



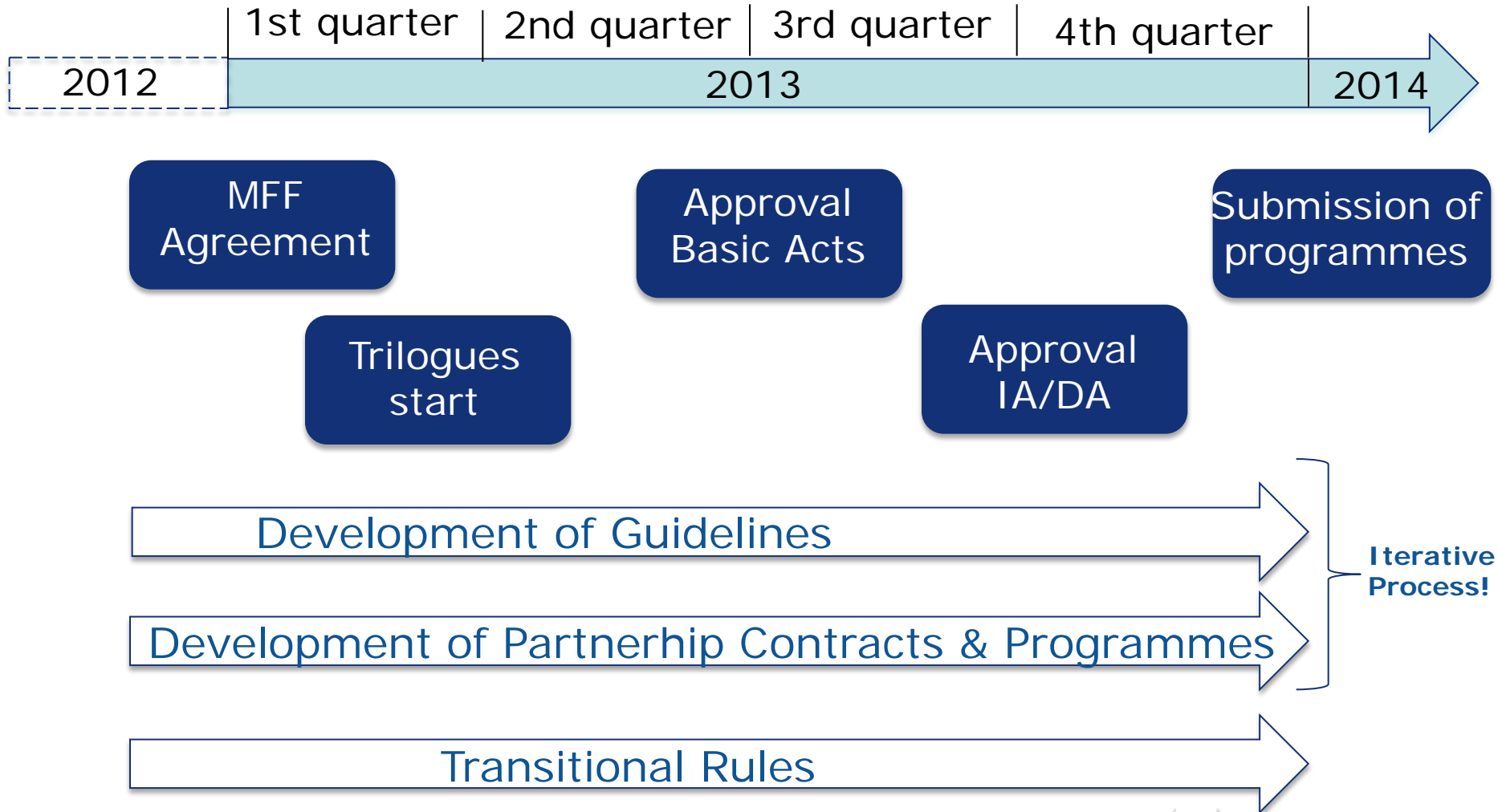
# The new Rural Development Policy after 2013

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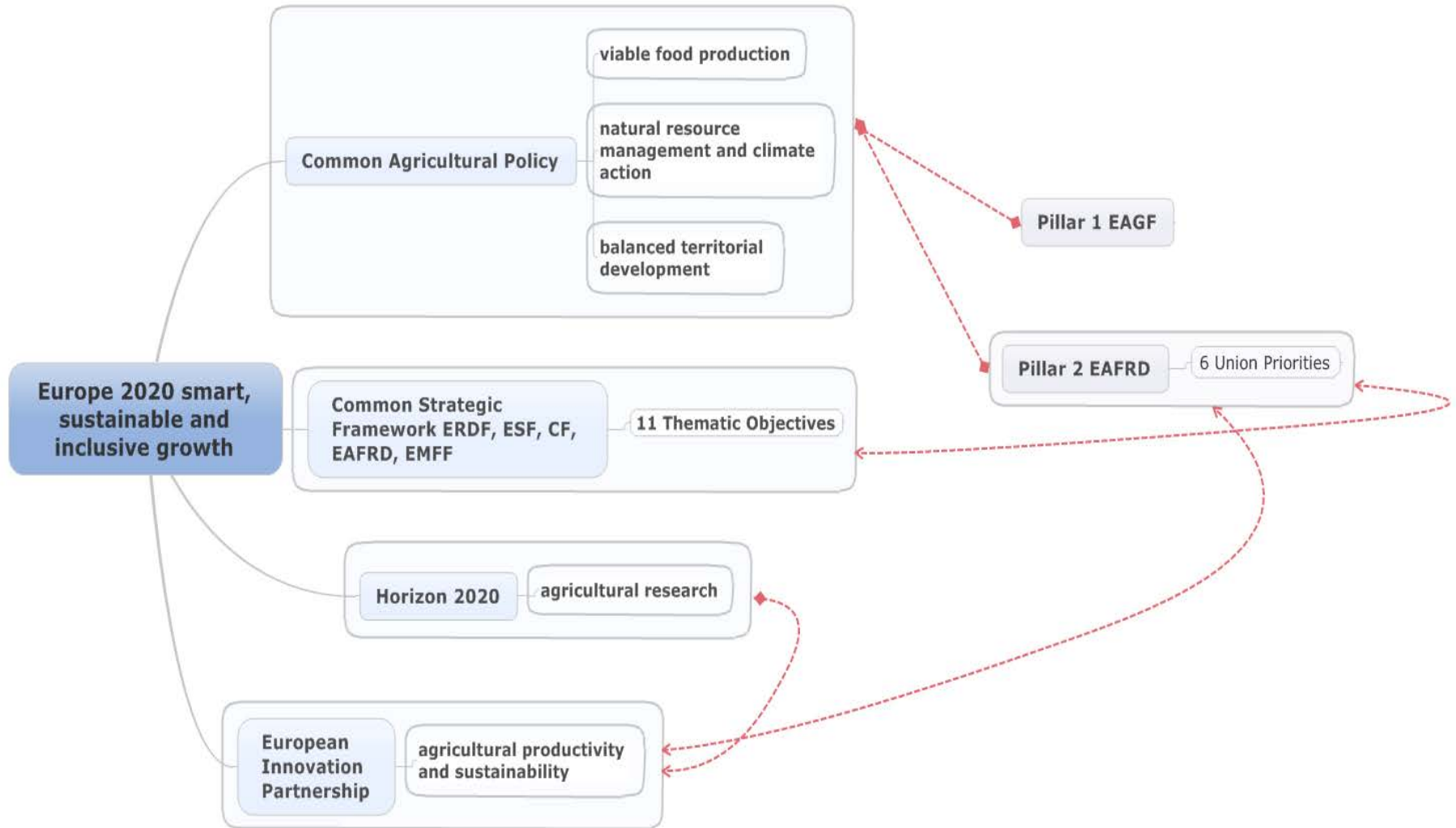
# Outline

- 1. Expected timeline*
- 2. EU new strategic framework*
- 3. Implications for programming in rural development*

# Where do we stand?



# The new strategic framework



# Coordination with other Funds: CSF and PC

## Europe 2020 strategy

## Common Strategic Framework (CSF)

– covering the EAFRD, ERDF, ESF, Cohesion Fund and EMFF, and reflecting EU2020 through common thematic objectives to be addressed by key actions for each of the funds

## Partnership Contract

– national document outlining the intended use of the funds in the pursuit of EU2020 objectives

## Rural development policy: EAFRD

## Other CSF funds (ERDF, ESF, CF, EMFF)

*Innovation, Environment and Climate Change as cross-cutting objectives*

Priorities

*Fostering knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas*

Enhancing competitiveness of all types of agriculture and farm viability

Promoting food chain organisation and risk management in agriculture

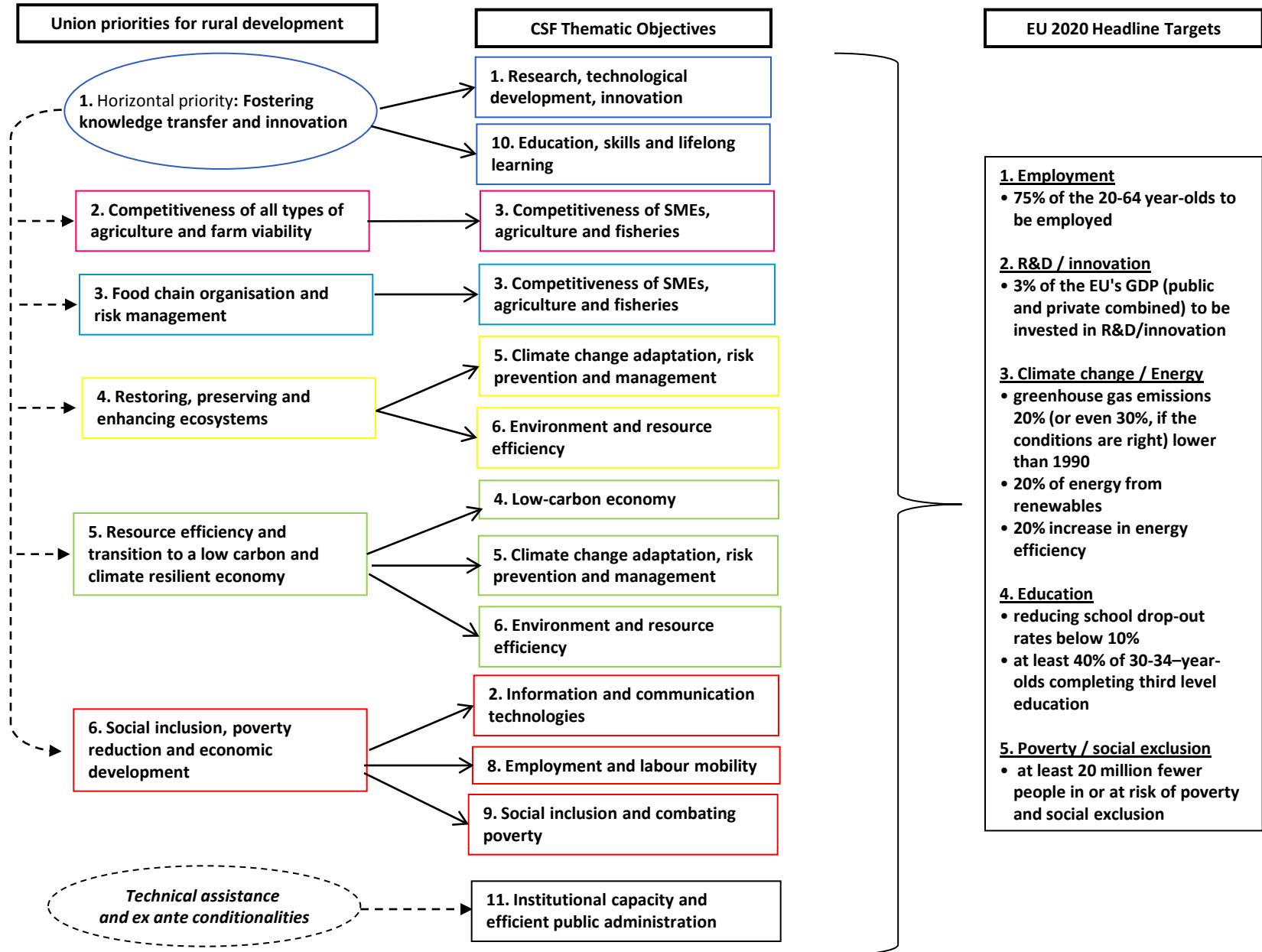
Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems dependent on agriculture and forestry

Promoting resource efficiency and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture, food and forestry sectors

Promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and economic development in rural areas

Rural Development Programme(s)

# Links between RD Priorities and CSF objectives



# Partnership Agreement – main elements

- 1. Preparation of the PA by the MS and involvement of partners*
- 2. Arrangements to ensure alignment with Europe 2020*
- 3. Arrangements to ensure effective implementation*
- 4. Description of the integrated approach to territorial development*

# Programming RD

## Main novelties for 2014 – 2020

- **Improving clarity of policy framework**
  - *Focus areas for each priority*
  - *Six Union Priorities for Rural Development*
  - *Three cross-cutting objectives*
- **Strengthening result-orientation of programmes**
  - *Ex-ante target setting (simplified common indicators)*
  - *Reporting on targets*
  - *Ex-ante conditionalities*
  - *Performance Framework*
- **Increasing flexibility in the use of measure**
  - *Each measure can serve more than one priority/focus area*



# Programming RD (2)

## Main novelties for 2014

- **Coherent framework for the EU funds**
  - *Common mechanisms CSF*
  - *Strengthening coherence of funds*
- **Harmonisation of rules**
  - *Common model for CLLD*
  - *Common eligible rules*
  - *Simplified cost approaches*
- **Fostering research and innovation**
  - *Better linking research with practice*

# Measures

Knowledge transfer	Basic services and village renewal	Payments to areas facing natural or other specific constraints
Advisory services	Investments in forest area development	Animal welfare
Quality schemes	Setting up of producer groups	Forest-environmental payments
Investments in physical assets	Agri-environment-climate	Co-operation
Restoring agricultural production potential	Organic farming	Risk management
Farm and business development	Natura 2000 and Water framework directive payments	(Leader-approach)

# EIP on Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability

*Aimed at promoting resource efficiency, building bridges between research and practice and generally encouraging innovation*

*Acts through operational groups responsible for innovative projects and is supported by a network*

- **Operational groups:** bringing together farmers, researchers, advisors, businesses and other actors concerned by innovation in the agricultural sector

*The EAFRD contributes through:*

- Support for the EIP operational groups and the EIP Network
- Other rural development measures, e.g. Co-operation, Investment in physical assets, Business development, Knowledge transfer and Farm Advisory Services

*Following endorsement by Council and European Parliament, establishment of Steering Board during first trimester of 2012*

- EIP Network to be set-up in the second half of 2012

# Fund contribution and financial engineering

*General: Single co-financing rate across measures up to:*

- 85% in less developed regions, outermost regions and smaller Aegean islands
- 50% in other regions

*Minimum 25% of the EAFRD envelope to be allocated to climate change mitigation and adaptation and land management measures*

- Agri-environment-climate payment, organic farming, LFAs

*Minimum of 5 % of EAFRD envelope to be spent on Leader*

*Higher co-financing rate – up to 80% for:*

- Knowledge transfer and information actions
- Setting up of producer groups
- Co-operation
- Leader
- Business start-up aid for young farmers

*Up to 100% EAFRD co-financing for innovative operations financed with capped funds from direct payments (1<sup>st</sup> pillar)*

*Easier and clearer framework for the use of the financial instruments:*

- Financial instruments at EU level, directly or indirectly managed by the Commission
- Financial instruments at national, regional or trans-national level, managed by the MS

# Monitoring/Evaluation/Networking

## *CMEF for the Monitoring and evaluation*

- List of common indicators, based on the current situation and financial execution, Outputs, result and impact of the Program
- Monitoring
  - Annual progress reports and progress report on the implementation of the Partnership Contract
- Evaluation
  - Ex-ante; Evaluation plan for the Program period; Ex-post

## *Networking*

- European network for rural development
- European evaluation network for rural development
- EIP Network

# Programming in a nutshell

## Broad continuity in approach and principles:

### 1. General SWOT of the programme area:

- *Competitiveness of the agri-food sector*
- *Environment and climate*
- *Socio-economic situation of rural areas*

### 2. Detailed needs assessment

- *By priority and focus area*

### 3. Strategic response:

- *Choice of relevant priorities/focus areas,*
- *Target setting*
- *Planning of measures, outputs, financial resources*

# The work ahead: how to progress from now?

- Preparation of PC: coordination and consistency with other policies - active role!
- Analysis of needs and challenges of programming areas
- Setting priorities / focus areas
- Reflection on relevant measures to serve the priorities/focus areas selected
- ... building on lessons learnt in current and previous programming periods

# Conclusions

- **Better preparation: enhanced coordination at all levels (Union, national, regional, local)**
- **Increased focus on partnership: broad involvement of stakeholders**
- **Increased focus on innovation**
- **Effective targeting: focus on simplification for beneficiaries and reduction of error rate!**
- **Iterative process for finalising programmes**



**Thank you for your attention!**

# For further information

*The whole Common Agricultural Policy after 2013:*

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/index_en.htm)

*Commission communication on the CAP towards 2020*

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/communication/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/communication/index_en.htm)

*Impact Assessment*

<http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/>

*Legislative proposals*

[http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/legal-proposals/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/cap-post-2013/legal-proposals/index_en.htm)