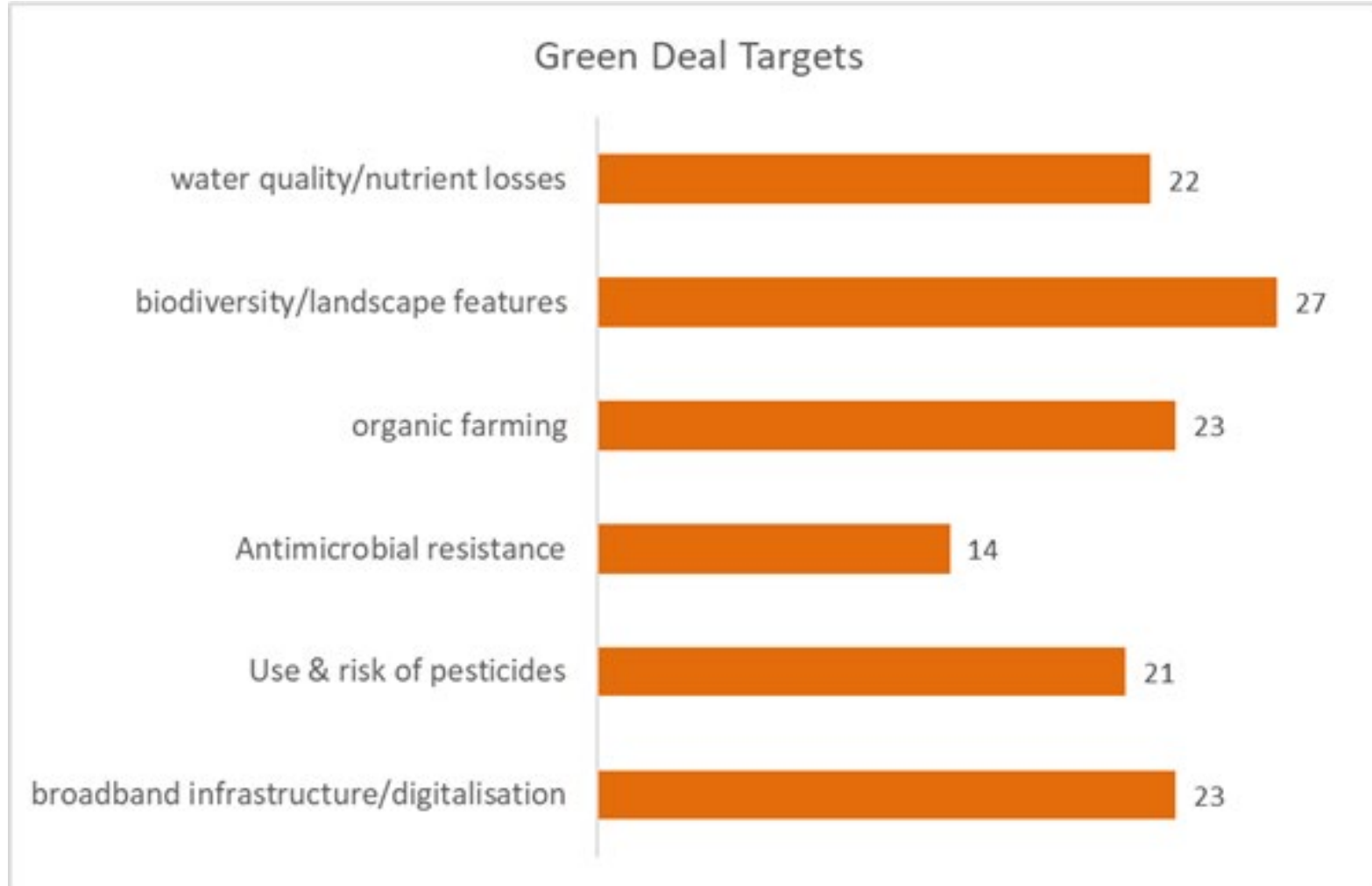
# Total 402 recommendations, of which



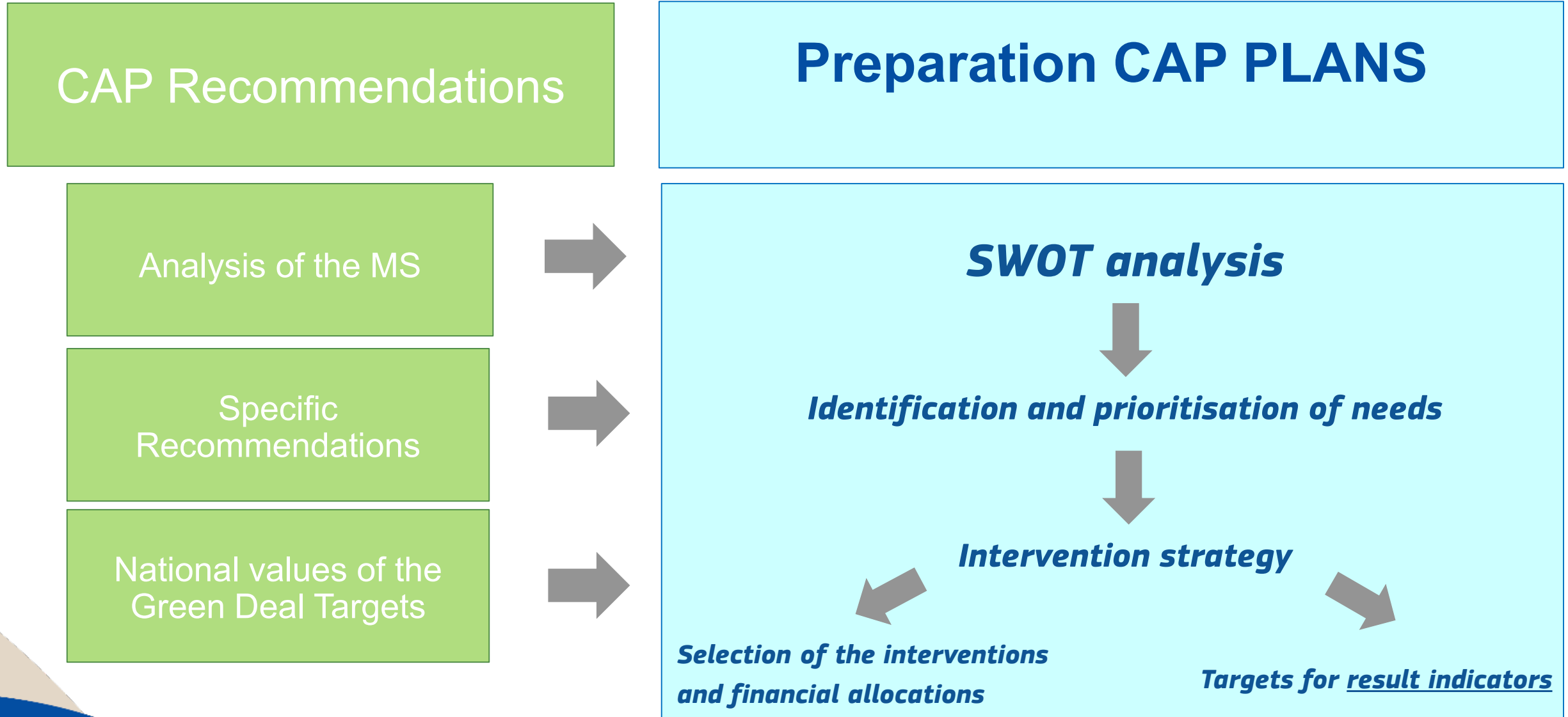
# Recommendations – Some highlights

- Need to advance towards a fairer and more **targeted system of direct support**: redistribution and reduction of payments recommended to all MS
- Efforts to strengthen **producer cooperation** must continue: recommendation to almost all MS
- **Climate mitigation and climate adaptation** highlighted across MS with specific recommendations
- General call to “**ensure synergies with other EU and national funds**” in the recommendations to strengthen the socio-economic fabric of rural areas

# Total number of recommendations on Green Deal targets



# The recommendations in the preparation of the CAP Plans...





# Drafting effective CAP Strategic Plans

- The European Commission will strengthen the structured dialogue with MS by providing further guidance and intensifying the support
- The European Commission will publically share appropriate documents on how it envisages to assess the CAP Plans
- Member States need to involve competent authorities for the environment and climate
- Transparency: Objective and non-discriminatory criteria, equal treatment of applicants and avoidance of conflict of interest
- Need for additional efforts on consistency among policies
- Consistency and complementarity with other EU funds







## **2. Green Deal Targets: a focus on pesticides**



# Green Deal EU targets for agriculture

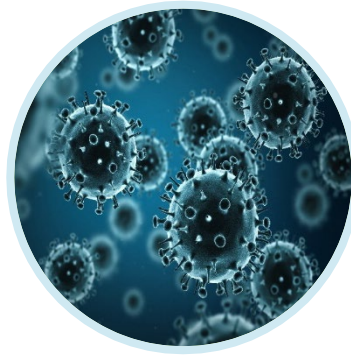
## *Defined in the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategy*



Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of **chemical pesticides** and reduce 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



Reduce 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



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



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



# Reference values (baselines) are now established...

Green Deal ambition	Pesticides			Antimicrobials	Broadband in rural areas	Organic farming	High-diversity landscape features	Nutrients		
EU 2030 target(s)	50% reduction of the overall use and risk of chemical pesticides, and use of more hazardous pesticides			50% reduction of sales of antimicrobials for farmed animals and in aquaculture	100% access to fast broadband internet in rural areas by 2025	25% of the EU's agricultural land under organic farming	10% of agricultural area under high-diversity landscape features	50% reduction of nutrient losses, while ensuring no deterioration in soil fertility. This will reduce the use of fertilisers by at least 20% by 2030.		
Indicator	Harmonised Risk Indicator 1 (HRI1)		Quantities of sales of candidate pesticides for substitution	Active ingredient of veterinary antimicrobial agents marketed mainly for food-producing animals in milligrams per population correction unit	Share of rural households with next generation access (NGA) broadband	Share of utilised agricultural area under organic farming	Share of agricultural area under high diversity landscape features	Gross nitrogen balance in kilograms per hectare of utilised agricultural area	Share of groundwater monitoring stations with nitrate concentration greater than 50 mg/L	Gross phosphorus balance in kilograms per hectare of utilised agricultural area
Reference year(s)	Δ 2011-2013/2018	Average 2015-2017	Average 2015-2017	2018	2019	2018	2018/2015	Average 2012-2014	Average 2012-2015	Average 2012-2014
EU-27 reference value	-17%	100		118.3	56.4%	8%	4.6%	46	13.3%	1



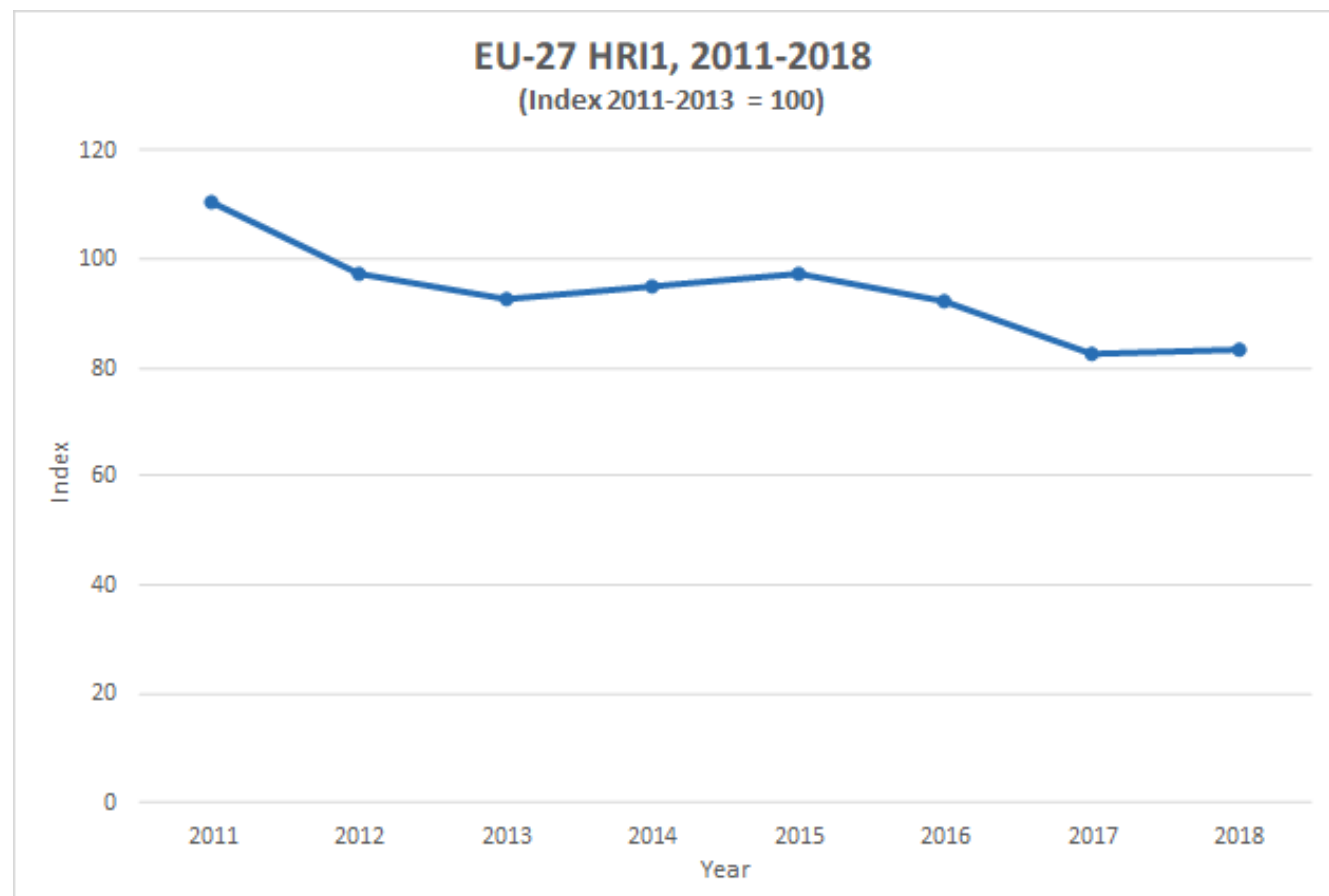
# Reducing the overall use and risk of chemical pesticides by 50% by 2030: how to measure it?

1. **The Harmonised Risk Indicator (HRI) 1 (\*)**, quantities of pesticide active substances placed on market weighted by characteristics of the active substances.
2. Reference period: average for the reporting years **2015-2017**
3. EU Reference value (2015-2017):  $HRI1=100$

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# EU trend – HRI1



HRI 1 shows a 17% reduction in the risk to human health and the environment in the EU from 2011 to 2018, and no change compared to 2017.



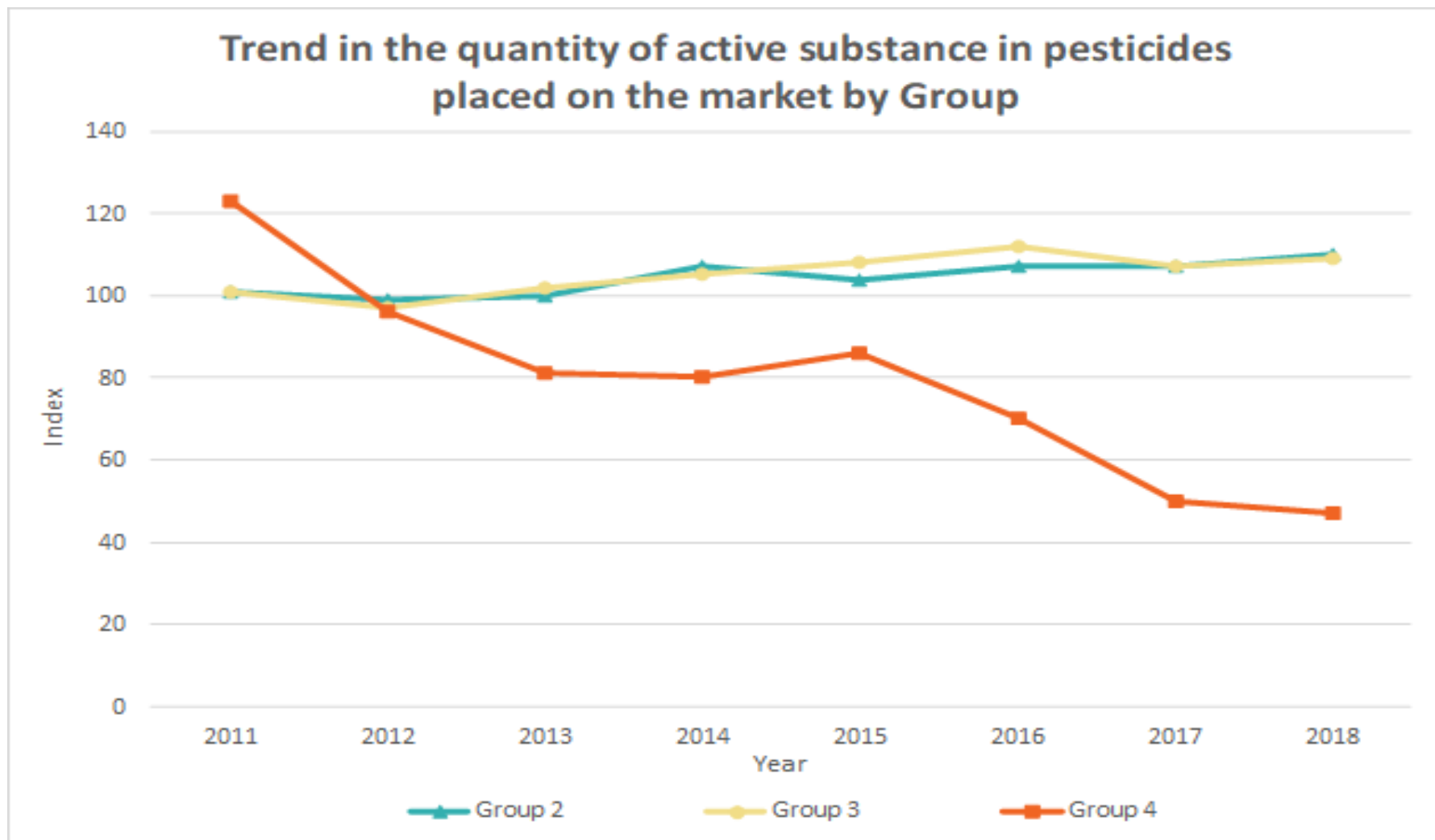


# Reducing the use of more hazardous pesticides by 50% by 2030: how to measure it?

1. **More hazardous pesticides (Cat. E and Cat. F) = Candidates for substitution**
2. **Indicator: quantity of sales(\*)**
  - At MS level: aggregated sales data based on Kg
  - At EU level: aggregated sales data presented as index
3. **Reference period:** average data for the reporting years **2015-2017**
4. **EU Reference value (2015-2017)= XXXX**
5. **Future developments:** revision of the Pesticides Statistics Regulation to overcome the confidentiality problems at EU level

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Group 2: all approved active substances, other than group 1 and 3

**Group 3: Candidates for substitution**

Group 4: non approved active substances





# National Values matching the level of ambition

1. MS to **set up two 2030 national values** to be achieved for the overall period:
  - National HRI1 to be achieved for the overall period based on the methodology referred to in Annex 1 of the CAP Recommendations
  - Aggregated value (Kg) at MS level to be achieved for the candidates for substitution
2. The level of **ambition should reflect CAP Recommendations**
3. In **SWOT analysis and needs assessment**:
  - Identify crops/areas/region where reduction is expected
  - Identify main drivers
4. MS are expected to **programme interventions to address the needs, reach the results and finally the desired impact**, while considering alternatives to farmers to prevent, detect and control pests and diseases





A close-up photograph of a green leaf, showing the intricate network of veins and the fine texture of the leaf surface. The leaf is a vibrant green color, and the veins are a slightly lighter shade, creating a complex, organic pattern.

**| Thank you !**