

CAP after 2020

Eco-schemes in the sheep and goat sector

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Overview

1. Policy context – state of play
2. Indicative list for eco-schemes
3. Preparation of Strategic Plans
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EU GREEN DEAL TARGETS



Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of **chemical pesticides** and reduce use by 50% of more hazardous **pesticides** by 2030



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



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

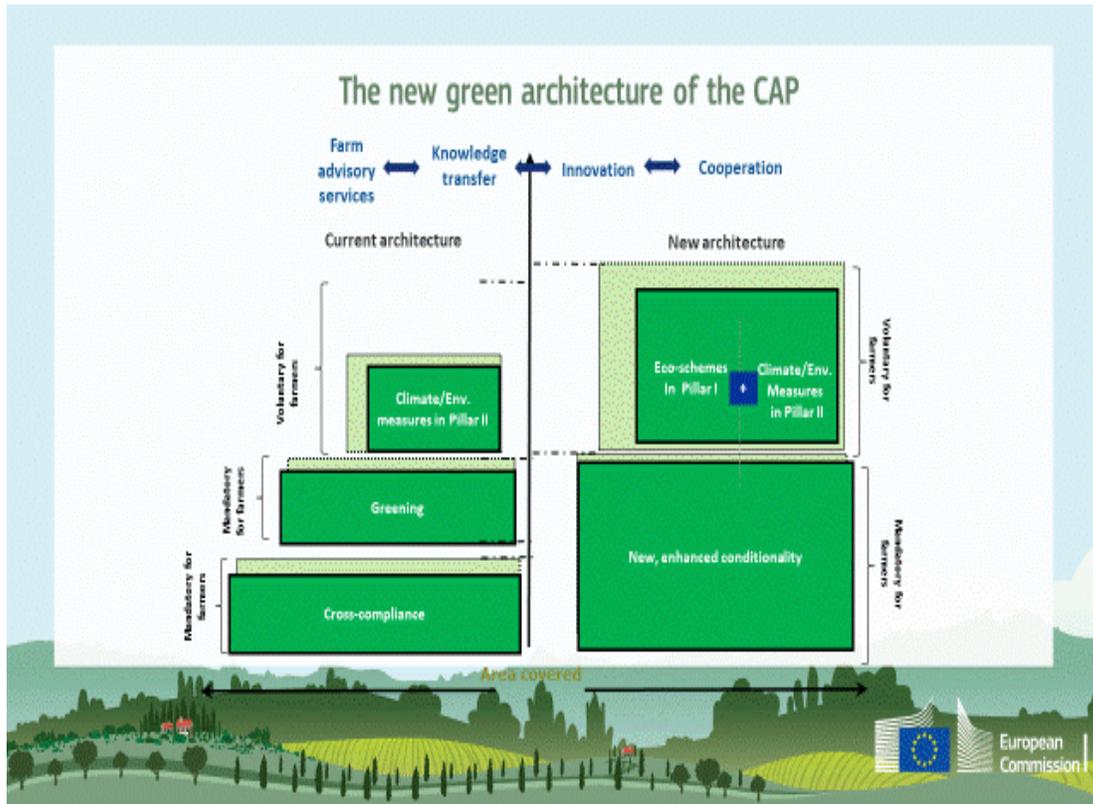


Reduce **nutrient losses** by at least 50% while ensuring no deterioration in soil fertility; this will reduce use of **fertilisers** by at least 20 % by 2030



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

Eco-schemes: policy context



- The CAP 2023-2027 will support the **transition** towards a more sustainable food system
- by strengthening the efforts of European farmers to contribute to the EU's **climate objectives** and to protect the **environment**
- Eco-schemes are a new and one of the key CAP tools to deliver on the **Green Deal targets**
- **EU-wide** and **simple** framework
- MS will set eco-schemes in their **CAP strategic plans**
- As part of the overall **green architecture**

Inter-institutional discussions

Farm advisory services

- Including Farm Sustainability Tool for Nutrients (FaST)

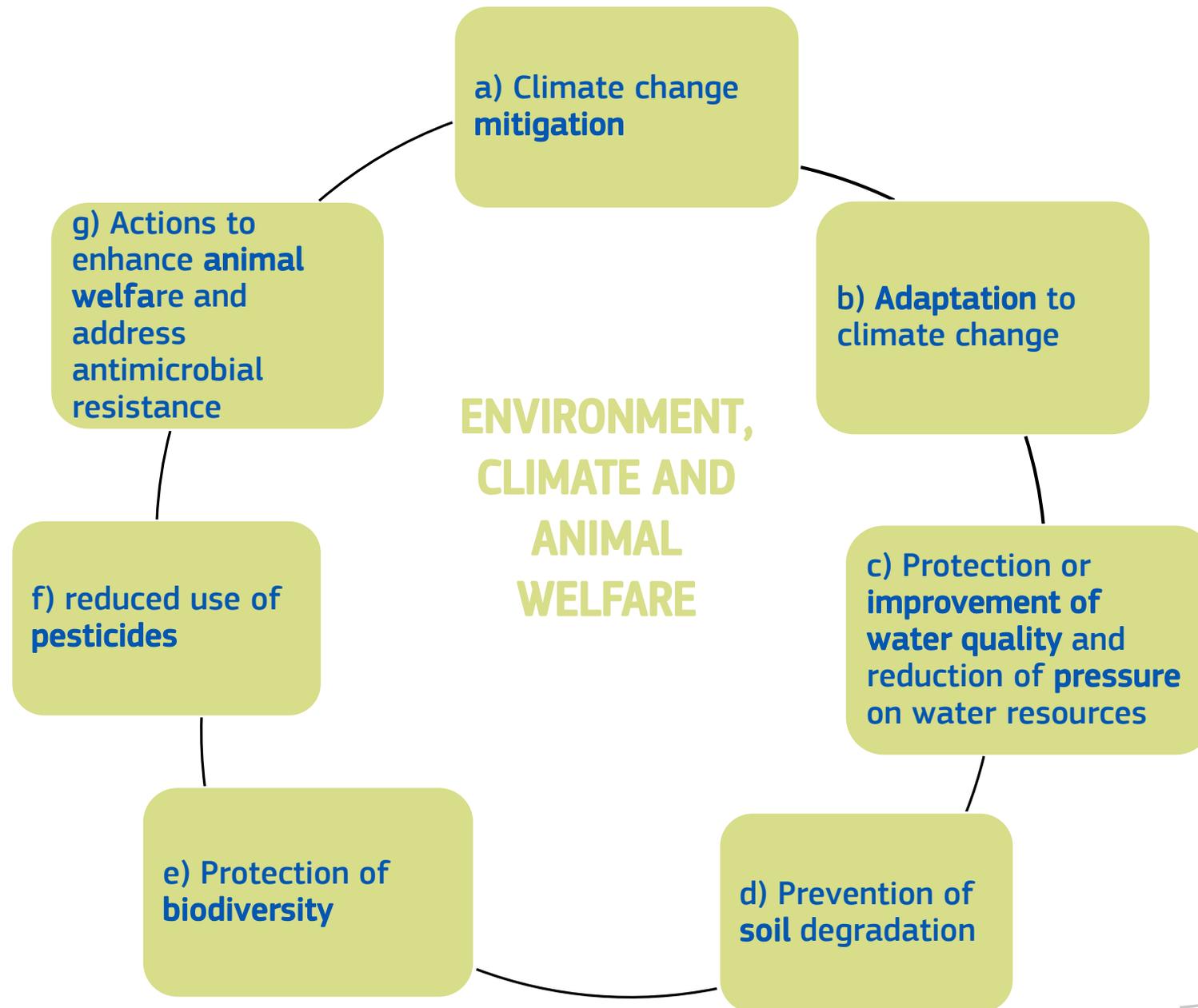
Conditionality

- « Principle of agreement » for **all GAEC** except GAEC9 on landscape features
- Statutory Management Requirements on Animal I&R (SMR 7 to 9) deleted

Eco-schemes

- Scope extended to **animal welfare** and antimicrobial resistance
- The **level of « incentive »** payments should be related to the level of ambition
- Definitions of agricultural activity, agricultural area (Art. 4)
- *List of “areas of action”*
- *Indicative list of practices that could be supported by ES*
- **Budget 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)



CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION



NATURAL RESSOURCES

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 AGRICULTURE 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

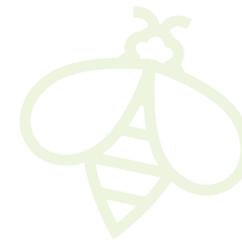
- Crop rotation with leguminous crops (a, b, d, f)
- Mixed cropping - multi cropping (b, d, e, f)
- Cover crop between tree rows on permanent crops - orchards, vineyards, olive trees - above conditionality (a, c, d, e, f)
- Winter soil cover and catch crops above conditionality (a, b, c, d)
- Low intensity 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)



2. OTHER PRACTICES:

➤ Husbandry and animal welfare plans including

- Feeding plans: suitability of and access to feed and water, feed and water quality analyses (e.g. mycotoxines), optimised feed strategies (g)
- Friendly housing conditions (b, g)
- Practices and standards as set under organic farming rules (g)
- Practices increasing animal robustness, fertility, longevity and adaptability, e.g. lifespan of dairy cows; breeding lower emission animals, promoting genetic diversity and resilience (a, b, g)
- Animal health prevention and control plans (g)
- Providing access to pastures and increasing grazing period for grazing animals (a, b, g)
- Provide and manage regular access to open air areas (g)

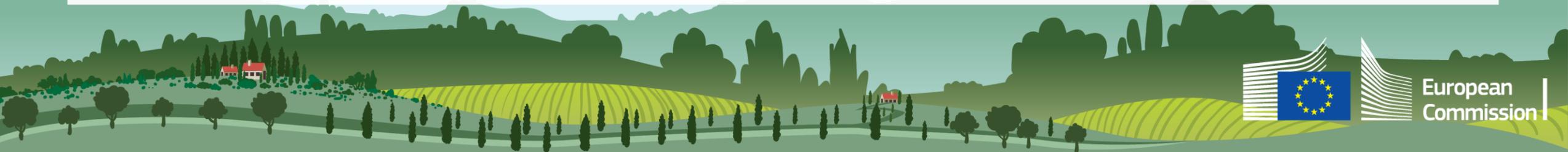


On going Commission activities to support preparation of CSP

- **Recommandations** 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 (*it will be made public soon*)
- Bilateral **meetings with MS** within the « Geohubs » on eco-schemes



Planned timeline



Thank you !

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ENRD workshop: Preparing the CAP Strategic Plans: designing Eco-Schemes