

AKIS within the CAP 2028-2034 proposal

**Knowledge Ecosystem for Agriculture in
Campania**

New Opportunities for Rural Development

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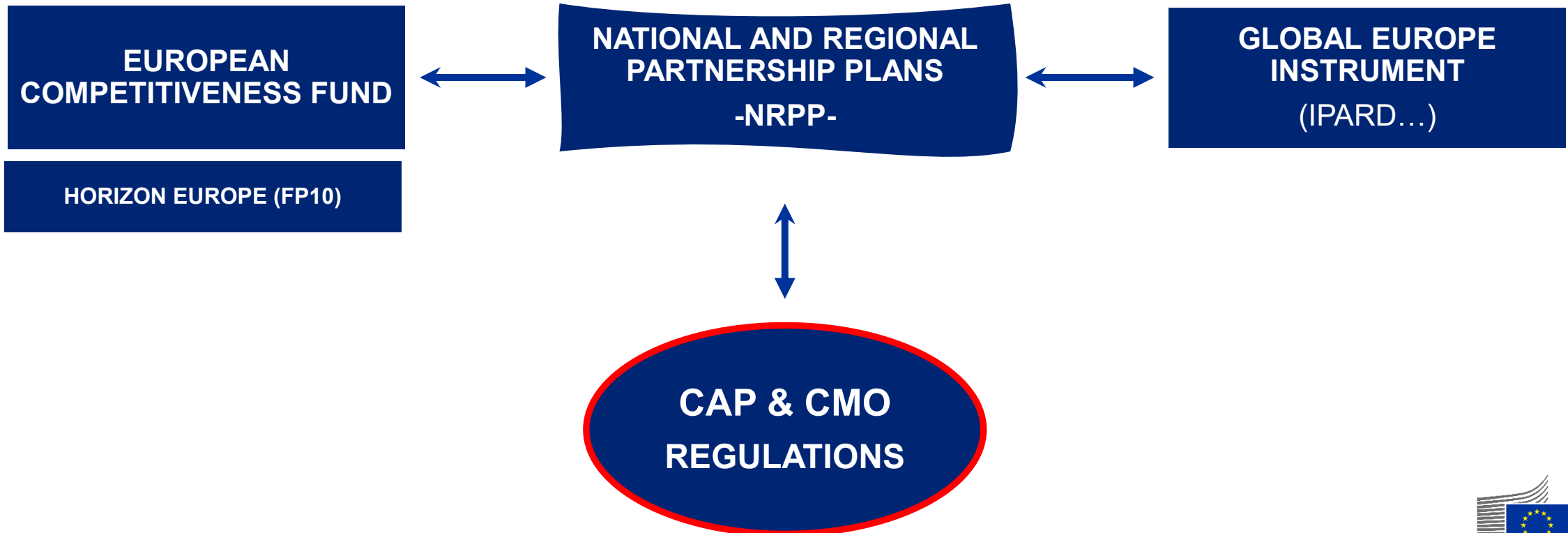
Presentation

- **GENERAL ON CAP 2028-2034 PROPOSAL**
- **INTERVENTIONS: Support for knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas” (Art. 19 CAP regulation proposal)**
- **SYSTEM APPROACH: Agricultural knowledge and innovation systems and farm advisory services (Art. 20 CAP regulation proposal)**
- **RELATED AKIS PROVISIONS**



The CAP in the MFF architecture

PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK REGULATION

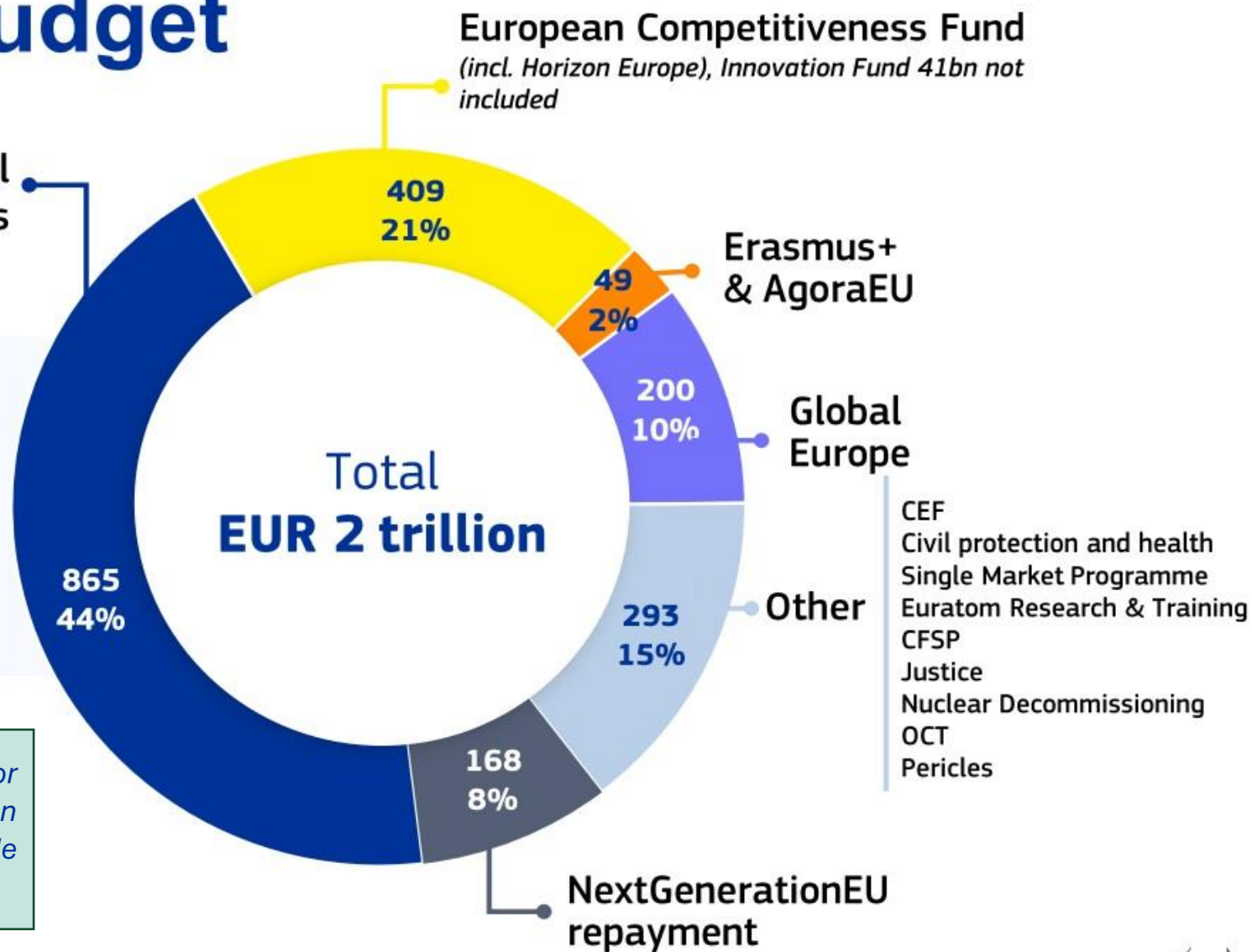


An ambitious budget

- From 52 to **16 programmes**
- **Simpler** for beneficiaries
- **Results** oriented
- More **agile**

Ceilings continue to be based on a 2% fixed deflator when EU inflation is between 1% and 3%. When inflation is below 1% or above 3%, adjustment made based on actual inflation.

All amounts in EUR, **current prices**, adjusted with 2% deflator



Safeguarding income support: Comparison 2021-2027 and 2028-2034

CAP 2021-2027

EUR 378.5 billion in total, split between (before transfers between pillars):

- European Agricultural Guarantee Fund

EUR 291.1 billion

- European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development

EUR 87.4 billion

CAP 2028-2034

Minimum EUR 300 billion, from

- CAP ringfenced amount: **EUR 293.7 billion**
- Unity safety net: **EUR 6.3 billion**

Together with access to:

AKIS interventions

- The non-allocated amounts: **EUR 453 billion**, with the following rules:
 - Possibility to access as of 2028 **EUR 45 billion** of the 2031 mid-term review funds available (2/3 of mid-term review)
 - Rural target of 10% of the NRP Plan: **EUR 48.7 billion**
- Catalyst Europe: **EUR 15 billion** of EUR 150 billion

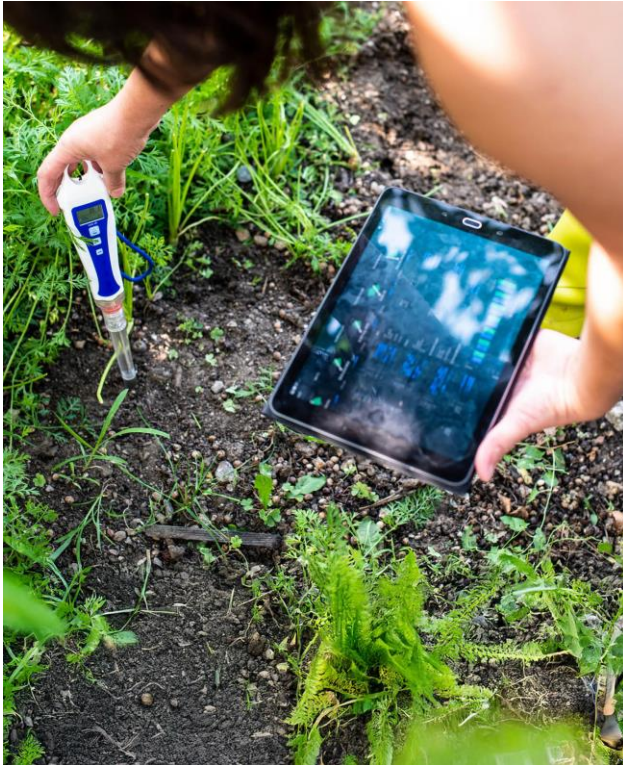
Knowledge, innovation and advice in CAP post-2027

Provisions on knowledge sharing and innovation are a continuation of current provisions with strong emphasis on well-functioning Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (**AKIS**) with EIP-AGRI as a cornerstone



Vision for Agriculture and Food

Creating an enabling environment



Main priorities:

- ❑ Further advancing the transition through digitalization
- ❑ Using **knowledge, research and innovation** as catalysts for change
- ❑ Strengthening **AKIS** and supporting **advisory services**

Main actions:

- ✓ EU Digital Strategy for Agriculture
- ✓ EU strategic approach to R&I to improve the competitiveness of agriculture
- ✓ **CAP supporting AKIS with EIP-AGRI as cornerstone**
- ✓ Strengthening the role of **independent advisors**
- ✓ Soil Mission



Main provisions

CAP 2023-2027 – Regulation (EU) 2021/2115

- **Art. 127** – EIP-AGRI
- **Art. 77** – Cooperation (funding to EIP OG projects)
- **Art. 78** – Knowledge exchange and dissemination of information
- **Art. 15** – Farm advisory services
- **Art. 114** – Modernisation (including provisions on AKIS)
- **Art. 126** – National and EU CAP Networks (task to foster innovation and knowledge exchange)

CAP post-2027 – proposed CAP Regulation

- **Art. 19** – Support for knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas

- **Art. 20** – AKIS and farm advisory services

CAP post-2027 – proposed NRP Regulation

- **Art. 57** – National and EU CAP Networks (task to foster innovation and knowledge exchange)



Article 19 – Support for knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas



General principles - Article 19 of CAP proposal

- Interventions - MS shall provide support:
 - **To prepare and implement EIP-AGRI OGs**, as well as actions to ensure **broader uptake** of projects' results and
 - **knowledge sharing actions**: innovation, training and advice, skills development, advisory services and alike.
- EIP-AGRI set up
- EIP-AGRI operational groups & conditions



Art. 19 of proposed CAP Regulation

Funding from outside the ring-fenced allocations for CAP

Art. 19 - Member States shall provide support for knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas

Art 36(1) of NRP – specific requirements for CAP interventions

General provisions of NRP

Min. NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION rate depends on region: 15% 40% 60% - Art 20(1) of NRP

MAXIMUM SUPPORT RATES set only by state aid rules

SIMPLIFIED COST OPTIONS:
Obligatory when estimated cost of operation = or below EUR 100 000* - Art. 78(2) of NRP

Possible additional national financing – Art 85(3) of NRP

Aim of EIP-AGRI

- To **accelerate development and use of innovations** by improving the exchange of knowledge and **fostering synergies between policies, actors and instruments**. Results from its work shall be disseminated and **multiplied through the AKIS**.
- The EIP-AGRI shall:
 - (a) support cooperation projects for innovation through **operational groups**
 - (b) **link research and farming and forestry practice** and inform the scientific community of the needs of those practices;
 - (c) **connect innovation actors and projects**, particularly via the Union and national CAP networks;
 - (d) promote the use of innovative solutions through **dissemination of information and knowledge**, including farmer-to-farmer exchanges



General principles for OG projects (1)

- Projects implemented by the EIP-AGRI OGs shall be based on the ‘**interactive innovation model**’:
 - innovative solutions focusing on the **specific needs of farmers, forester holders and rural actors**;
 - **partners with complementary knowledge** such as academia, researchers and the farming community, and where relevant, actors of the food chain and **ensure their active involvement**
 - the projects are **co-created and co-decided** among the actors involved in the projects and implemented in a consultative manner, including ensuring the potential for scale up



Article 19(1) point (a) [...] “as well as actions to ensure broader uptake of projects’ results”

- allow to specifically fund actions aimed at uptake of results of EIP-AGRI OG projects
- must focus on the **broader uptake (NEW)** of projects’ result = must go beyond the dissemination requirements in Art 19(3)
- can be a part of EIP-AGRI OG projects, or a follow-up of their work but **implemented by EIP-AGRI projects**
- more horizontal actions linked to innovation and dissemination of e.g. EIP-AGRI OG results in general can be supported under Article 19(1) point (b)



Article 19(1) point (a) [...] “as well as actions to ensure broader uptake of projects’ results”

Possible examples:

- ✓ Organize or participate in demonstration activities to showcase innovations in real-world
- ✓ Develop specific, additional tools helping with broader uptake/outreach
- ✓ Participate in brokerages, innovation fairs, etc.
- ✓ Adaptation of the solution/scaling up
- ✓ Pursue (cross-border) collaborations aimed at wider adoption of the innovative solution



General principles for OG projects(2)

- Condition for support for the EIP-AGRI operational groups projects:
 - (a) **approved project plan that is based on the interactive innovation model principles**
 - (b) the operational group **shall involve at least two different actors and shall contribute to one or more CAP-related specific objectives set out in Article 3, point (d), of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP]**
- Member States shall set **objective criteria and transparent requirements** for the **content, the duration, the submission and approval of project plans**



Dissemination and networking for OG projects

- **Dissemination** of OG projects and results – Art 19(3)
 - **Key results of the OG projects have to be disseminated through practice-oriented channels, including the national and Union CAP networks.**
 - Dissemination of **the objectives of the projects, participating partners, key thematic areas addressed, geographical location, total budget, and the final outcome** with focus on the practical innovative solutions
- **Networking between OG projects via CAP Networks** – Art 57(4)(d) of NRP

The objectives of the national and European CAP networks shall be to:[...]
(d) foster innovation, peer-to-peer learning, and knowledge-sharing

Data collection on OG projects by EC: Art 63(1)(g) of NRP PROPOSAL



General principles for support knowledge sharing under 19(1)(b)

- Member States shall provide support for actions to promote **innovation, training and advice, skills development, advisory services** and other **forms of knowledge sharing and dissemination of information**
- Support for **advisory services** shall only be granted for those advisory services that comply with Article 20(3)
- No support for research bodies only
- General rules laid down in proposed NRP Regulation apply



Minimum national contribution rates for support under Art 19 of CAP regulation

National contribution rate for AKIS interventions (Art. 20(1) of NRP Proposal)

Minimum national contribution rate depends on the development of a region - at least:

15% for less developed regions

40% for transition regions

60% for more developed regions



Maximum support rates for support under Art 19 of CAP regulation & other relevant provisions

- No maximum support rates in the NRP Regulation. However, new **state aid rules** will apply – which may set limits/conditions
- Art. 85(2) of NRP Regulation **provides for an exemption from state aid rules** for certain CAP interventions, **including knowledge sharing and innovation support** [Art. 35(1)(m) of NRP Regulation / Art. 19 of CAP Regulation] – provided they fall under Art. 42 TFEU and are included in the NRP Plan
- For **investments within EIP-AGRI OG projects** where beneficiary is farmer or forest holder, maximum support rates apply as per Art. 35(4) NRP Proposal



Article 20 - Agricultural knowledge and innovation systems and farm advisory services



Provisions on AKIS - Article 20 of CAP proposal

Proposed NRP Regulation

- **Article 4 – Definitions**
 - AKIS definition
- **Article 22 - Requirements for the NRP Plans**
 - NRP Plans to promote knowledge sharing by setting out, [...] AKIS including its organisation set-up

Proposed CAP Regulation

- **Article 20 - Agricultural knowledge and innovation systems and farm advisory services**
 - Provisions on including advisory systems



Art. 20 – AKIS and farm advisory services

- Each Member State shall establish in the NRP Plan **how innovations and up-to-date knowledge reach farmers**, in particular through AKIS. **AKIS shall include:**
 - (a) arrangements to ensure **effective knowledge flows and synergies** between advisors, researchers, practitioners, national CAP networks and other relevant stakeholders
 - (b) actions to improve access to **impartial and qualified advice**
 - (c) support for innovation as a part of the farm advisory services, particularly support for the **EIP-AGRI operational groups** for use of the ‘interactive innovation model’
 - (d) a plan to improve **dissemination and demonstration of research outcomes and innovative and sustainable solutions**
 - (e) AKIS **interventions set out in the NRP Plan** and their **complementarity and coherence** with relevant national initiatives/measures set out in the NRP Plan;
 - (f) **a system for provision of farm advisory services**, established in accordance with paragraph 3.



Farm advisory services - Article 20 of CAP proposal

- Access to **impartial advice** to **farmers and forest holders**
- **Areas covered** (Art. 20.3.a):
 - sustainable and resilient management
 - requirements for support set out in the NRP Plans
 - setting-up and transfers of holdings and start-ups
 - business management
 - access to social support and raising awareness about mental health issues and availability of the relevant services
 - use of innovations, data-driven solutions and digital tools
- Targeted **advice for young farmers**
- **Direct access to advisers** (public databases of advisors)
- Advice: **impartial, advisors suitably qualified, no conflict of interest**



Article 16 – “Starter pack for young farmers” & interventions related to AKIS



Starter pack for young farmers

- The CAP should bundle all relevant tools into a coherent and visible framework to facilitate **entry, establishment, and consolidation of young farmers**
- Article 16: **set of measures** in line with the Strategy on Generational Renewal



Starter pack for young farmers

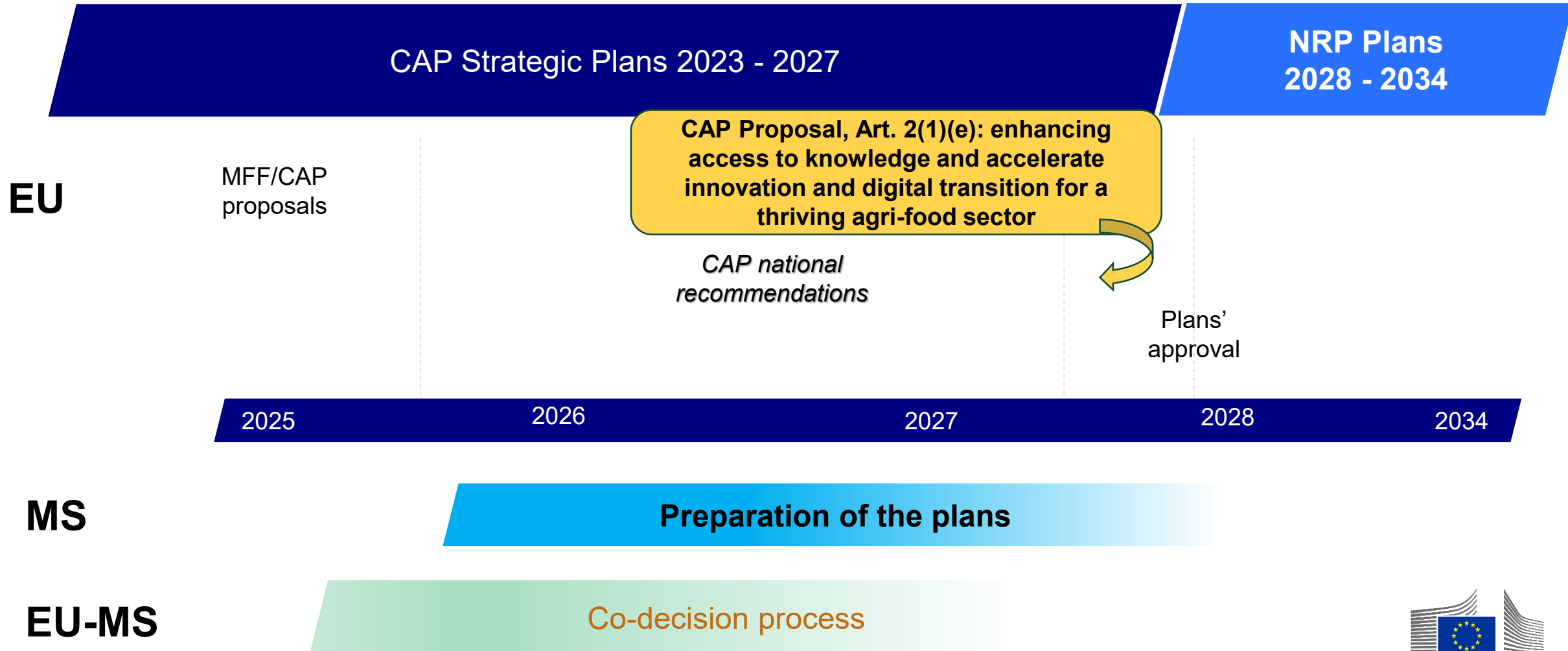
- 2 measures related to AKIS

Art. 16 (1) (g) **cooperation interventions facilitating access to innovation** through the projects of EIP-AGRI operational groups in accordance with Article 19 of this Regulation and Article 74 of Regulation (EU) [...] [NRP];

Art. 16 (1) (j) **access to advisory services** and training programs tailored to young farmers' needs, in accordance with Article 20.



Preparation for the NRP Plan/ CAP Chapter



Thank you

