

# Pesticides and the CAP

*Current policy and proposal  
for post 2020*

PAN Seminar on pesticides and  
biodiversity loss

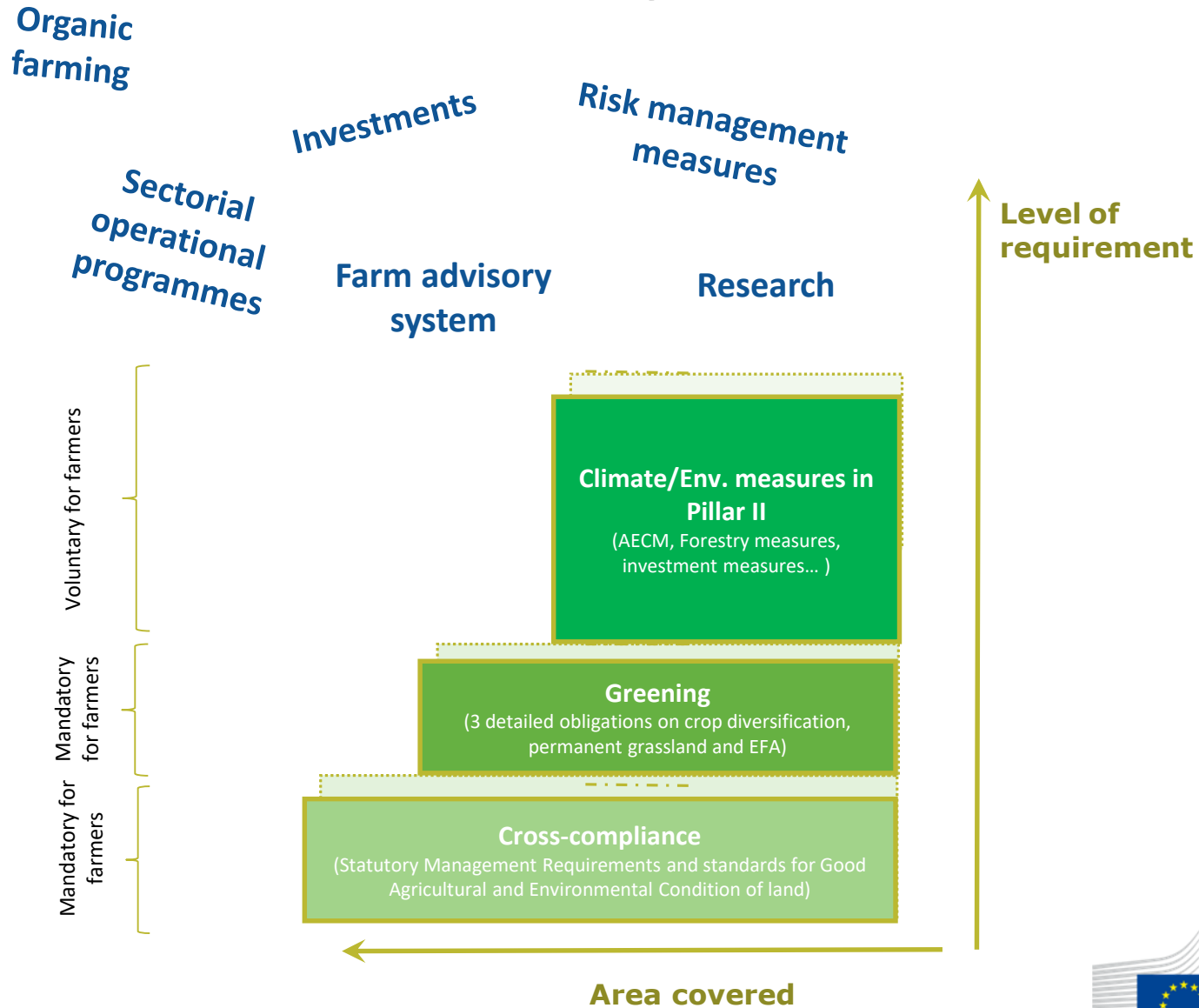
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- ***What is done in the current CAP?***

# The current green architecture



# Cross compliance

## Statutory Management requirements (SMR):

- SMR 4: Food Law
- SMR 10: Regulation on pesticides

## Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition (GAEC):

- GAEC 1: Buffer strips along water courses
- GAEC 3: Protection of groundwater

# Greening

## Crop diversification

## Ecological Focus Area:

- Since 2018, ban of pesticides on productive areas

## Protection of permanent pastures

# Agri-environmental and climate measures

- Plant protection products use: use of certified seeds, integrated control of weeds, pest control
- Crop rotation: crop rotation plans
- Many measures of input reduction are part of more general measures of integrated farming (fruits and vegetable, vines and olive are the main crops concerned)
- Organic farming!
- Etc.

# Sectorial Operational Programmes

- In the Fruits and Vegetable sector, Integrated Pest Management is part of National Environmental Framework under Operational Programmes
- In the period 2010-2017, environmental actions represented 17% of OP expenditure

# Farm Advisory System

Requirements under cross-compliance, land management for eligibility, greening and rural development

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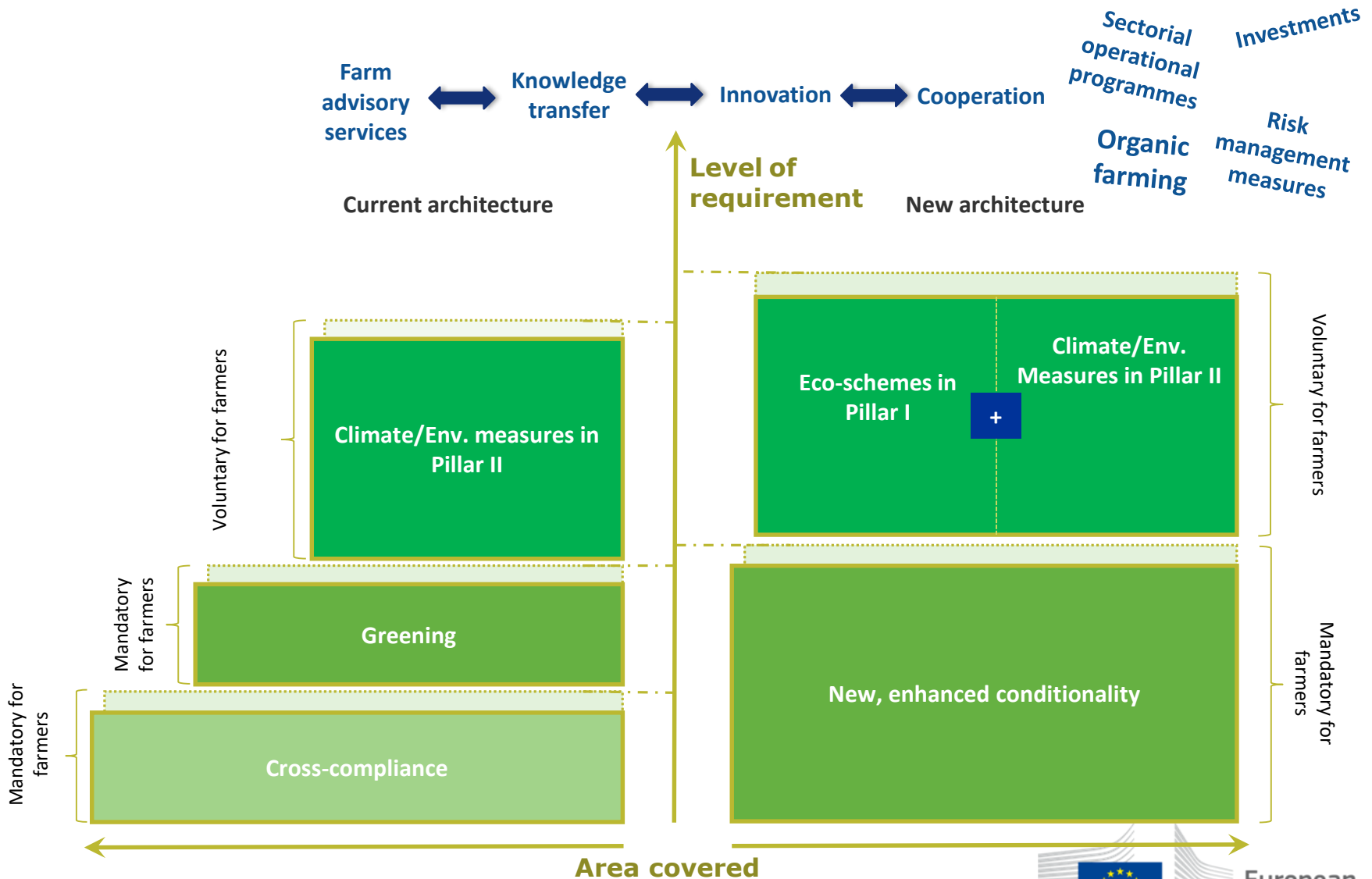
Requirements under the Water Framework Directive

Requirements under the Directive for the sustainable use of pesticides, including Integrated Pest Management



- ***What is proposed for the future CAP?***

# The new green architecture



# **New, enhanced conditionality**

## Existing standards and requirements under cross-compliance

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### New SMRs:

- SMR 1: Water Framework Directive
- SMR 13: Directive on Sustainable Use of Pesticides

### New GAECs:

- GAEC 1: Protection of permanent grassland (ex-greening)
- GAEC 2: Protection of peatland/wetland
- GAEC 5: Use of Farm Sustainability Tool for Nutrients
- GAEC 8: Crop rotation (ex-greening)
- GAEC 9: Biodiversity area (ex-greening)
- GAEC 10: Protection of environmentally sensitive permanent grassland

# Eco-schemes

This is a new possibility to devote Pillar I money to schemes for the environment and climate change.

These schemes:

- Are compulsory for MSs
- Are included in Pillar I (not co-financed, annual, addressed to farmers for agricultural activity on farmland, etc.)
- Share of budget set by MSs
- Content of measures set by MSs (but consistent and complementary with other CAP measures)
- Amounts of payments set by MSs but in line with WTO Green Box)

# Exemple: sustainable use of pesticides

# Relevant main objectives

## General objective:

(b) To bolster environmental care and climate action and to contribute to the environment- and climate-related objectives of the Union

## Specific objectives:

(e) Foster sustainable development and efficient management of natural resources such as water, soil and air

(f) Contribute to the protection of biodiversity, enhance ecosystem services and preserve habitat and landscape

# Baseline: conditionality



SMR 1: Water Framework Directive

SMR 12 and 13: Pesticides legislation

GAEC 4 : Buffer strips

GAEC 8: Crop rotation (*e.g. not the same crop two consecutive years on x% of the arable area*)

GAEC 9: protection of landscape features and mandatory biodiversity area (%)

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GAEC 7: No bare soil (*e.g. residues, green cover or winter crops*)

GAEC 5: Farm sustainability tool for nutrients

# Pilar I: Eco-schemes



- Establishment of non-productive areas on agricultural land around water courses (beyond GAEC 9)
- Diversified crops on the rotation including leguminous (beyond GAEC 8)
- Conservation agriculture: rotation, no ploughing, soil cover (beyond GAEC 7 and GAEC 8)
- Maintenance of organic farming



## **Pillar II: Management commitments and other payments**

- Reduced or ban of use of pesticides (beyond GAEC 9)
- Use of Integrated Pest Management (beyond the SUD)
- Longer multiannual rotation and diversified crops (beyond GAEC 8 and Eco-schemes)
- Conversion to organic farming
- Payments for investments for pesticides management and localized spraying
- Payments for training and advice

# Cross-cutting: Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System

- Research on reducing the use of pesticides
- Advice (on proper use or no use of pesticides, etc.)
- Farmers organisations, environmental organisations, networks
- Innovation partnerships

# THANK YOU!

Further information is available at:

- [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/factsheets-long-term-budget-proposals\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/factsheets-long-term-budget-proposals_en)
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