



Recommendations for the CAP strategic plans and Green Deal Targets

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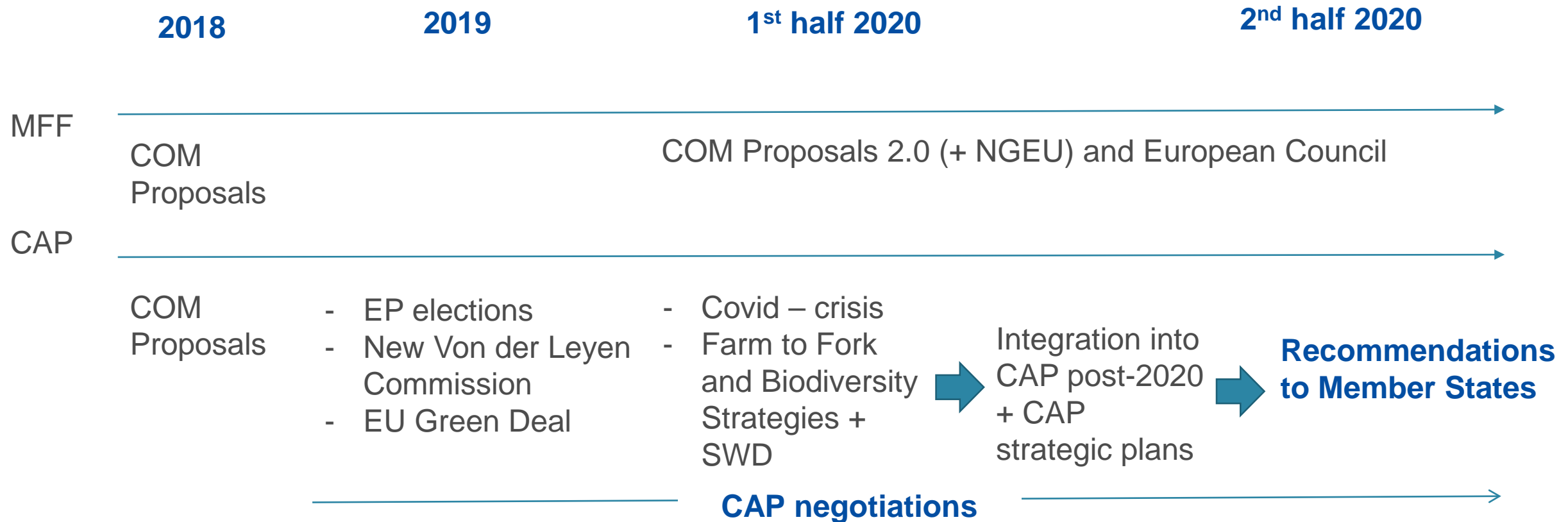
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| 1. Overview CAP Recommendations

Getting to the CAP post-2020



Recommendations - Process

- June – Dec 2020
- 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
- All documents publicly available at:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/key-policies/common-agricultural-policy/cap-strategic-plans_en

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

Recommendations - Example

1. COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITALY'S CAP STRATEGIC PLAN	2	2. ANALYSIS OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN ITALY	8
1.1 Foster a smart, resilient and diversified agricultural sector ensuring food security.....	2	2.1 Support viable farm income and resilience across the EU territory to enhance food security	8
1.2 Bolster environmental care and climate action and contribute to the environmental- and climate-related objectives of the Union.....	2	2.2 Enhance market orientation and increase competitiveness including greater focus on research, technology and digitalisation	10
1.3 Strengthen the socio-economic fabric of rural areas and address societal concerns	3	2.3 Improve farmers' position in the value chain.....	11
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1.5 Recommendations	5	2.5 Foster sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources such as water, soil and air.....	14
		2.6 Contribute to the protection of biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services and preserve habitats and landscapes	17
		2.7 Attract young farmers and facilitate business development in rural areas	20
		2.8 Promote employment, growth, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, including bio-economy and sustainable forestry	22
		2.9 Improve the response of EU agriculture to societal demands on food and health, including safe, nutritious and sustainable food, as well as animal welfare.....	25
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Recommendations - Example

Foster a smart, resilient and diversified agricultural sector ensuring food security

- **Strengthening the competitive position and resilience of the agricultural sector**, hampered among others by its low level of digitalisation and small farm size, by improving the fairness of support, advancing in the internal convergence process and better targeting investments and direct payments, using the available tools under the CAP Plan, such as the complementary redistributive income support for sustainability and the reduction of payments. Adequate risk management tools should also be provided;

Bolster environmental care and climate action and to contribute to the environmental- and climate-related objectives of the Union

- **Contributing to the EU Green Deal target on organic farming** by enhancing the currently increasing trend of areas under organic farming through appropriate incentives for conversion and maintenance schemes and initiatives such as the recognition of bio-districts for organic farming; this should be accompanied by an increase in organic food demand;
- **Increasing the sustainability of production, while mitigating climate change and reducing GHG and air pollutant emissions**, through an appropriate blend of voluntary interventions and obligations such as supporting practices leading to more efficient input use (in particular harnessing the potential of carbon farming, precision farming, low input and agro-ecological methods), adopting low emission feeding strategies, improving manure management, increasing the use of energy from renewable sources, improving the management of agricultural residues, grassland and forest areas and their valorisation as a carbon sink;

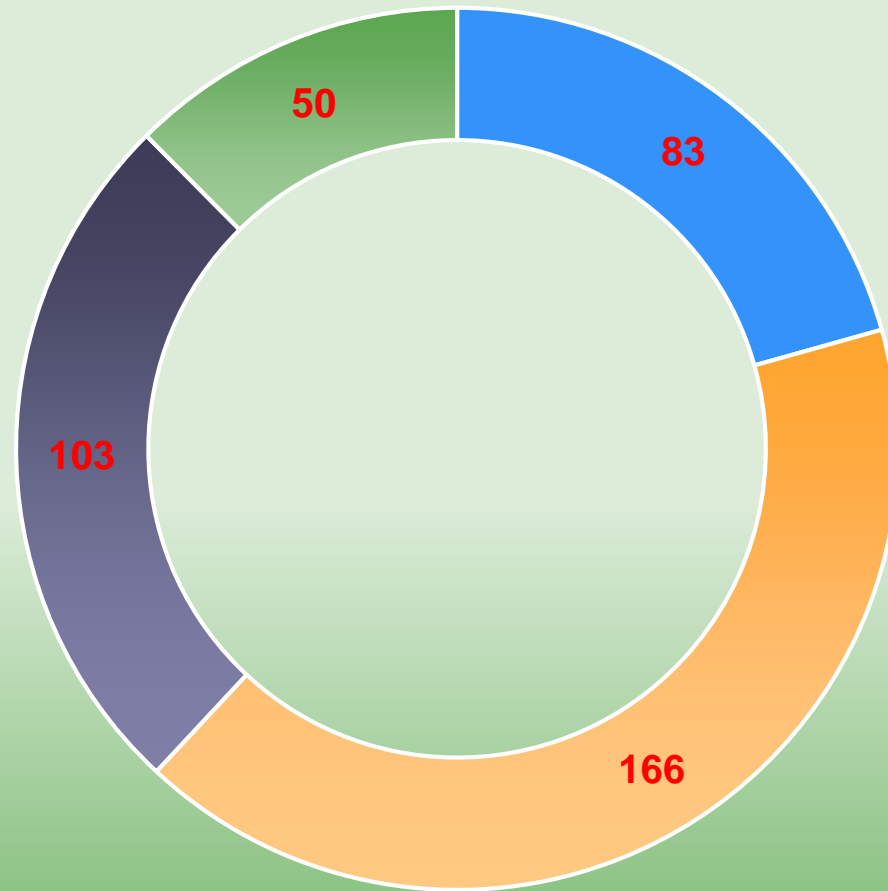
Strengthen the socio-economic fabric of rural areas and address societal demands

- **Making significant efforts to reduce the use and risks of pesticides in line with the EU Green Deal target**, by supporting schemes that give priority to non-chemical pest management practices and that foster a switch to less hazardous plant protection products and to sustainable farming practices such as integrated pest management;

Fostering and sharing of knowledge, innovation and digitalisation in agriculture and rural areas, and encouraging their uptake

- **Contributing to the EU Green Deal target on broadband by timely completing investments for fast broadband connection coverage reaching the door of all households in rural areas**, especially in sparsely populated areas, closing the gap between rural and urban areas while accelerating the development of digital and knowledge skills in rural areas and agriculture;

Total 402 recommendations, of which

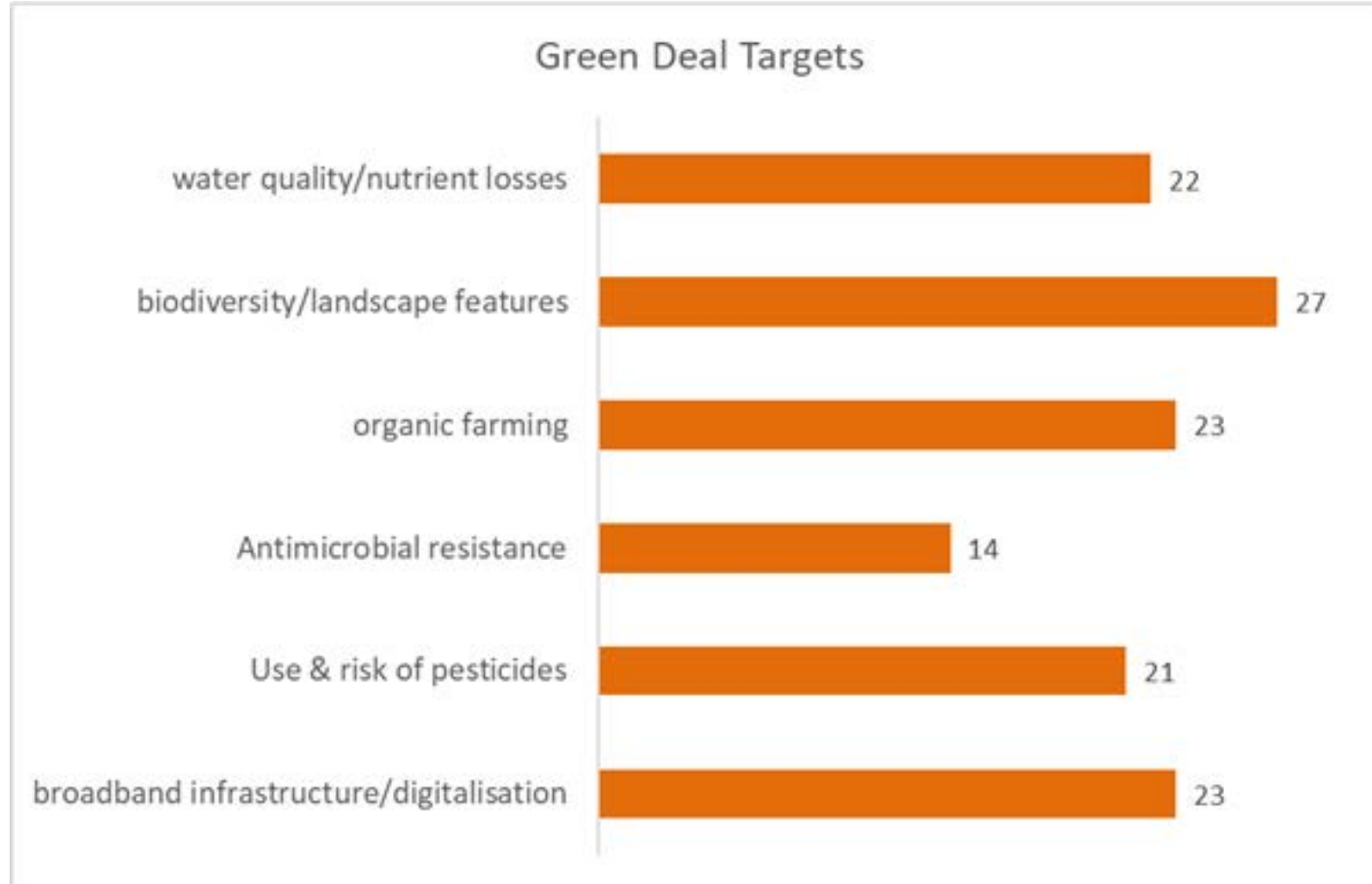


- Economy/markets
- Environment/climate
- Social/societal/health
- Knowledge & innovation

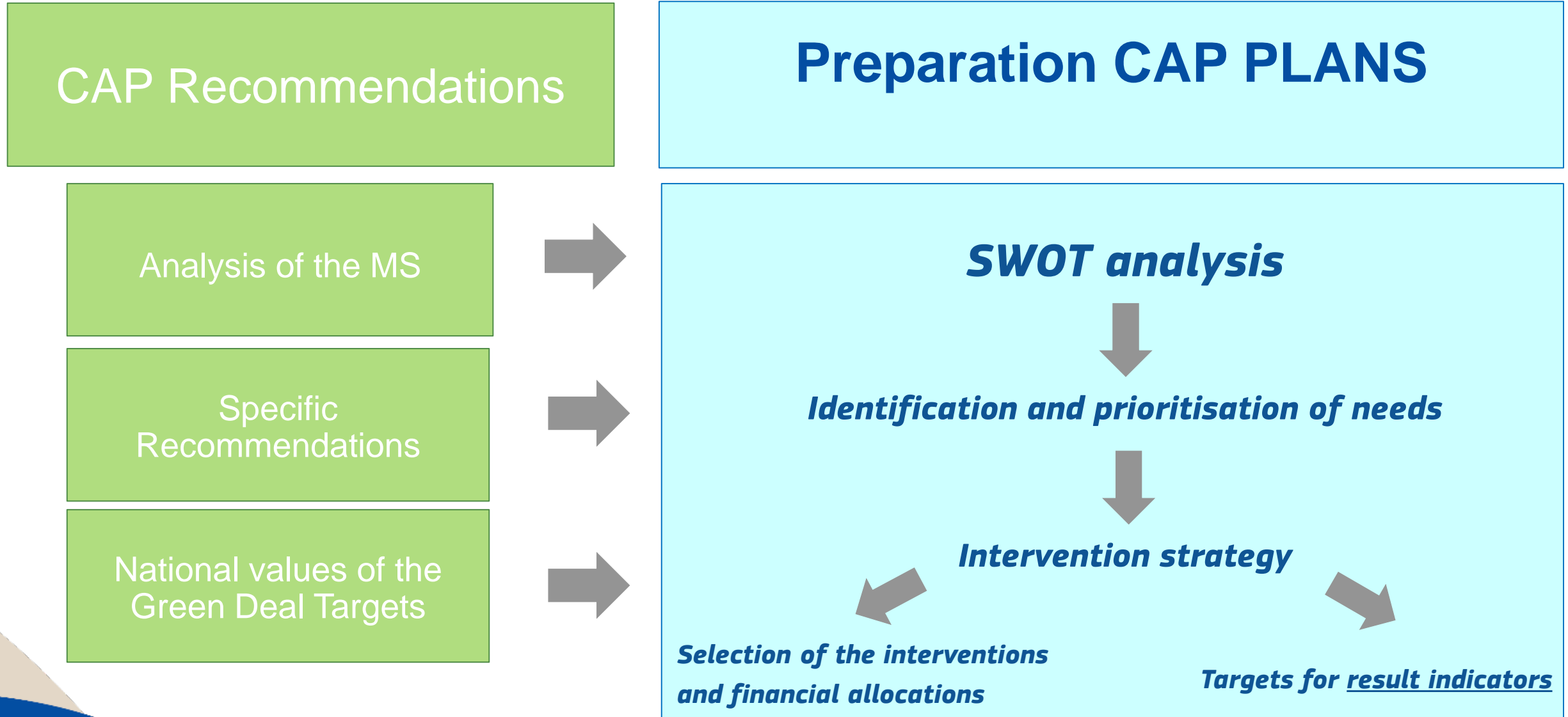
Recommendations – Some highlights

- 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...





| 2. Green Deal Targets in the CAP Strategic Plans

Green Deal EU targets for agriculture

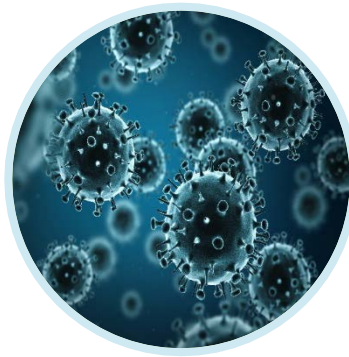
Defined in the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategy



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

Member States are invited to translate **EU targets** into “**national values**”...

- To be established on the basis of the reference values established by the European Commission according
- Will translate the common ambition at EU level into specific aspirations at national level and explain how each MS will contribute to the EU Green Deal
- Will indicate a clear direction of the efforts to be made at national level
- Need to take into account:
 - the efforts made during the past years
 - the starting point and the potential for improvement
 - existing national strategies or targets stemming from other planning instruments

The Green Deal Targets in the CAP Strategic Plans...

Green Deal Targets

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CAP Strategic Plan

Indicators CAP Strategic Plan (Annex I -CSP legal proposal)	R.37 Sustainable pesticide use: share of agricultural land concerned by supported specific actions which lead to a sustainable use of pesticides	R.36 Limiting antibiotic use: share of livestock units concerned by supported actions to limit use of antibiotics	R.34 Connecting rural Europe: share of rural population benefitting from improved access to services and infrastructure through CAP support	O.15 Number of ha with support for organic farming	R.29 Preserving landscape features: share of agriculture land under commitments for managing landscape features, including hedgerows	R.21 Sustainable nutrient management: share of agricultural land under commitments related to improved nutrient management
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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 publicly 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



Reinforcing the partnership principle

- Importance of Art. 94 of the CAP Strategic Plan Regulation. Need to draw up the CAP Plans based on transparent procedures involving:
 - All relevant public bodies (including competent regional and local authorities)
 - Economic and social partners
 - Relevant bodies representing civil society
- Commission urges MS to act (in particular those MS who did launch yet the dialogue)
- Commission will closely monitor this process before the CAP Strategic Plans are submitted and recommends the use of the principles of the ***European code of conduct on partnership (ESIF***
- Importance of stakeholders in **monitoring committees**, in future **CAP network** and **AKIS**



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