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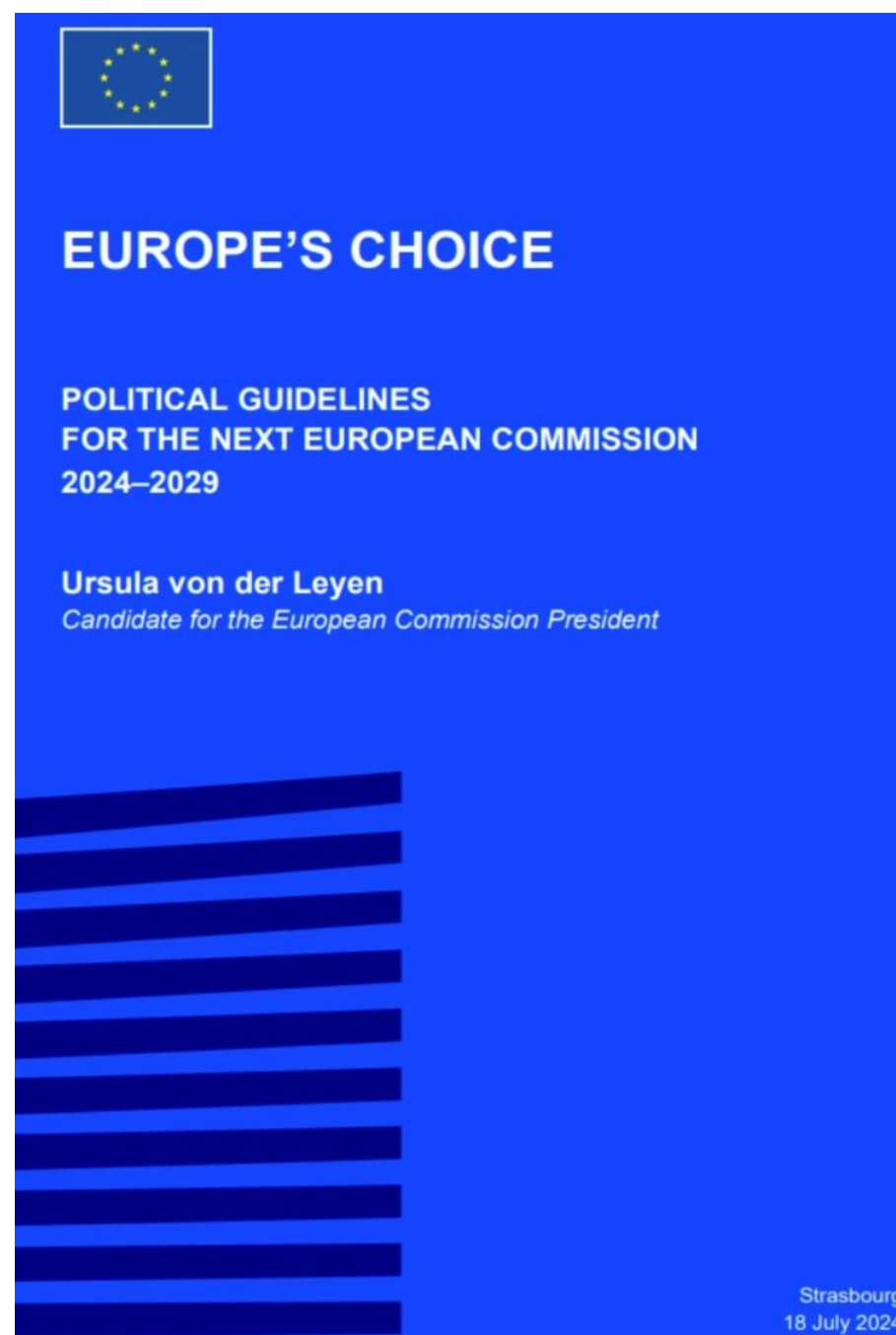
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The Political Outlook



- ‘Speed, coherence and **simplification** key political priorities’
- ‘Stay on course for the goals set out in the **Green Deal**’
- On **trade** – ‘Ensuring **reciprocity** and a **level playing field**’

Key Agriculture Points:

- Farmers – ‘Fair and sufficient income’
- Reward farmers working with nature.
- Support Competitiveness in the entire Food Value Chain.
- Protect Farmers against Unfair Trading Practices.



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Single Market Report - Letta



Competitiveness Report - Draghi





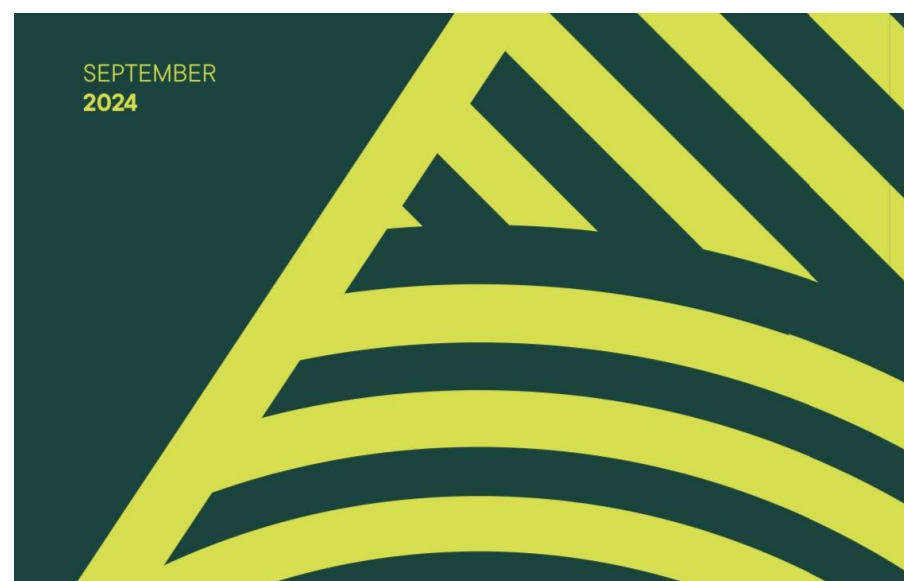
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The Strategic Dialogue on the Future of Agriculture:



Strategic Dialogue on the Future of EU **Agriculture**

A shared prospect for farming and food in Europe

Developed by 29 stakeholders
including COPA, COGECA and
CEJA Presidents

Guiding Political Principles Agreed by Stakeholders:

1. **Markets should drive sustainability** and value creation
2. **Dialogue** across the food chain is **critical**
3. Time for **change** is now.
4. **Technology** must be leveraged to support **transition**.
5. Shift to **balanced diets** is essential for transition
6. Attractive rural areas are vital to future **food security**, viability of society and **liberal democracy**.



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Conclusions for Sustainable Animal Agriculture

- Animal farming must **meet consumer expectations**, as well as **climate and environmental objectives**.
- Create an **Agricultural Just Transition Fund** to support the sector moving forward
- Create **harmonised benchmarking** for sustainability parameters on EU Farms.
- Revise **animal welfare legislation** as needed and move towards an EU Wide **animal welfare labelling** scheme.

Legislating for these proposals is challenging



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The New College of Commissioners:





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European Commission
SEPTEMBER 2024

Name	Role	Political Group
Ursula von der Leyen	President	epp
Teresa Ribera Rodríguez	Executive Vice-President	S&D
Maroš Šefčovič	Commissioner	S&D
Valdis Dombrovskis	Commissioner	epp
Dubravka Šuica	Commissioner	epp
Henna Virkkunen	Executive Vice-President	epp
Olivér Várhelyi	Commissioner	PATRIOTS FOR EUROPE
Wopke Hoekstra	Commissioner	epp
Andrius Kubilius	Commissioner	epp
Marta Kos* ¹	Commissioner	renew europe.
Stéphane Séjourné	Executive Vice-President	renew europe.
Jozef Sikela	Commissioner	epp
Costas Kadić	Commissioner	epp
Maria Luís Albuquerque	Commissioner	epp
Hadja Lahbib	Commissioner	renew europe.
Kaja Kallas	High Representative/Vice-President	renew europe.
Magnus Brunner	Commissioner	epp
Jessika Roswall	Commissioner	epp
Piotr Serafin	Commissioner	epp
Dan Jørgensen	Commissioner	S&D
Roxana Mînzatu	Executive Vice-President	S&D
Ekaterina Zaharieva	Commissioner	epp
Michael McGrath	Commissioner	renew europe.
Apostolos Tzitzikostas	Commissioner	epp
Raffaele Fitto	Executive Vice-President	ECR GROUP
Christophe Hansen	Commissioner	epp
Glenn Micallef	Commissioner	S&D

¹Pending formal nomination. National proceedings ongoing.



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Key Players for Agriculture



Christophe Hansen

Agriculture and Food Commissioner
Designate (Luxembourg)

1. **Vision for Agriculture** – First 100 days.
2. Simpler more **targeted CAP**.
3. Farmer position in the **Value Chain**.
4. Support **Organic** Farming.
5. **Generational** Renewal.
6. **Reduce imports** of critical raw materials.
7. Pre- **enlargement** policy reviews.
8. **Decarbonisation** and **Biodiversity** Preservation



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Key Players for Agriculture:



1. Jessika Roswall – Environment, Water Resilience and Circular Economy Commissioner Designate (Sweden)

- Focus on Environmental legislation implementation and enforcement, zero pollution, Green deal.
- Key player in **Nitrates Legislation**.



2. Olivér Várhelyi – Health and Animal Welfare Commissioner Designate (Hungary)

- Modernise Animal Welfare Legislation and improve food safety standards.
- Key player for **Live exports**.



3. Maroš Šefčovič – Trade and Economic Security Commissioner Designate (Slovakia)

- Finalise and explore new and existing trade relations
- Key player in potential **Mercosur Deal**.



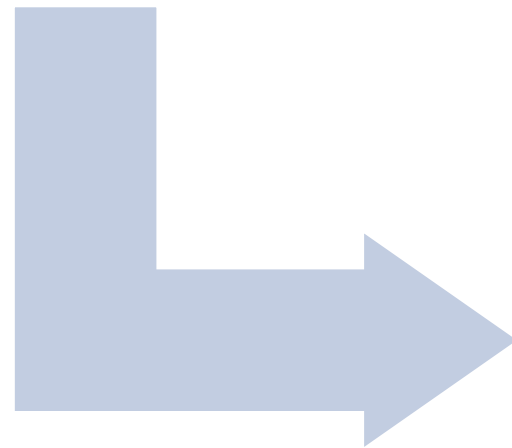
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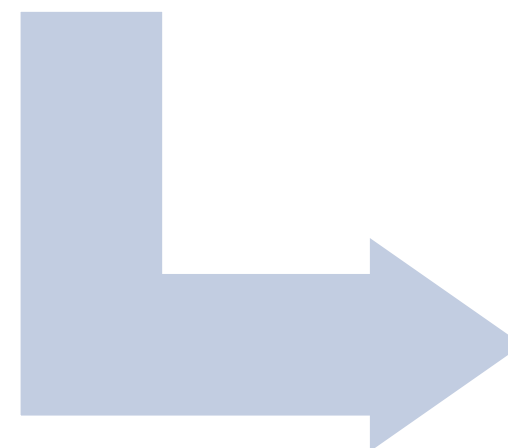
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Multi-financial
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proposals 2025

- Pressure on the EU Budget from Defence, Industrial Competitiveness and Enlargement



CAP Post
2027
Proposals

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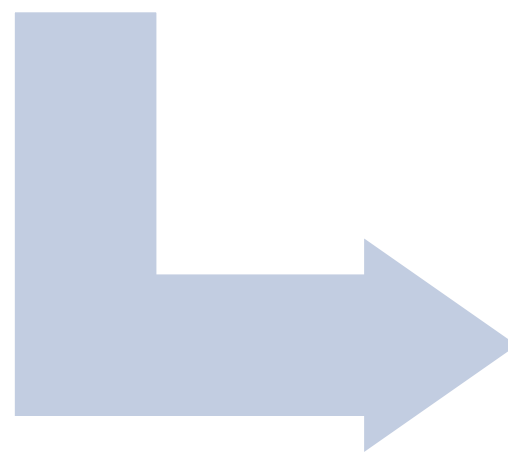
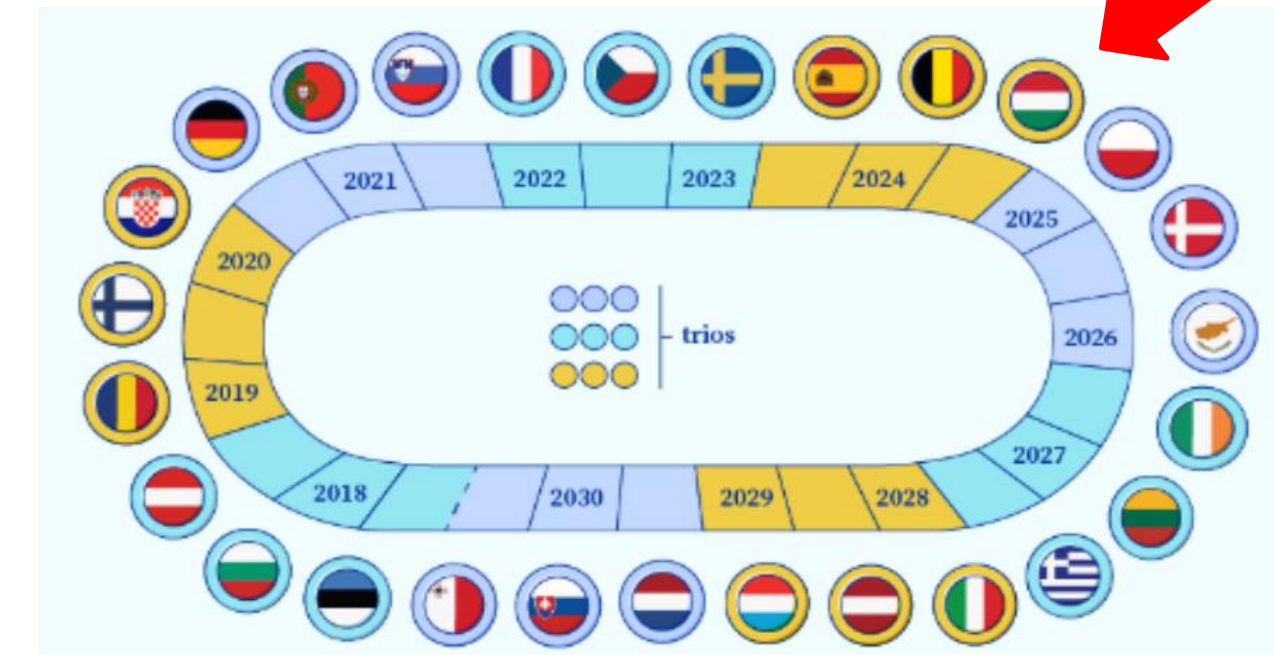
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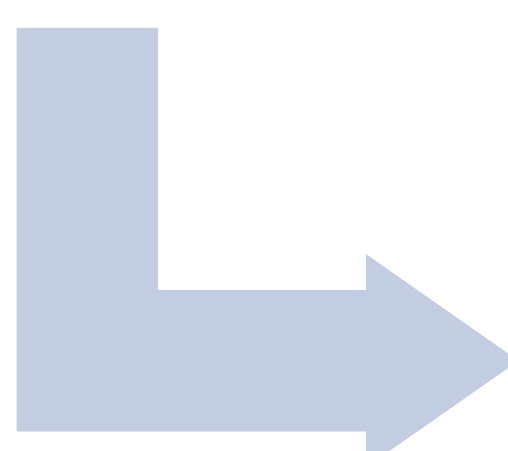
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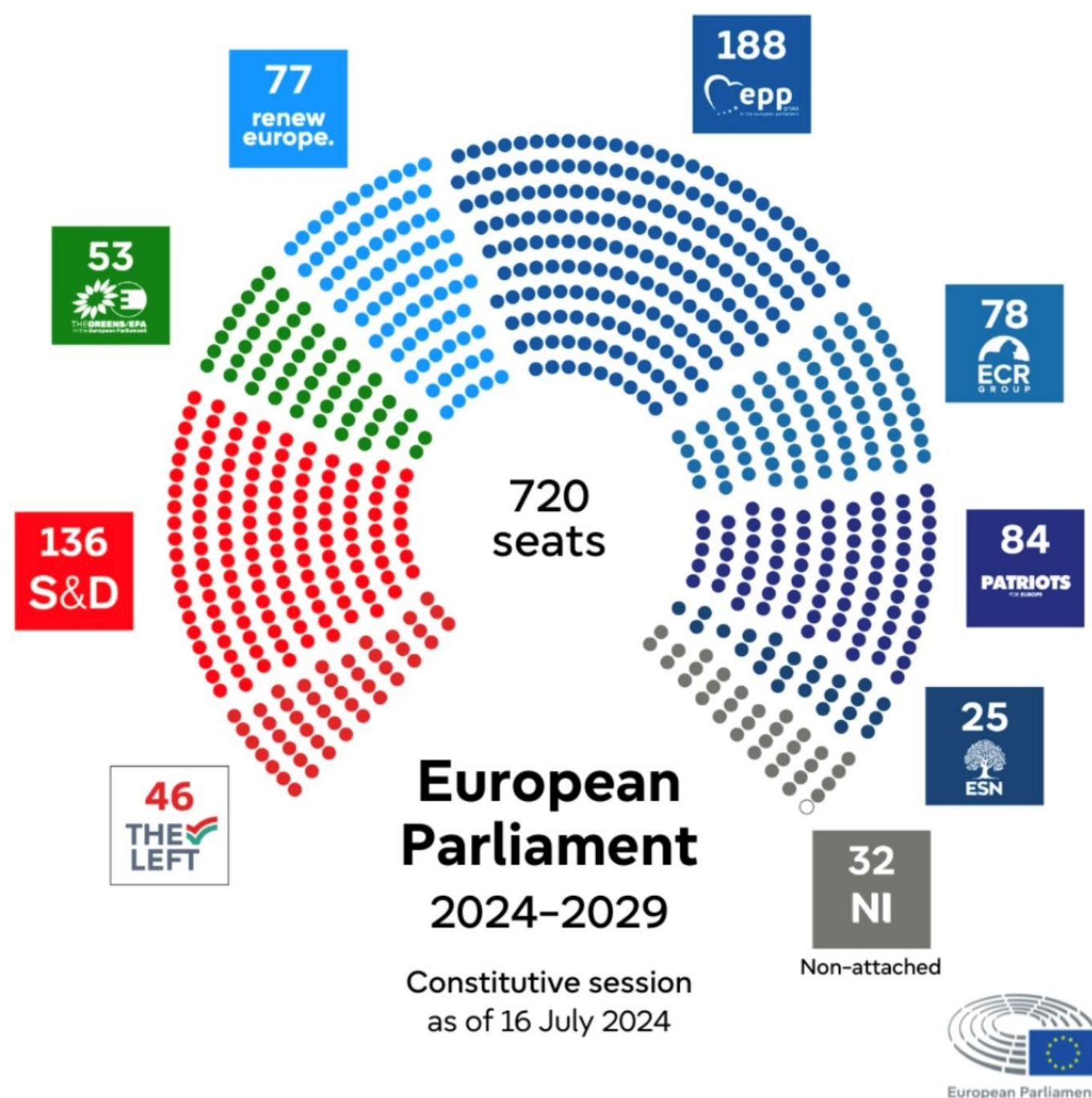
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Changes in the European Parliament 2024-29



- **EPP** remains the largest **voting power** – Pro-European Centrists.
- Significant **losses** for **Greens and Liberals (Renew)** when compared to 2019.
- **Growth** in more right leaning political groupings – Patriots / ECR.
- VDL re-elected with **Green support** – the Green Deal remains intact but **needs a viable business case.**

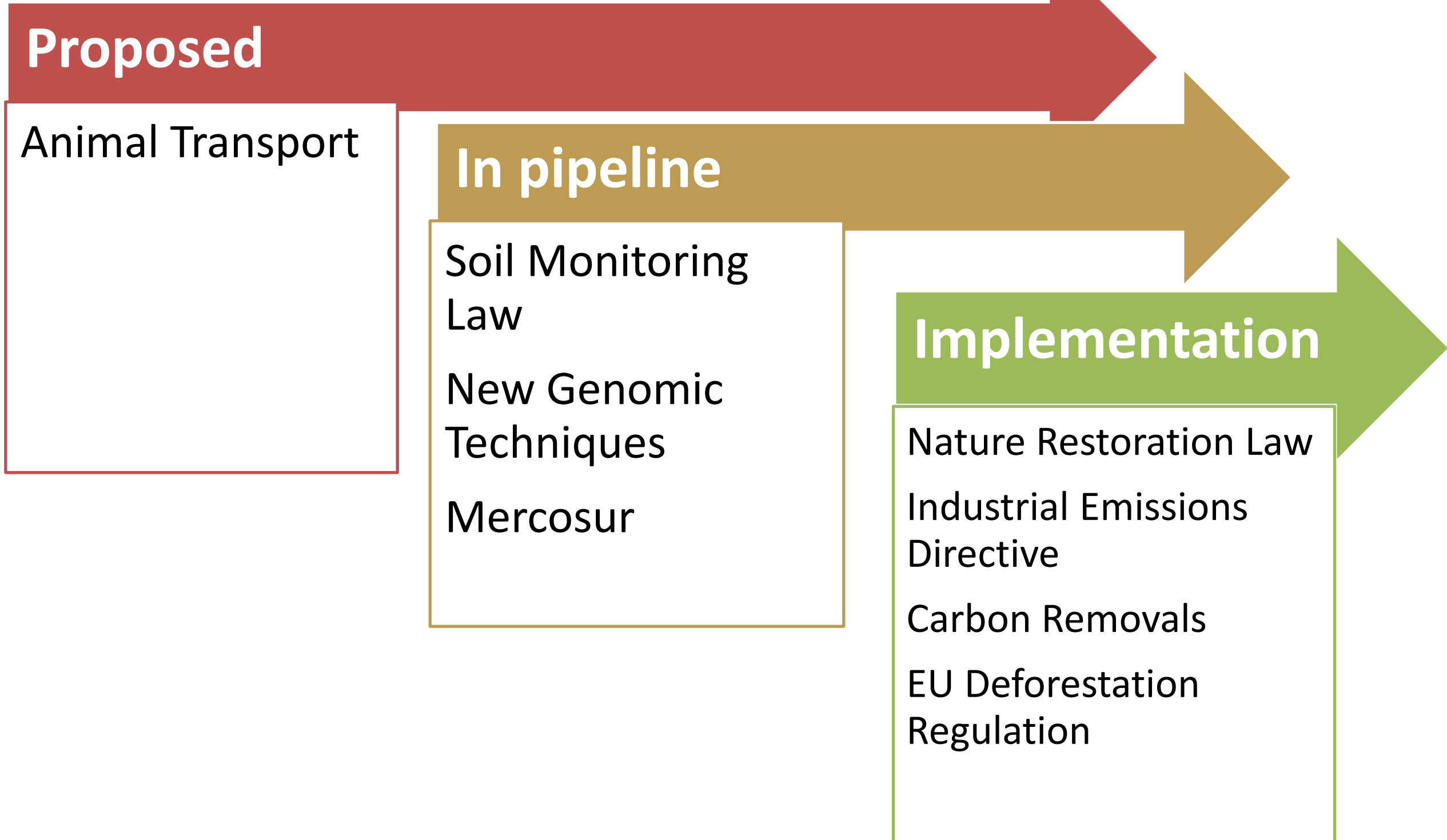


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IFA Core European Priorities

Under Review / Preparation

- CAP
- Nitrates Directive
- Unfair Trading Practices
- Anti-dumping





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