



Biopesticides

Towards ambitious and fit-for-purpose
EU policies

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european farmers european agri-cooperatives

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- Created in **1958**
- 22** million European farmers and family members
- 60** full members from the EU Member States and 36 partner organisations

- Created in **1959**
- 22,000** European agricultural cooperatives
- 35** full members from the EU Member States, 4 affiliated members and 36 partner organisations



In **1962**, a joint Secretariat was created, making it one of the largest and most active organisations in Brussels for the past **60** years.



Mission

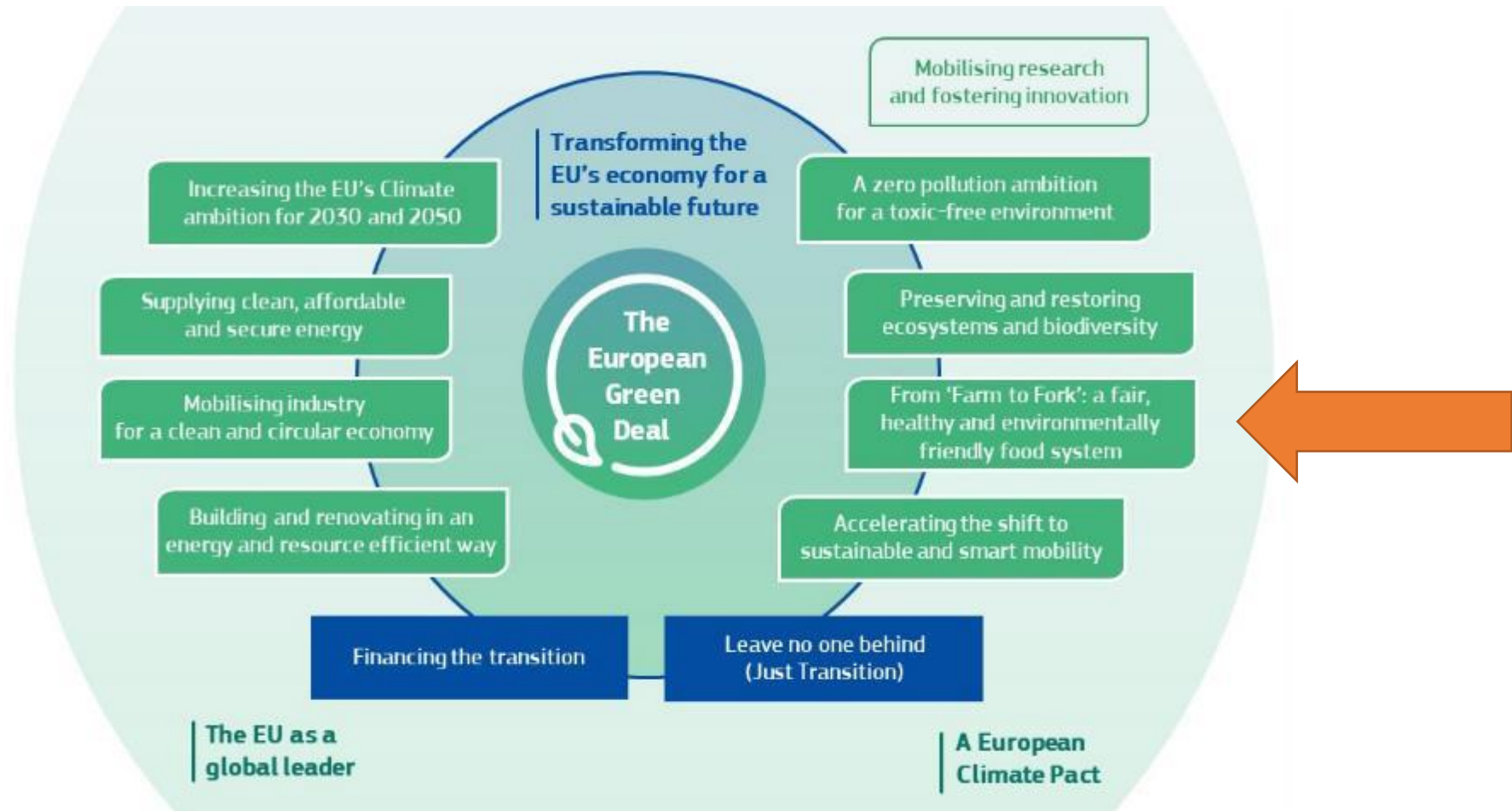
To ensure a viable, innovative, competitive EU agriculture and agri-food sector guaranteeing food security to half a billion people throughout Europe.



Objective

Promoting European farmers and agri-cooperatives views to **influence** EU decision-making process and public opinion.

What is coming in the new Green Deal?



Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy

- “The strategic plans will need to reflect an increased level of ambition to **reduce significantly the use and risk of chemical pesticides**.”
- The Commission will **identify the measures**, including legislative, needed to **bring about these reductions** based on a **stakeholder dialogue**.
- The EU needs
 - to develop **innovative ways** to **protect harvests from pests and diseases**
 - and to consider the potential role of **new innovative techniques** to **improve the sustainability of the food system, while ensuring that they are safe.**”

The European Green Deal (Communication from the Commission, 11-12-2019)



Source: European Commission



Copa and Cogeca's position on sustainable crop protection

Safeguarding plants and crops' health

- Cornerstone
- Irrespective of production method

Use of Plant protection products

- Grow healthy crops
- Be competitive
- Meet consumers demands

Resources use

- Best & Most efficient way possible
- Max. Yields
- Lower carbon footprint

PPPs → support → HQ PRODUCTION

≠ safe & effective toolbox

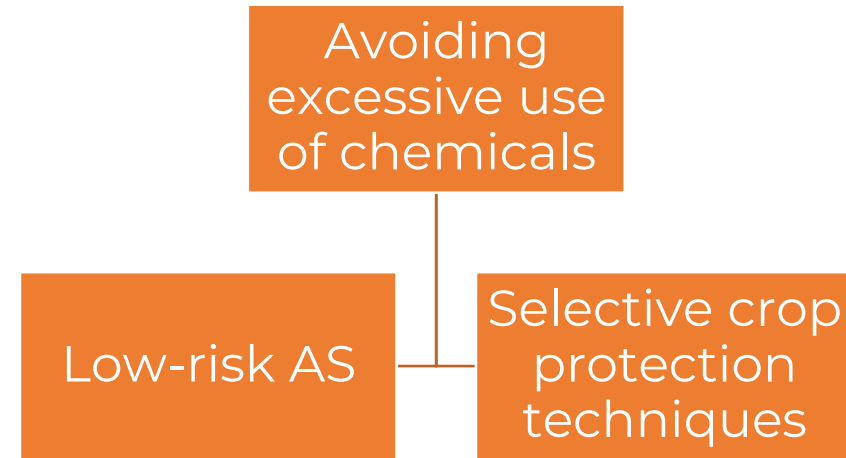
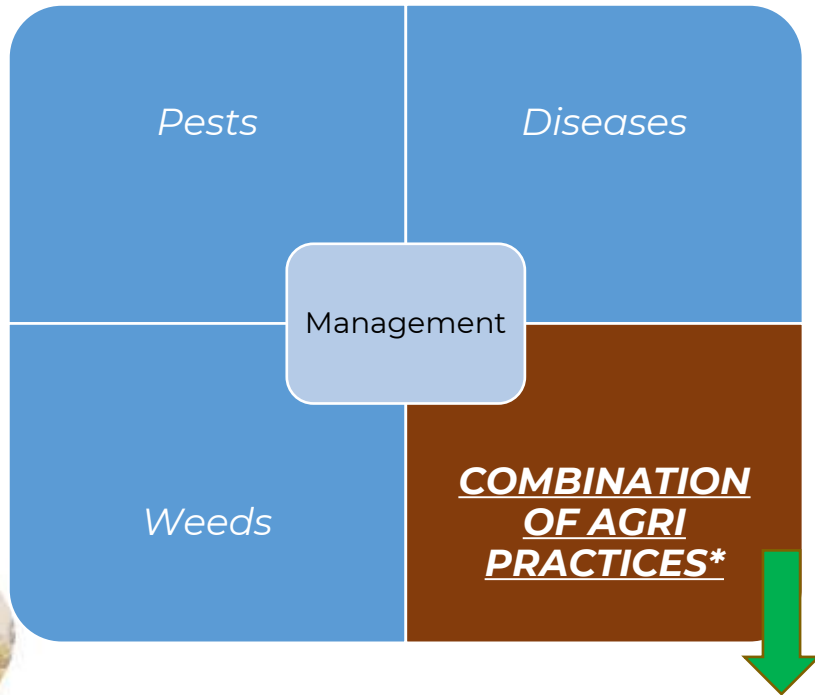
++ low use of PPPs already

<<< yields

Threat for food security



INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM): general overview

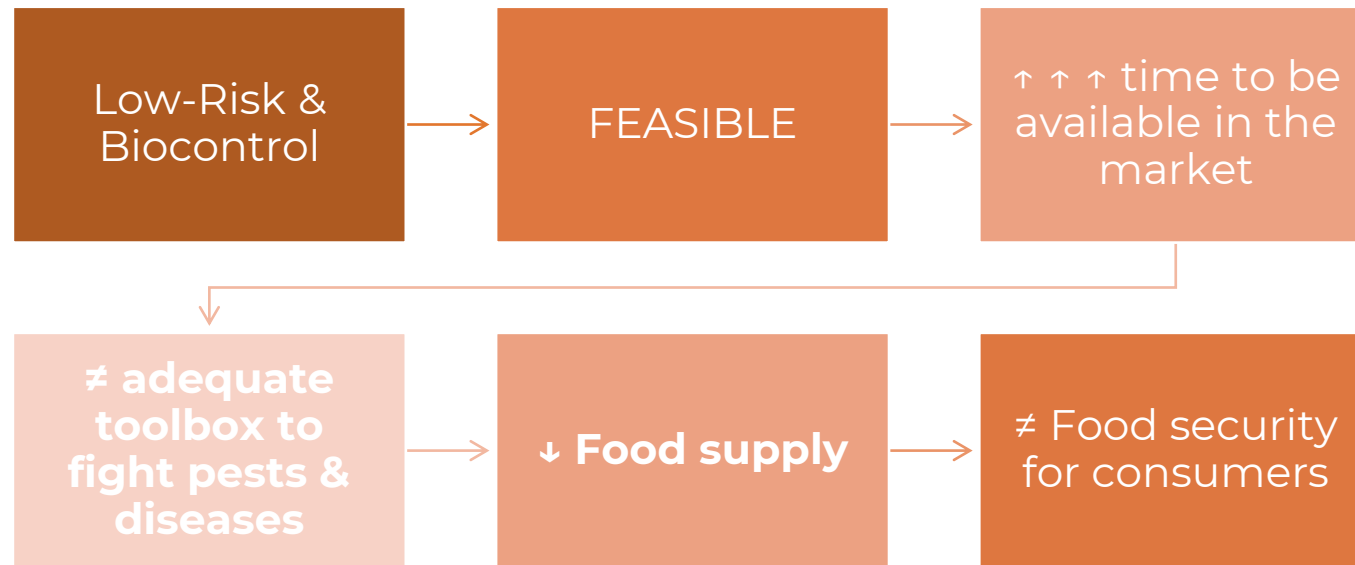


- * **Biocontrol technologies**
- * Innovative agronomic practices
- * Digitalisation
- * Resilient varieties
- * Research for new agricultural markets
- * **PPPs!**

- * ↓ impact of pests & damage to crops
- * ensures protection for human and envi health



Safeguarding farmers' IPM toolbox



Copa and Cogeca's work on promoting biocontrol technologies



- * Ensure that farmers are provided with effective biocontrol solutions.
- * Ensure that biocontrol solutions are made available without unnecessary delays.
- * Exchange knowledge in order to ensure that biocontrol solutions are used in a reliable and predictable manner.

- * European Union Minor Uses Coordination Facility (EUMUCF)
- * Motion for Resolution from the European Parliament (8/2/2018 B8-0140/2017)
- * Expert Group on Sustainable Plant Protection.

Copa and Cogeca's work on promoting biocontrol technologies



- * Despite all of our efforts and farmers' interests in having access to these tools, the availability of low-risk active substances and biocontrol technologies is still very far from being a reality.
- * Over the past few years, agriculture has suffered due to substances being withdrawn at high-speed from the market.
- * In light of this, more than ever we need to continue adding sustainable, safe and effective alternatives to the EU farmers' toolbox.
- * Indeed, this must happen if we want to maintain the high agricultural production standards and quality that we currently enjoy in the EU.

Food for thought...

- * Reduction of toolbox = not effectively fight against pests and diseases
- * Availability of tools = essential for IPM



- * Innovation is essential → competitiveness
- * Toolbox developed with the latest scientific progress
- * Certainty for businesses to plan ahead
- * Support research and innovation → more jobs, increase of growth
- * EFSA → key role
 - * Sound scientific opinions
 - * Basis of risk assessment
 - * Inspiring consumer confidence





Thank you for your attention !

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