

# CDG Spirit Drinks

## Revision of Geographical Indications system

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# Objectives

Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT  
AND OF THE COUNCIL

on European Union geographical indications for wine,  
spirit drinks and agricultural products,  
and quality schemes for agricultural products,  
amending Regulations (EU) N°1308/2013, (EU) 2017/1001  
and (EU) 2019/787 and repealing Regulation (EU) N°1151/2012

Strengthen the agricultural GIs system

- increasing the GIs' protection
- giving more powers to producer groups
- shortening the registration procedures

# Common provisions

- **Procedures** for registration of a name, amendment and cancellation of existing product specifications - all sectors
- **Protection** of GIs - all sectors
- **Controls** for spirit drinks and agricultural products (separate controls provisions for wine are laid down in the CMO Regulation)

# Novelties

## Scope

- Extension to all agricultural products according to WTO definition
- Wine, spirit drinks and agricultural products listed in the combined nomenclature in Chapters 1 to 23 of Common Customs Tariff

## Sustainability

- CMO Reform - introduction sustainability in GI schemes
- GI Review – sustainability requirements beyond legal requirements and agreed by the producer group to be included in the product specification on a voluntary basis

## GI ingredient

- Agreement needed from the concerned Producer Group (2/3 representativeness)

# Novelties

## Recognised PG

- Designation of a recognised producer group by MS authorities
- Additional powers for such recognised groups

## Internet

- Specific provisions for country-code-top-level domain name registries

## GI symbols

- No obligatory EU symbol for wines and spirit drinks
- Confirmation of a flexible approach for these two sectors

# Novelties

## Technical Assistance

- Aim to shorten scrutiny times
- EUIPO – 5 years of cooperation
- Responsibility for decisions remains with the Commission

## GI certificate

- GI certificate, at a request of a producer, to be issued by the national authorities

## Committee

- One single committee for GIs
- TSGs and OQTs stay separate

# Proceedings in the European Parliament (EP)

- **Exchange of views** on draft report by rapporteur P. De Castro on 8 November 2022 [COMAGRI]
- JURI competence for trade marks and EUIPO related provisions (opinion in preparation)
- **Compromise amendments** COMAGRI vote on 20 April
- **EP mini-plenary vote** in May
- **EP plenary vote** envisaged for November 2023

# Proceedings in the Council

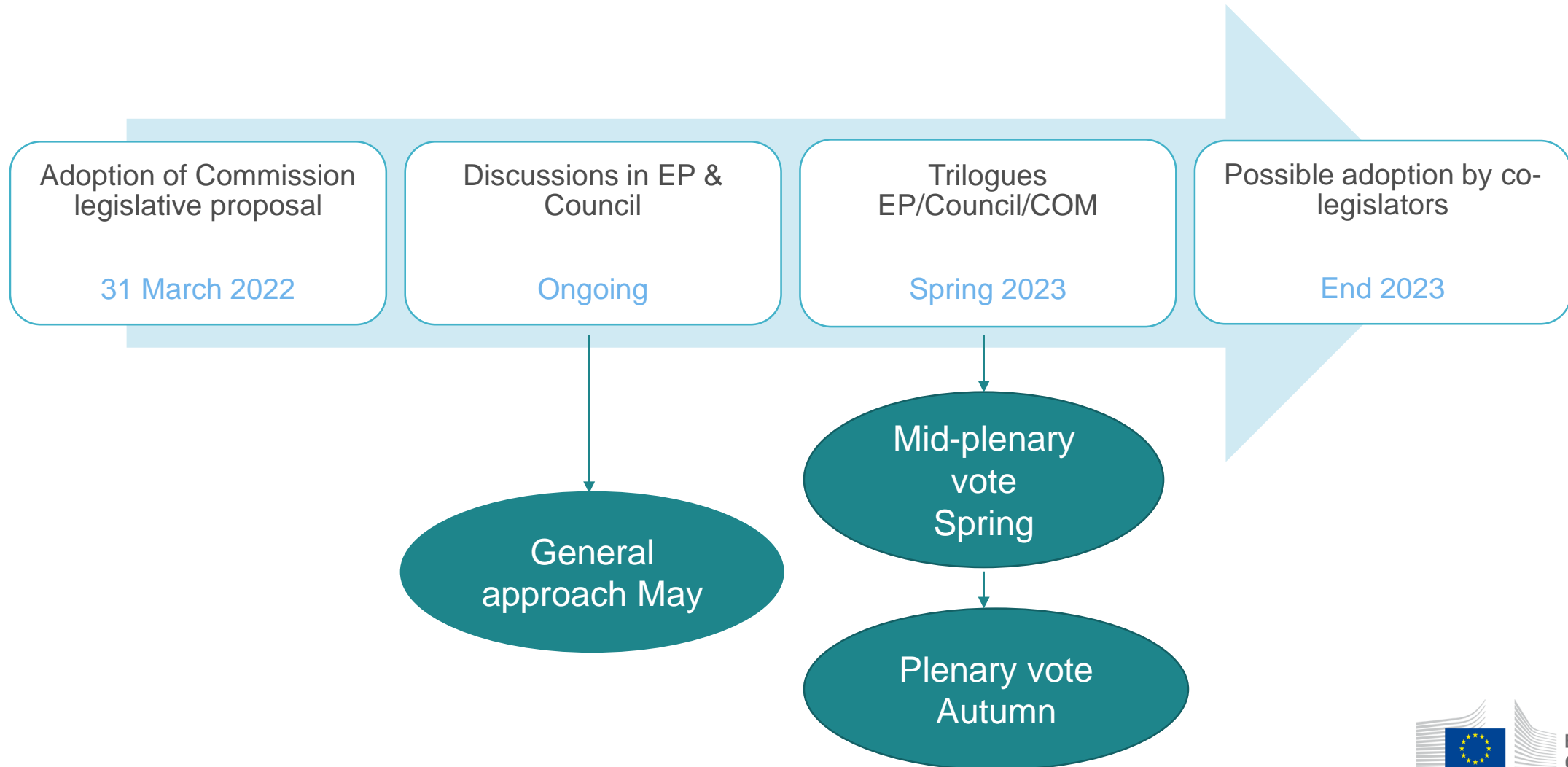
Council Working Group meetings took place under the French, Czech and now the Swedish Presidency (Spanish Presidency taking over from July)

Most important outstanding issues:

- Involvement of **EUIPO** in the management of GIs
- Introduction of the concept of **recognised producer groups**
- Protection of GI rights in **domain names**
- **Concerns** of the **wine sector** as regards the shifting of some provisions from CMO Regulation to the proposed horizontal Regulation on GIs



# Timeline



# Thank you

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