



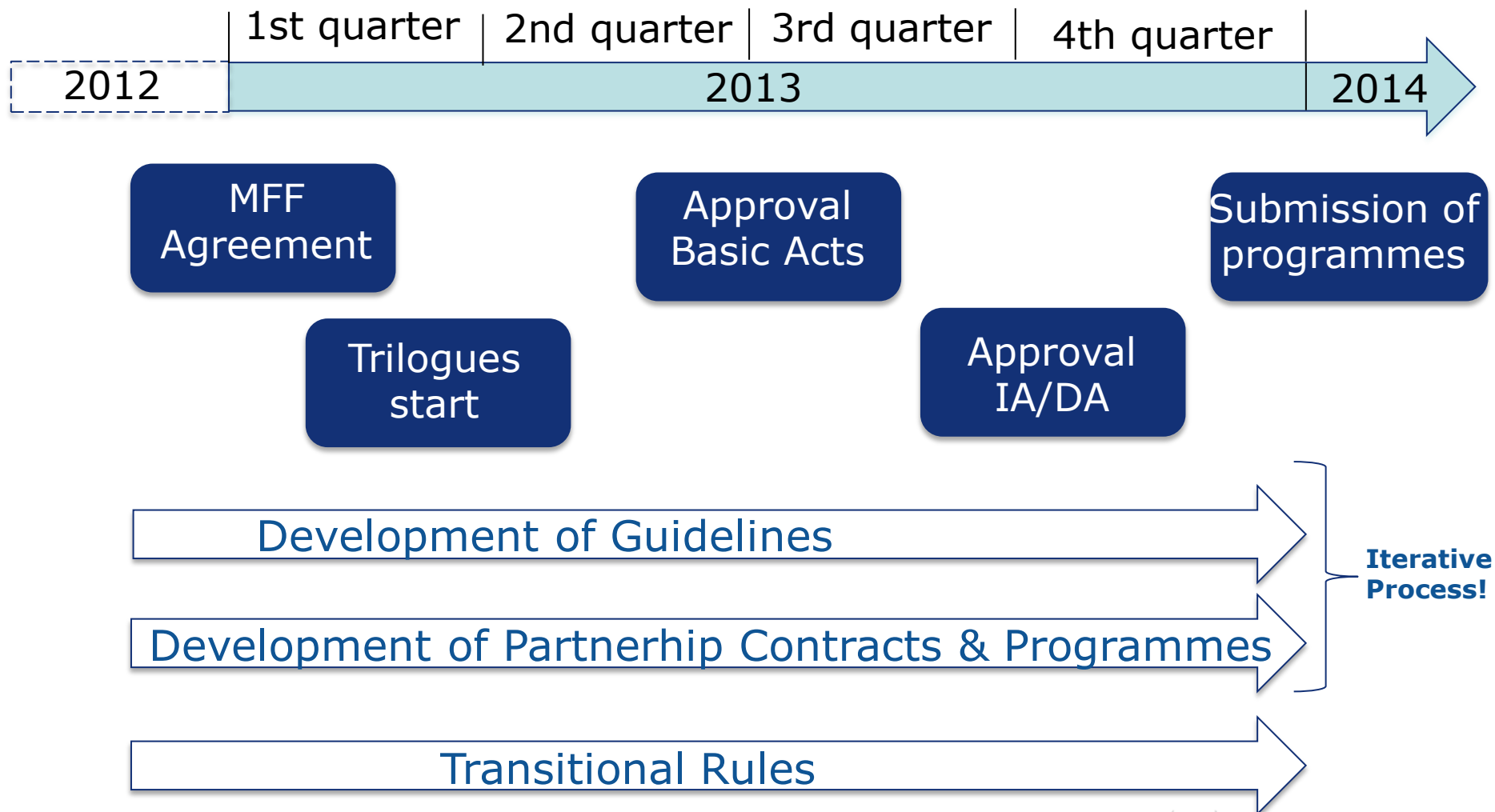
# **The new context for RDPs: between Common Strategic Framework and Horizon 2020**

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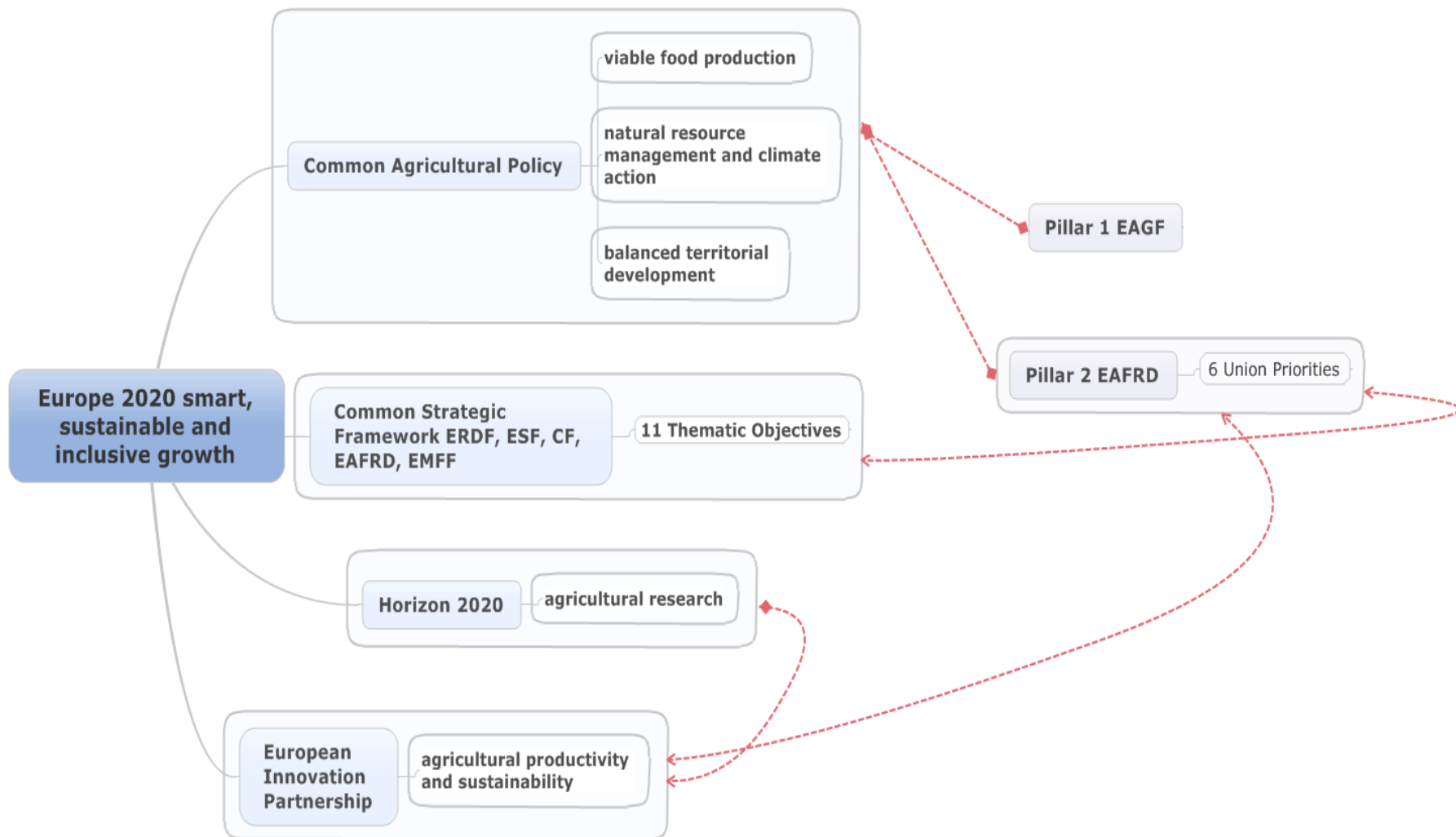
# Outline

- 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)

# Preparation of Partnership Contracts

## Negotiations with each MS

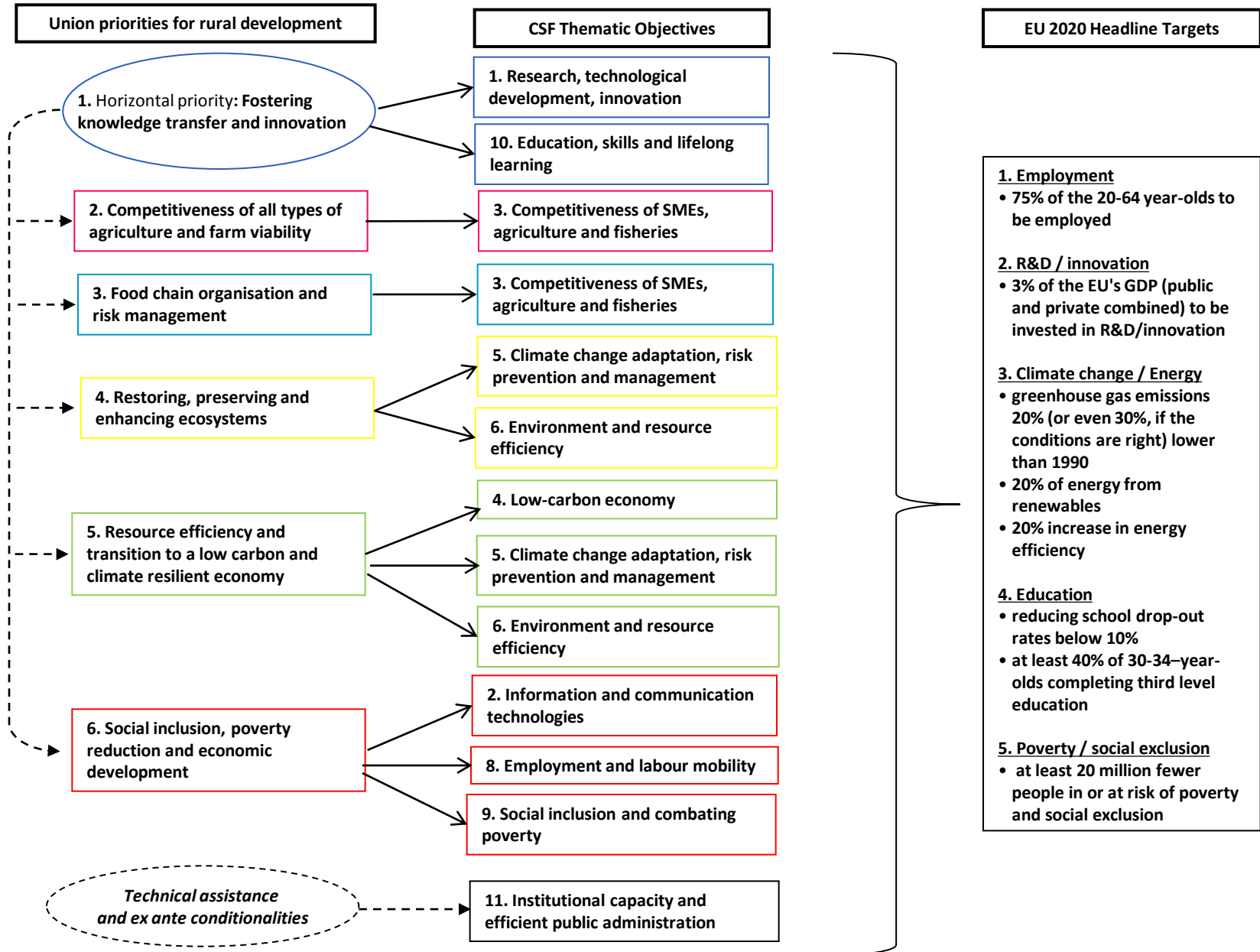


2012: Oct. Nov. Dec.

2013

2014

# Links between RD Priorities and CSF objectives



# Main novelties for 2014 – 2020: programming

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



# 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**

***Looking forward to the conclusions of this  
seminar...***

***... Thank you for your attention!***