

# CAP

after 2020

## designing Eco-Schemes

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# Plan

1. Policy context – state of play
2. Indicative list for eco-schemes
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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

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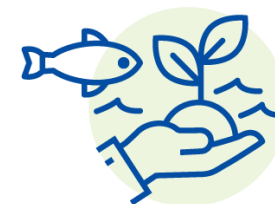
Bring back at least 10% of agricultural area **under high diversity landscape features** by 2030

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

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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

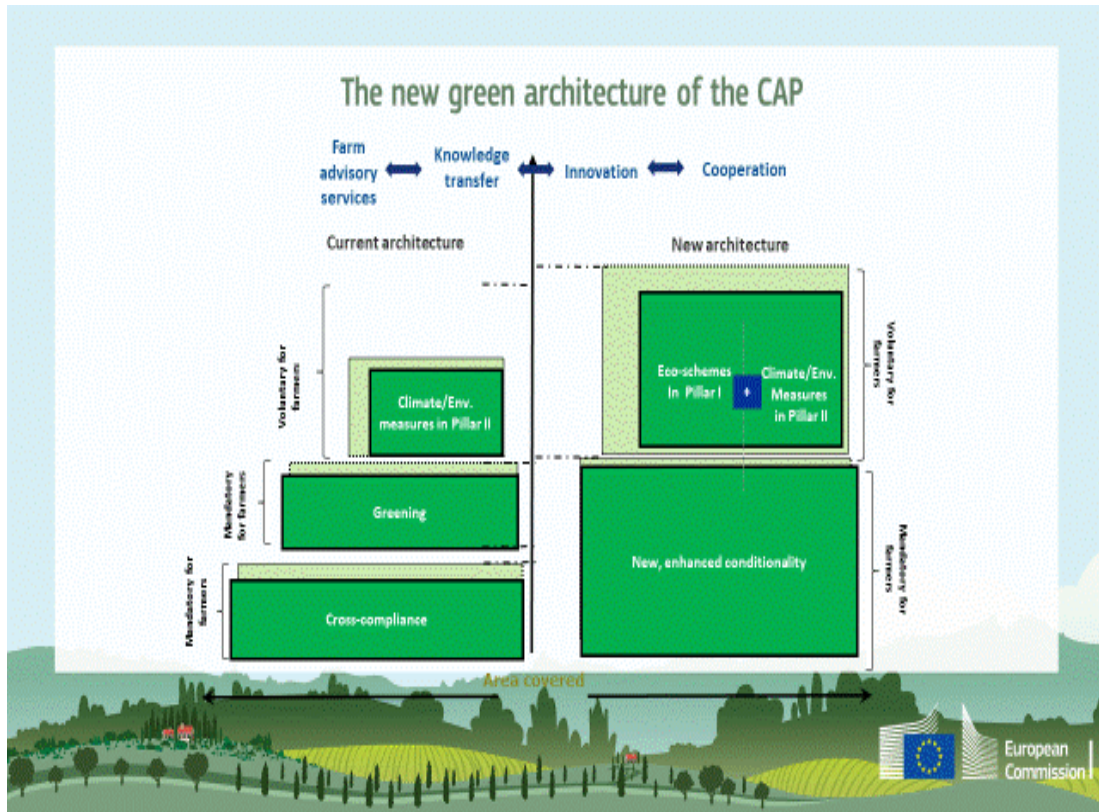
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Achieve at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under **organic farming** and a significant increase in **organic aquaculture** by 2030

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# 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)

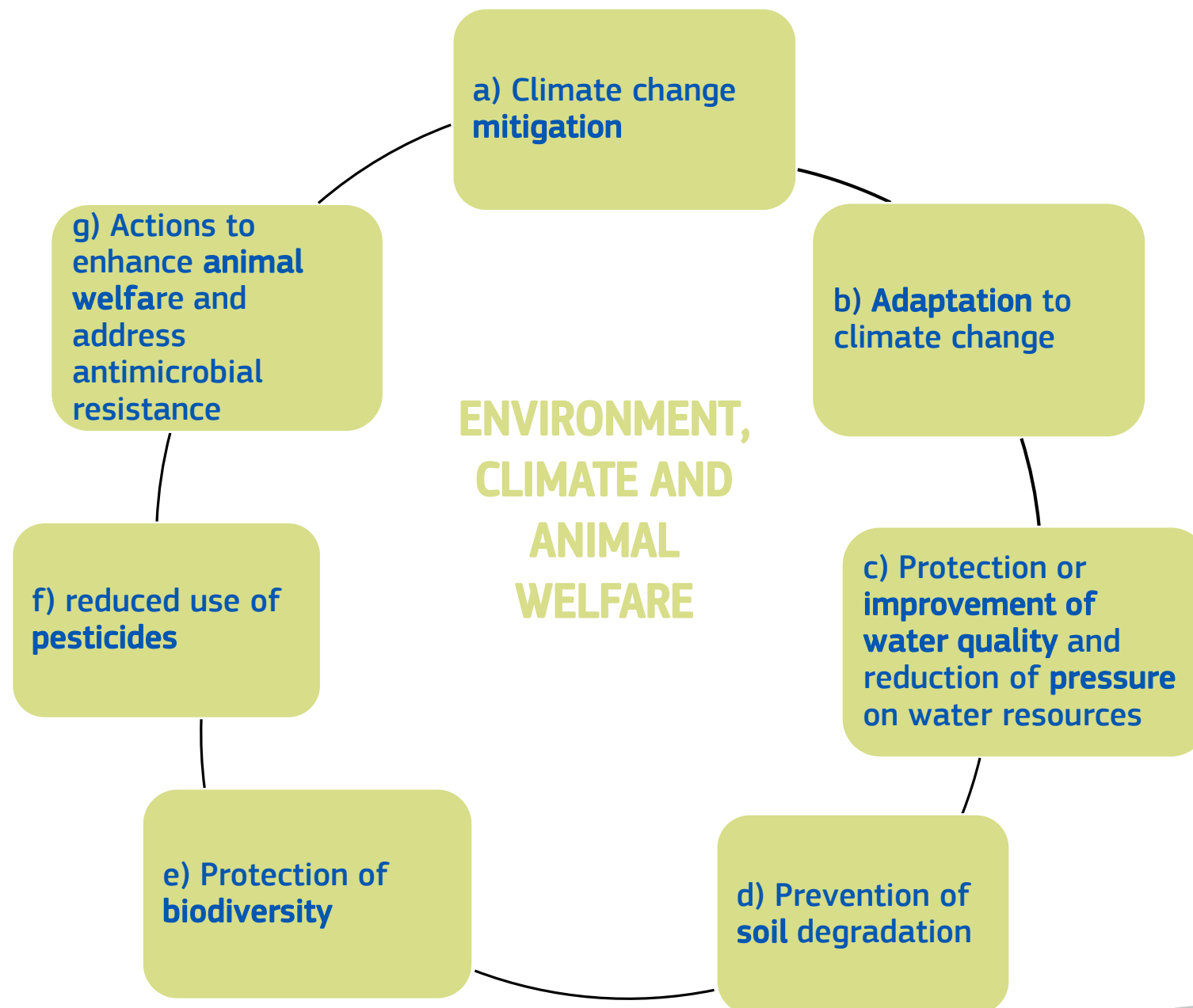
## Conditionality

- « Principle of agreement » for **all GAEC** except GAEC9 on landscape features
- Veterinary 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
- « Enhanced » eco-schemes: avoiding double controls
- Definitions of agricultural activity, agricultural area (Art. 4)
- **Pending:**
  - *List of “areas of action”*
  - *Indicative list of practices that could be supported by ES – status*
  - ***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)



## 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 ressources
- Practices beneficial for soil
- Practices related to GHG emissions



# 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

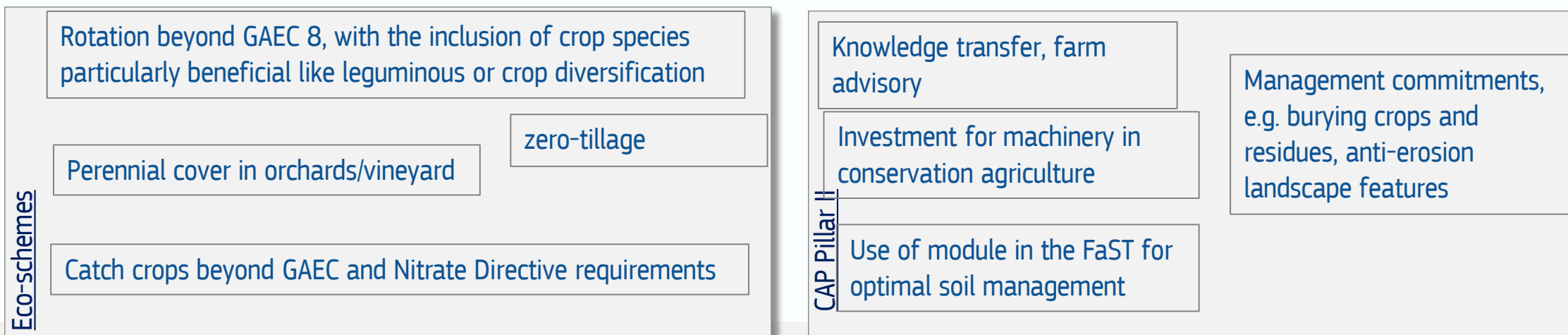
- Crop rotation with leguminous crops (a, b, d, f)
- Mixed cropping - multi cropping (b, d, e, f)
- Cover crop between tree rows on permanent crops - orchards, vineyards, olive trees - above conditionality (a, c, d, e, f)
- Winter soil cover and catch crops above conditionality (a, b, c, d)
- Low intensity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



# Flagship : Agro-ecology

## Green architecture for agricultural soils (protection and quality)

Together with soil organic content, other soil characteristics are important to ensure fertility. They are all interconnected and good practices are beneficial for all of them. A general rule is avoiding as much as possible bare soils, and reducing its disturbance.



### Conditionality

GAEC 6: Tillage management reducing the risk of soil degradation, including slope consideration

GAEC 7: No bare soil in most sensitive period(s). Define soil cover and sensitive period

GAEC 8: Crop rotation. Definition of minimum rotation pattern ( change at parcel level

*Main objective of GAECs: Minimum land management reflecting site specific conditions to limit erosion;*

*Protection of soils in winter; Preserve the soil potential*

Baseline

CAP specific objective:

Foster sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources such as water, SOIL and air

## CAP SPR proposal in relation to WTO conditions

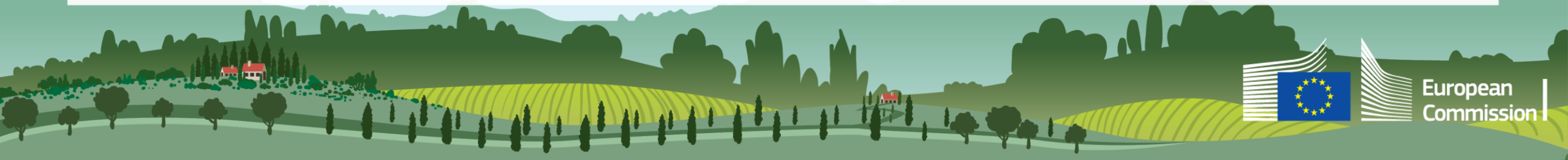
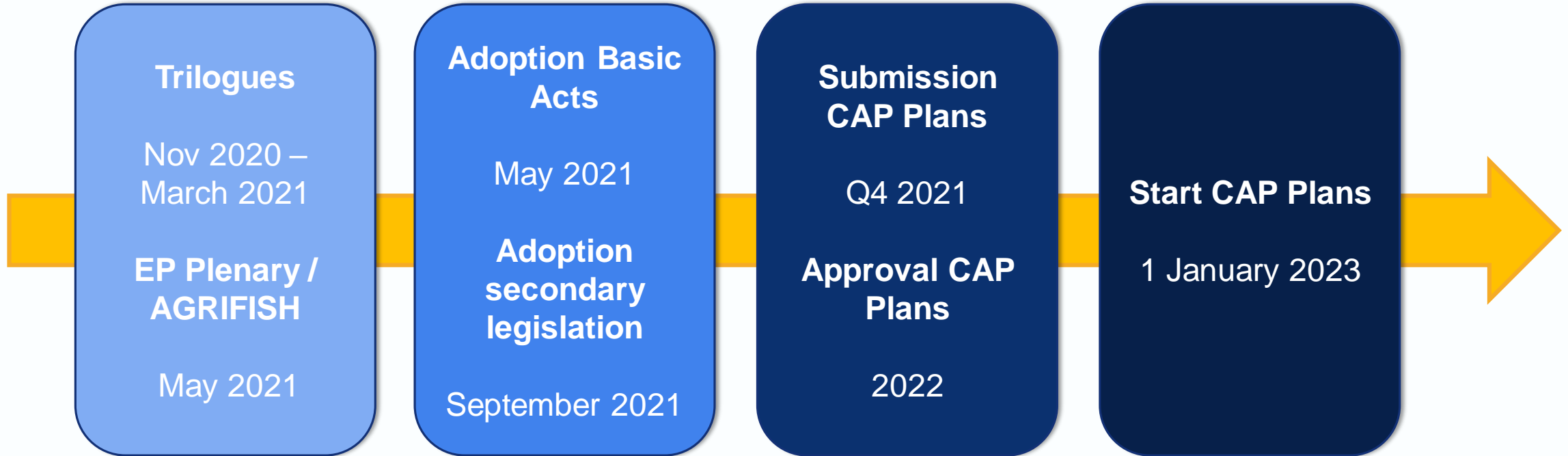
- Article 10 and Annex II of CAP SPR: MS have to design Eco-schemes (ES) in accordance with WTO Green Box criteria (Annex 2 to the AoA):
- Article 28.6(a): ES payments additional to the BISS not limited to compensation for extra costs and income foregone
  - paragraph 5 (direct payments to producers) for BIS systems without payment entitlements
  - paragraph 6 (decoupled income support) for BIS systems with payment entitlements
- **Article 28.6(b):** ES not additional to BIS, limited to compensation for extra costs and loss of income on the basis of paragraph 12



## On going 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 (*it will be made public soon*)
- Two **Expert groups** on how to address GD targets (Farm to Fork and biodiversity strategies) within the CAP strategic plans
- Bilateral **meetings with MS** within the « Geohubs » on eco-schemes

## Planned timeline



# Thanks !

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