



Common Agricultural Policy 2023-2027

General principles of performance clearance and review under the CAP Strategic Plans

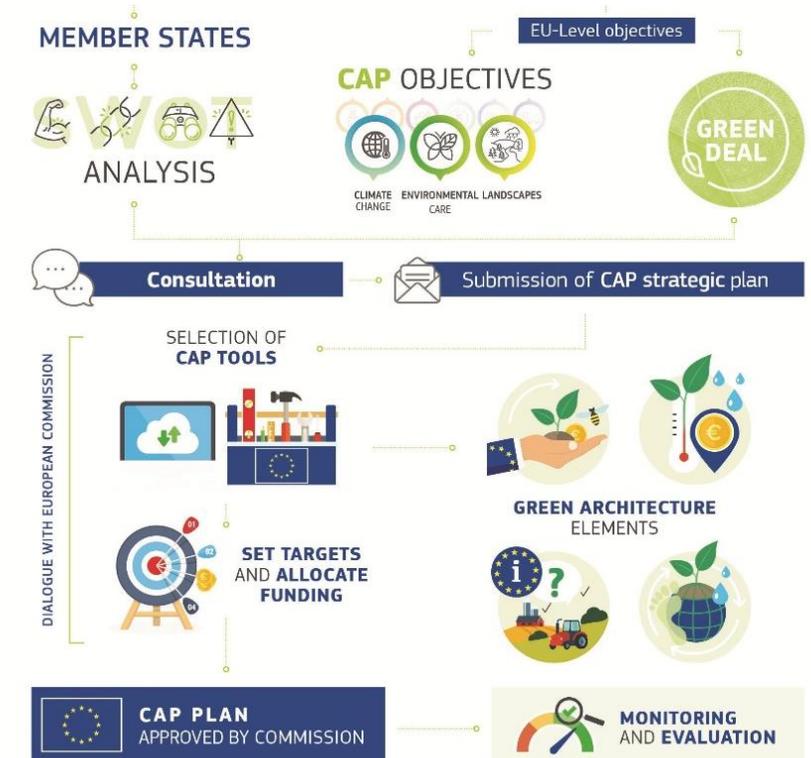
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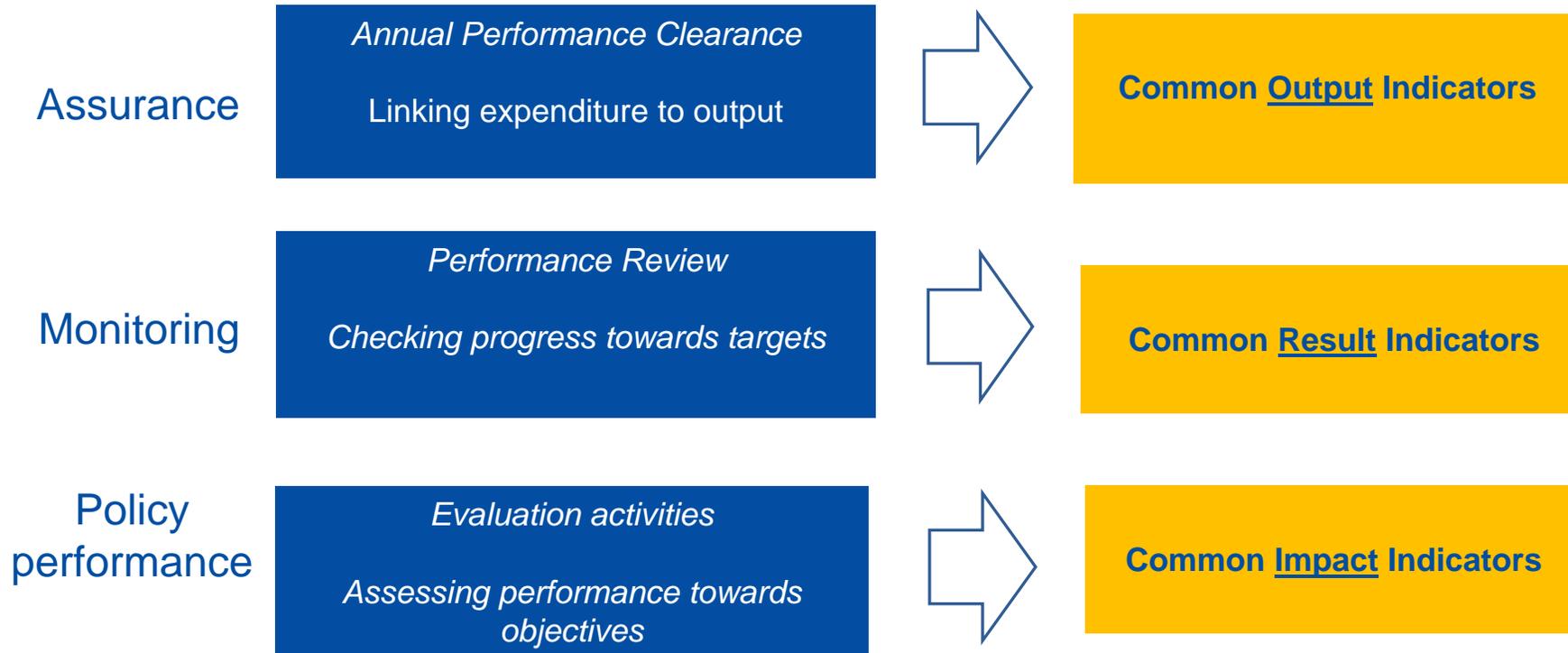


CAP Strategic Plans

- **Single CAP plan** for interventions from both pillars
- **Strategic approach** based on needs assessment
- **Structured dialogue** with Member States
- CAP Plan will be **approved by the Commission**
- Need to **ensure the commonality** while recognising the specificities of each Member State
- Must be **ambitious**



Focus on performance



In practice: PLANNING IS KEY (1/2)



For each intervention:

- *Clear targeting (eligibility conditions, specific design)*
- ***Planned outputs**, e.g. planned number of projects (indicative), indicative yearly distribution**
- *Planned contribution to relevant target(s) (i.e. **link with result indicator(s)**)*
- ***Planned unit amount** (corresponding to the planned public support per unit of output (e.g. average public support per project))*
- *A planned **financial envelope***

In practice: PLANNING IS KEY (2/2)



Setting targets and milestones:

- *For each common result indicator relevant for the CAP Plan, a target value to be set and milestones for every year*
- *This target should be coherent with the assessment of needs*
- *The target and milestones should be consistent with the planned outputs of interventions contributing to this target*

In practice: PERFORMANCE CLEARANCE



- Performance clearance is annual, based on the Annual Performance Report
- In essence, expenditure should have a corresponding output (the realised unit amount should not exceed the planned unit amount);
- In case of deviations, Member States to provide justifications Notably: Member States may provide more information based on actual operations (selected / for which payments have been made) in order to demonstrate the proportionality between expenditure and outputs.
- Expenditure with no corresponding output would be reduced from Union financing.
- TO NOTE: the planned outputs or the planned financial allocations are not checked against the plan. Only the ratio matters.

In practice: PERFORMANCE REVIEW



Performance review is also based on the Annual Performance Report.

Several elements are to be considered:

1/ monitoring if the CAP Plans are progressing in line with the expected results:

- Based on result indicators (planned milestones / target)
- In dialogue with Member States (annual review meetings)

This monitoring is annual.

In practice: PERFORMANCE REVIEW



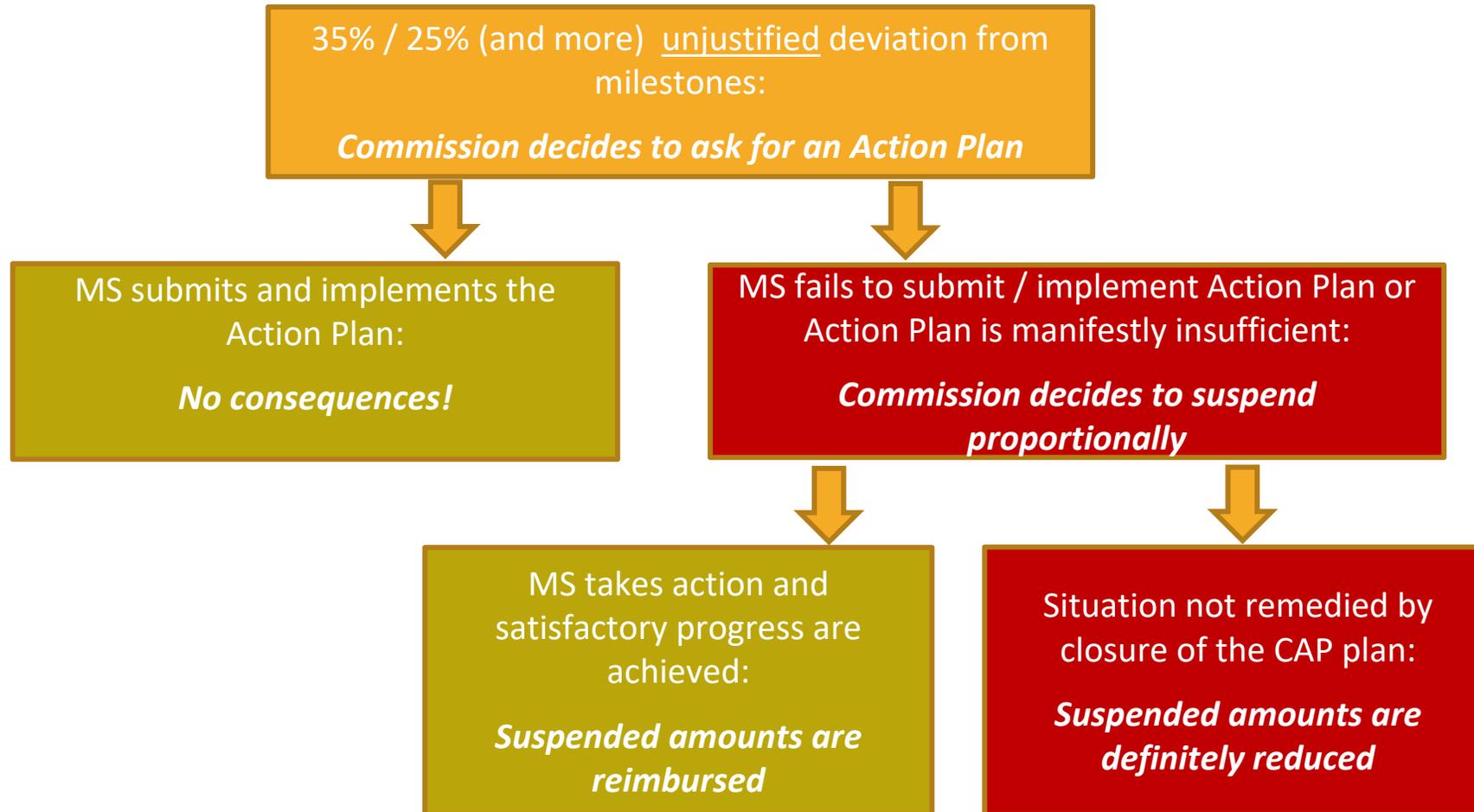
2/ Ensuring **remedial actions** are taken in case of important (and non justified) deviations compared to the plan.

- Only in 2025, 2026 and 2027 with action plans,
- on a limited set of result indicators (20)
- Deviation from milestones > 35%, 35% and 25%

3/ **A suspension mechanism**, which could only be triggered:

- Only in 2025 and 2027
- Only if the action plan is not submitted or manifestly insufficient
- Only for the expenditure concerned (targeted suspension)

Possible consequences of the PERFORMANCE REVIEW



PERFORMANCE IS MORE THAN PERFORMANCE CLEARANCE AND REVIEW

CAP Plans are expected to perform beyond what is visible through outputs and results:

- ❖ Impacts assessed through evaluations
- ❖ Longer term targets (e.g. Green Deal targets)
- ❖ Aspects mattering for performance which are not easily captured through indicators: social capital, simplification in administration, knowledge development, innovation...

Initial targeting of support remains key.



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