

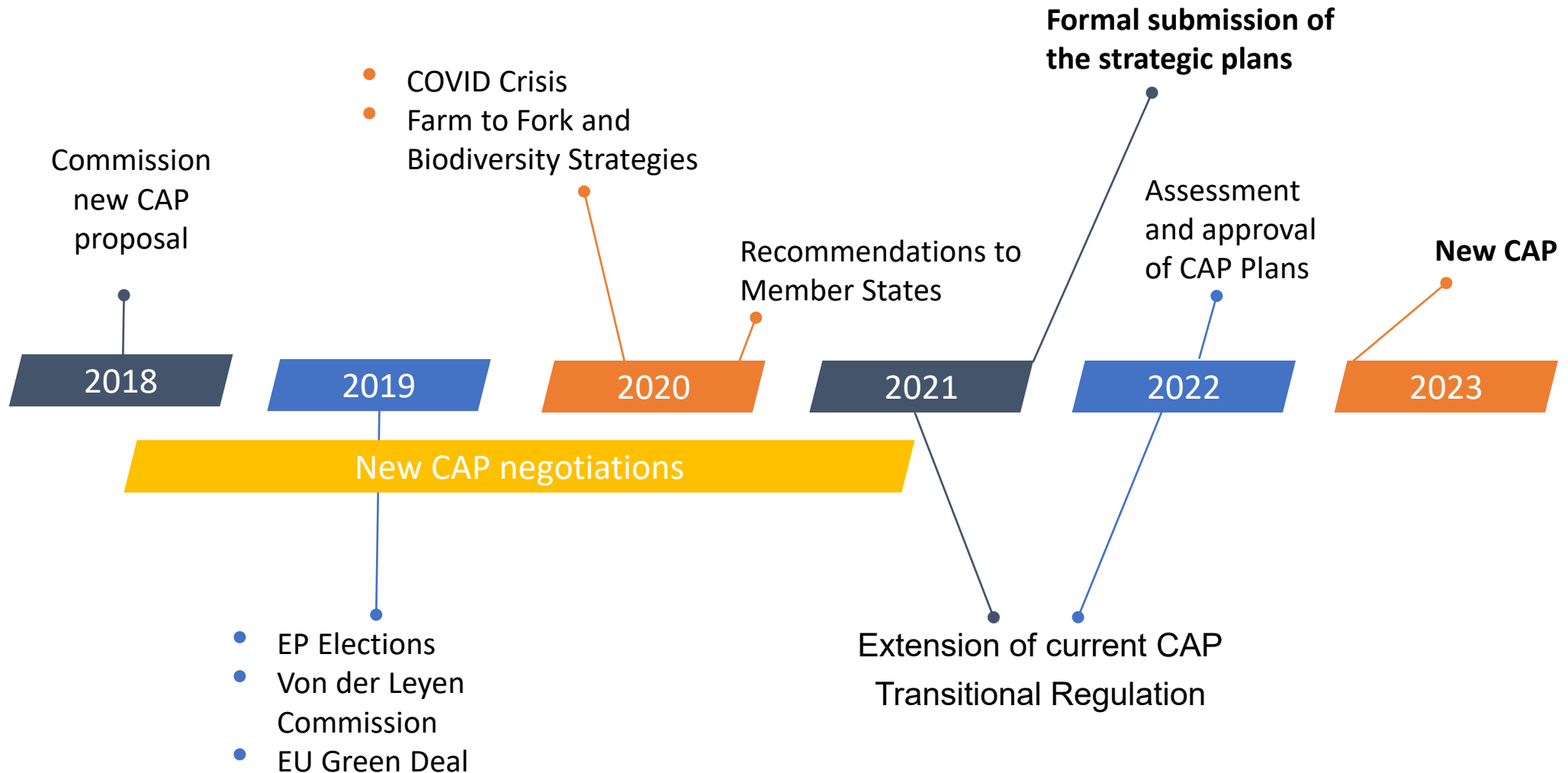


Novelties in the CAP 2023-2027, the design of the Strategic Plans and lessons for the future

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Timeline – from legal framework to CAP Strategic Plans



Key elements of the CAP reform

- **Strategic planning and performance model with a single CAP Strategic Plan**
- **Organised around 10 Specific Objectives**

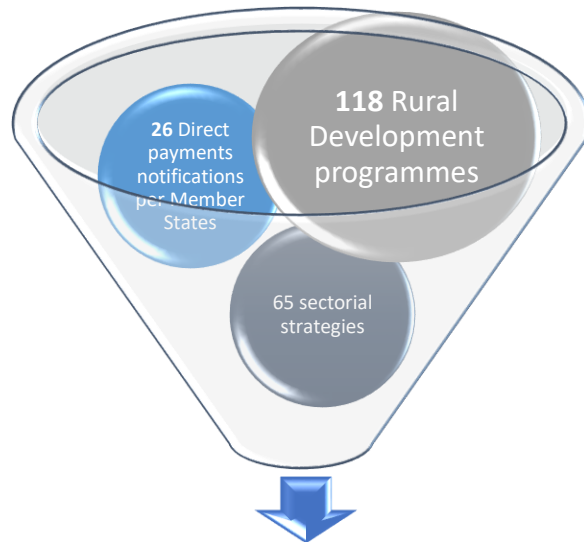
- With an upgraded and enlarged set of instruments
- Strengthening support for and addressing new areas
- Reinforced EU-level ring-fencing
- More prescriptive (EU level) for some conditions

- **Enhanced performance, monitoring and evaluation framework**
- **Commission reports: 2023 and 2025**



CAP Strategic Plans

- **Single CAP plan**
- **Strategic approach** based on needs assessment
- **Commonality** while recognising the specificities
- Within a **wider framework**
- Must be **result - based** in a broader framework of the Green Deal
- **Structured dialogue** with Member States
- **Approved by the Commission**



National CAP Strategic Plans





CAP Plans preparation

- Commission recommendations
- Needs based planning
- Key tools for support
- Challenges

Commission recommendations

CAP Recommendations

Analysis of the MS

Specific Recommendations

Alignment (National aspirations) with the Green Deal Targets

Preparation CAP PLANS

SWOT analysis

Identification and prioritisation of needs

Intervention strategy

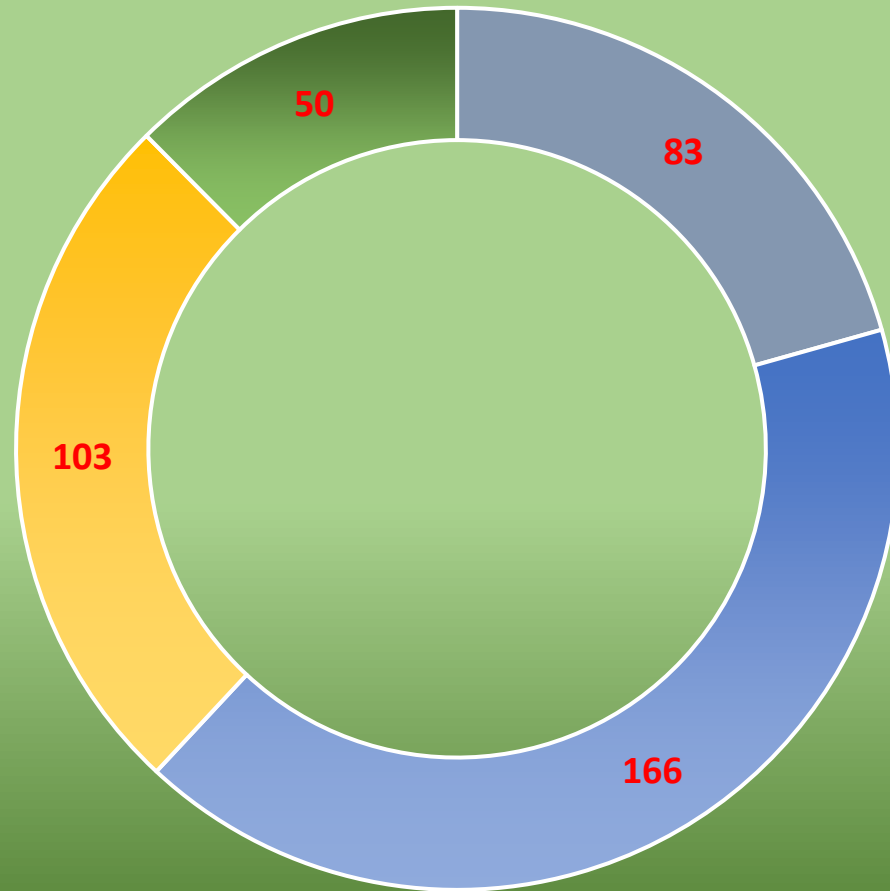
Selection of the interventions and financial allocations

Targets for result indicators

Recommendations – key principles

- Country specific assessment based on **facts and evidence structured around 9 + 1 CAP objectives**
- **Differentiate between Member States** with regard to starting points and necessary efforts
- Focus on key issues: **what should be achieved, with which policy routes, and which CAP interventions** (consistency with other policy tools)
- A particular attention to the **Green Deal targets**

402 recommendations from EU Commission to MS



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

Key steps towards the design of the CAP Strategic Plan

1/ SWOT analysis



2/ Identification, prioritisation of needs



3/ Intervention strategy



4/ Targets (result indicators)



5/ Design of the interventions and financial allocations

Simplified intervention logic-
CAP Plans design

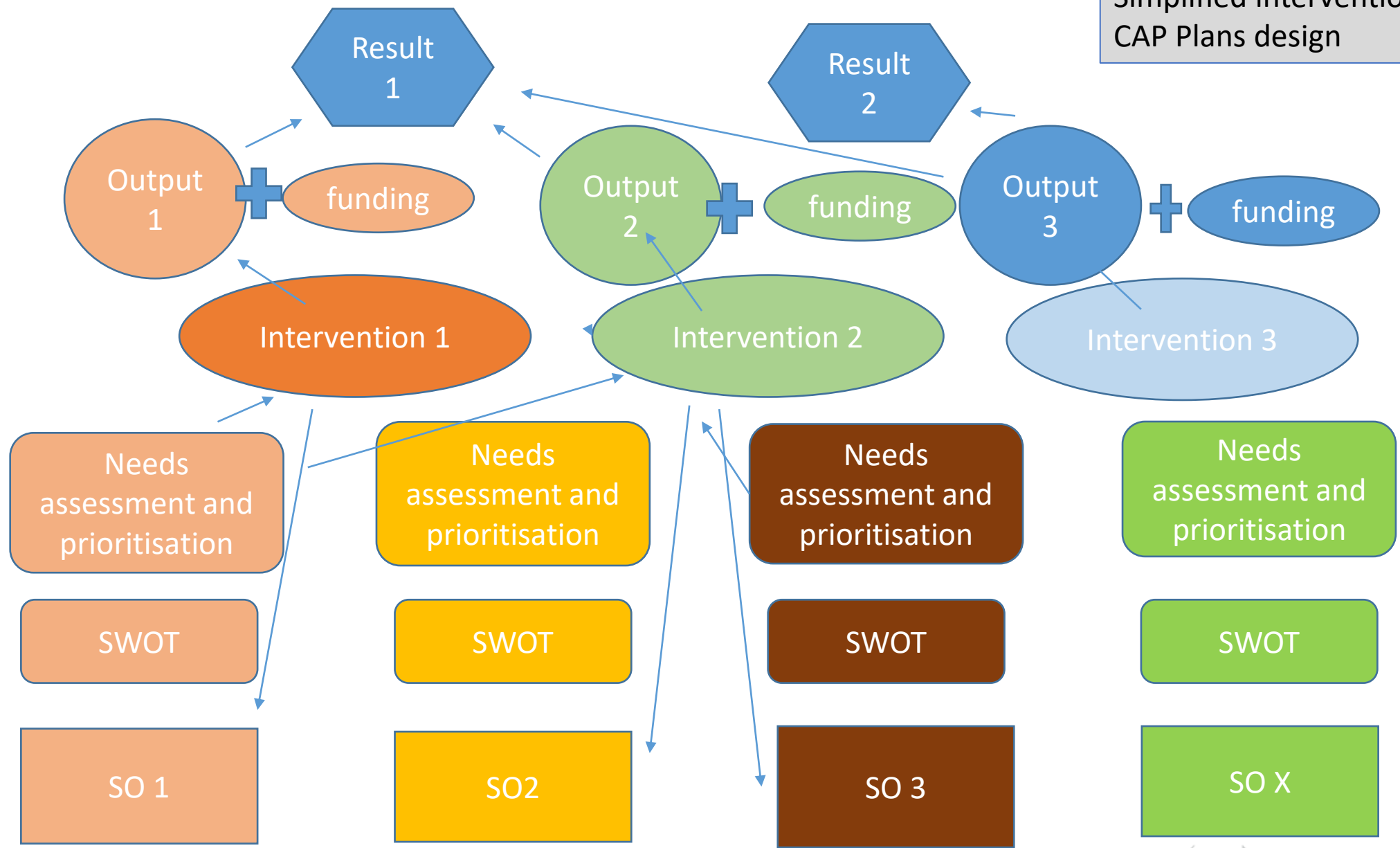
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Some elements and tools

- Strengthened structured dialogue between MS and Commission
- Provided training and tools
- Member States needed to involve competent authorities for the environment and climate
- Reinforced partnership principle, involving:
 - All relevant public bodies (including competent regional and local authorities)
 - Economic and social partners
 - Relevant bodies representing civil society

Challenges

- Needs based strategic planning vs common and predefined elements/limitations
- Balancing competing objectives
- Target setting
- Time pressure
- Need for complementarity within and outside
- Simplification vs stability
- Specific experience and knowledge to design tools for new challenges



CAP Plans approval and assessment

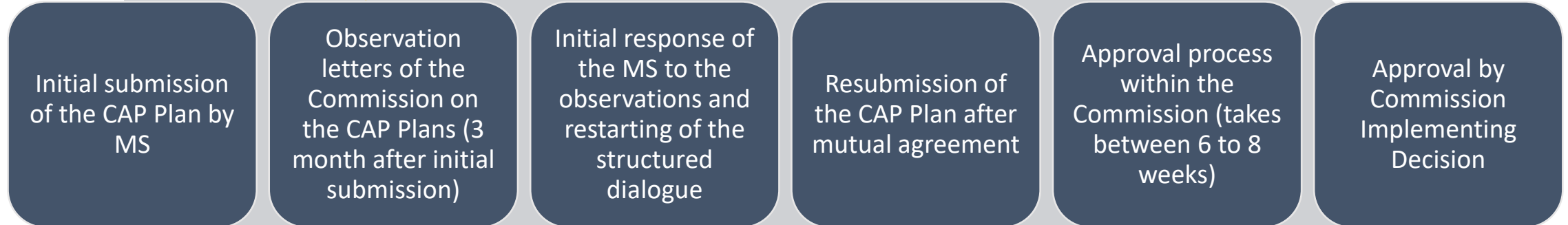
- Assessment
- Approval
- Monitoring

CAP Strategic Plan approval process

More information can be found here:

https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans_en

By 25 May 2022 every MS received an observation letter



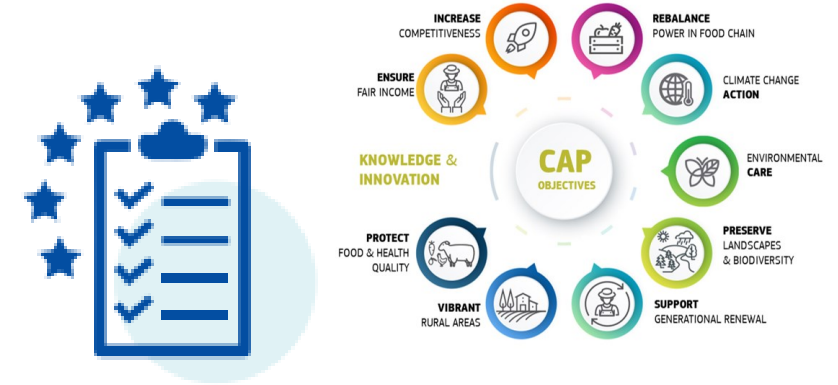
By 18 March all MS submitted their CAP Plans

The approval of each CAP Plan is also accompanied by an 'At a glance' document giving a flavour of the Plan. Both are published on the Europa website, follow the above link

Assessing CAP Strategic Plans

Legally binding criteria

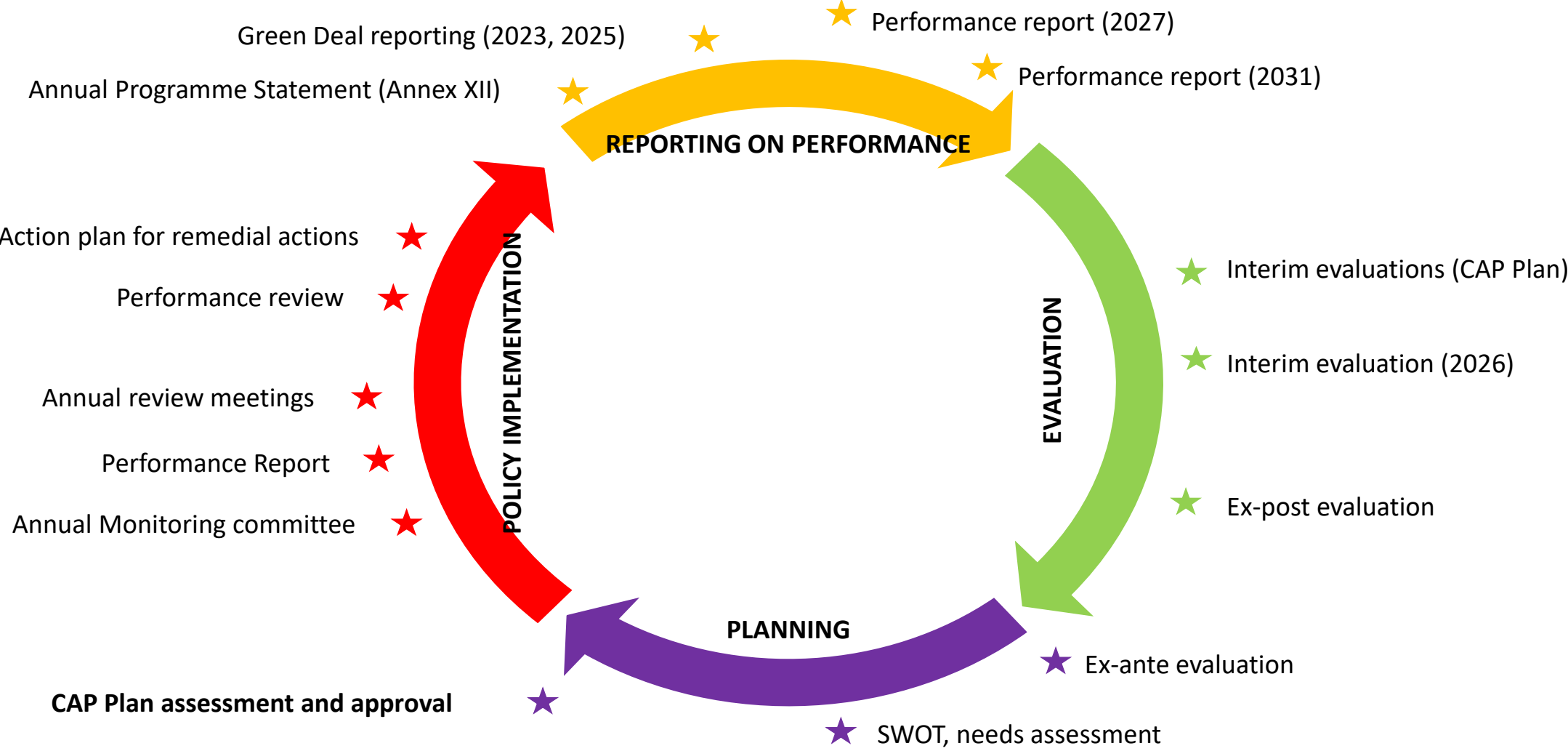
- Bottom-up, evidence based process (SWOT, needs assessment, ex-ante) along the 10 Specific Objectives
- Effective contribution to the specific objectives
- Completeness, consistency and coherence with the general principles of Union law and CAP Regulations
- Adequacy of the strategy of the CAP Strategic Plan
- Ring-fencing (eco-schemes, redistribution, young farmers) and other specific conditions
- Specific objectives, targets, interventions and the allocation of budgetary resources to meet the specific CAP specific objectives (GD targets to be also considered)
- Impact on the proper functioning of the internal market and distortion of competition
- **Targets (RI)** taking into account the specific interventions behind
- Using **JRC work for environmental practices**



CAP Plans - approval process

- First submission CAP Plan by MS (after structured dialogue and informal COM consultation)
- An observation letter – Inter-Service Consultation
- Observation letter (Commission decision)
- Resubmission, reassessment, dialogue
- Approval process (Commission decision)

Towards a performance-oriented CAP



Looking ahead

- It is crucial to continue learning and sharing good practices among Member States
- Complementarity of tools within based on needs and oriented towards targets
- Communication, outreach and awareness is key
- Monitoring, measuring and evaluation on an ongoing basis
- Complementarities and synergies with national and EU tools
- Manage needs for improvements/amendments