



CAP Reform: state of play conditionality and eco-schemes

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Inter-institutional discussions

Farm advisory services (Art. 13)

- Including Farm Sustainability Tool for Nutrients (FaST)

Conditionality (Art. 11, 12, Annex III)

- « Principle of agreement » for **almost all GAEC**
- Pending: GAEC4 (buffer strips) GAEC 8 (crop rotation/diversification) and GAEC 9 (share landscape features)
- GAEC 5 (FaST) Veterinary SMR (7 to 9) deleted

Eco-schemes (Art. 28)

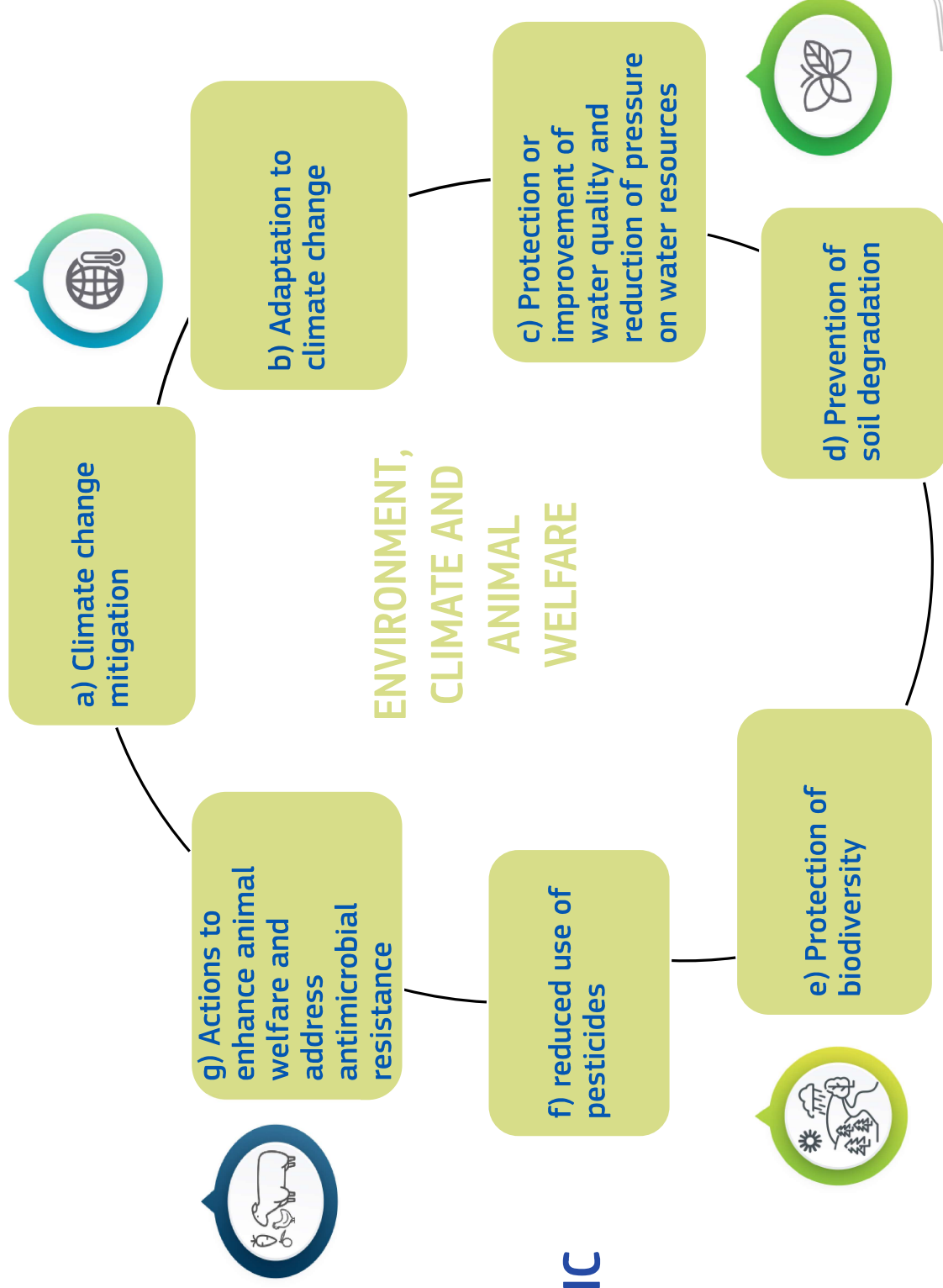
- Scope extended to **animal welfare** and antimicrobial resistance
- Payment per LU (limited to certain ES)
- The **level of « incentive »** payments should be related to the level of ambition (new)
- « Enhanced » eco-schemes
- Baseline
- List of “**areas of action**”

Pending:

- **Budget** allocation (ring-fencing) and flexibility mechanisms



Areas of **ACTION** under the **CAP** **STRATEGIC** **PLANS**



MAIN types of AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES (indicative)

1. PRACTICES ESTABLISHED IN EU POLICIES

- Organic farming: conversion and maintenance
- Integrated Pest Management practices (Directive SUD)

2. OTHER types of PRACTICES

- Agro-ecology
- Husbandry and animal welfare plans
- Agro-forestry
- Landscape features
- High nature value (HNV) farming
- Precision farming
- Nutrient management
- Protecting water resources
- Practices beneficial for soil
- Practices related to GHG emissions



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EXAMPLES OF AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

1. PRACTICES ESTABLISHED IN EU POLICY INSTRUMENTS:

➤ **Organic farming practices**, as defined in Regulation (EU) 2018/848 (b, c, d, f, g)



- Conversion to organic farming (b, c, d, f, g)
- Maintenance of organic farming (b, c, d, f, g)

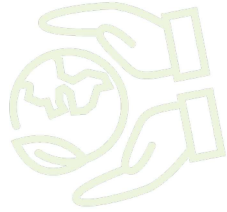
➤ **Integrated Pest Management practices**, as defined in Sustainable Use Directive (b, c, d, e, f) and including:

- Buffer strips with management practices and without pesticide (c, e, f)
- Mechanical weed control (c, e, f)
- Increased use of resilient, pest-resistant crop varieties and species (b)
- Land lying fallow with species composition for biodiversity purpose (c, e, f)

2. OTHER PRACTICES:

➤ Agro-ecology including

- Crop rotation with leguminous crops (a, b, d, f)
- Mixed cropping - multi cropping (b, d, e, f)
- Cover crop between tree rows on permanent crops - orchards, vineyards, olive trees - above conditionality (a, c, d, e, f)
- Winter soil cover and catch crops above conditionality (a, b, c, d)
- Low intensity grass-based livestock system (a, c, d, g)
- Use of crops/plant varieties more resilient to climate change (b, c, e, f)
- Mixed species/diverse sward of permanent grassland for biodiversity purpose (pollination, birds, game feedstocks) (c, d, e, f)
- Improved rice cultivation to decrease methane emissions (e.g. alternate wet and dry techniques) (a)
- Practices and standards as set under organic farming rules (b, c, d, f)



Commission activities to support preparation of CSP

Recommendations
to the MS as
regards the CSP -
COM(2020)846
(18.12.2020)

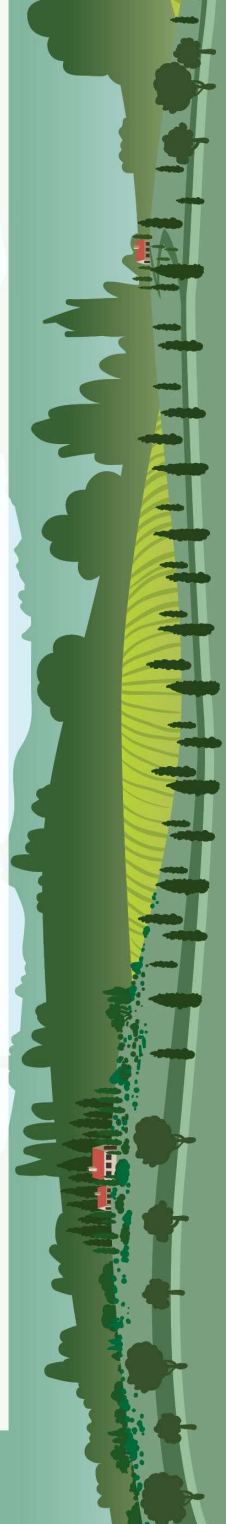
**Indicative list of
practices** that
could be supported
under eco-schemes
(published
14.01.21)

Q and A document
on eco-schemes -
Management
Committee DP of
26.01.2021

Two Expert groups
on how to address
GD targets within
the CAP strategic
plans

Workshop
“Preparing the CSP:
designing Eco-
Schemes”
(25.02.2020)

**Bilateral meetings
with MS** within the
« Geohubs » on
eco-schemes



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Summary

- The new green architecture is **good** for farmers and the environment: it provides more **opportunities** to reward farmers who are willing to provide more public goods
- It **simplifies** delivery of environmental measures: no “one size fits all”
- EU-wide and simple legal framework that leaves **flexibility** to Member States while ensuring a **level playing field** and **ambition** of eco-schemes
- Strengthened **conditionality**
- **Eco-schemes** will support farmers to apply new practices and evolve towards more sustainable farming models
- The **design** of eco-schemes remains a **work in progress**



Thank you

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/factsheets-long-term-budget-proposals_en

https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/key-policies/common-agricultural-policy/future-common-agricultural-policy_en

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/key_policies/documents/cap-post-2020-environ-benefits-simplification_en.pdf

https://ec.europa.eu/info/news/commission-publishes-list-potential-eco-schemes-2021-jan-14_en *(list of practices for eco-schemes)*

