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The CAP towards 2020

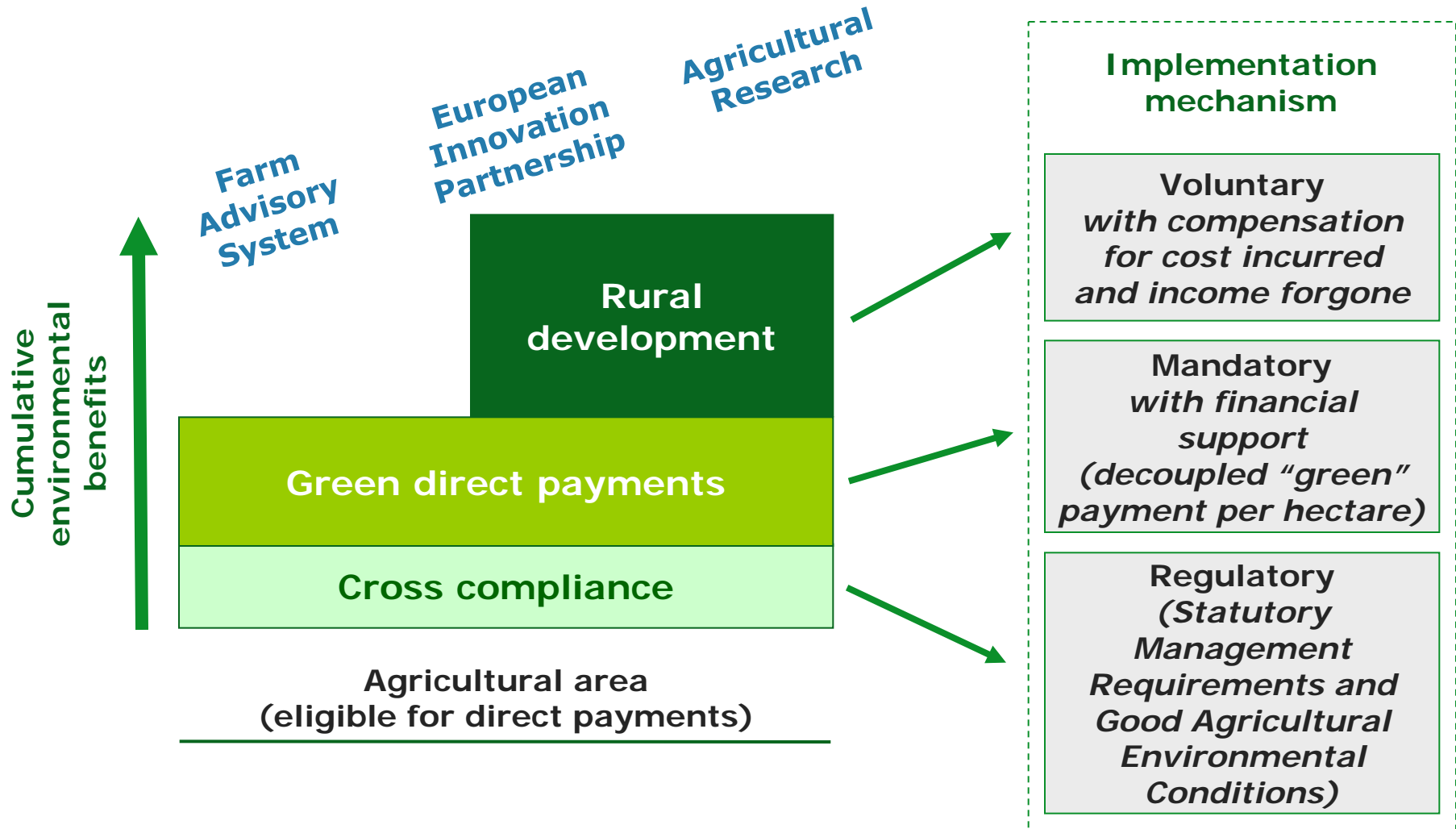
Collective implementation of CAP measures



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The new greening architecture of the CAP



Ecological Focus Area

Art 46 6) of Regulation (EU) 1307/2013

- Possibility for "collective implementation" of EFA obligation for holdings in close proximity
- EFA has to be contiguous
- Member States may designate specific areas for collective implementation
- At least 50% of the EFA obligation has to be located on each participating holding
- Limited to 10 farmers maximum

Art. 47 (3) of Delegated Act for Direct Payments

- Collective implementation only for fallow land, landscape features, buffer strips and afforested areas

Rural Development (1)

Agri-environment-climate measures (Art. 28 of Regulation (EU) 1305/2013)

- Art. 28(2): granting of payments to groups of farmers or, in duly justified cases, to groups of other land managers
- Not limited to agricultural land only
- Art. 28(6) level of transaction costs paid may rise to a maximum of 30% of the premium (instead of 20%) in case the payment is done to a group of farmers or land-managers

Organic farming (Art. 29 of Regulation (EU) 1305/2013)

- Art. 29(1): granting of payments to groups of farmers
- Art. 29(4) level of transaction costs paid may rise to a maximum of 30% of the premium (instead of 20%) in case the payment is done to a group of farmers

Rural Development (2)

Investments in physical assets (Art. 17 of Regulation (EU) 1305/2013)

- Art 17(3): The maximum support rate for investments in physical assets may be increased in case of collective investments (maximum combined support rate may not exceed 90%)

Co-operation (Art. 35 of Regulation (EU) 1305/2013)

- Art. 35(2)g): Joint approaches to environmental projects and ongoing environmental practices, including [...] the preservation of agricultural landscapes

To sum up

- **Wide agreement on the potential benefits stemming from collective approaches and territorial co-operation**
 - **Support for collective approaches has been strengthened in the CAP 2014 – 2020**
 - **Implementation remains to a large degree at the discretion of the Member States and the groups (e.g. administrative arrangements in the groups)**
- **New period will be a test-case for collective approaches and territorial co-operation**

Thank you