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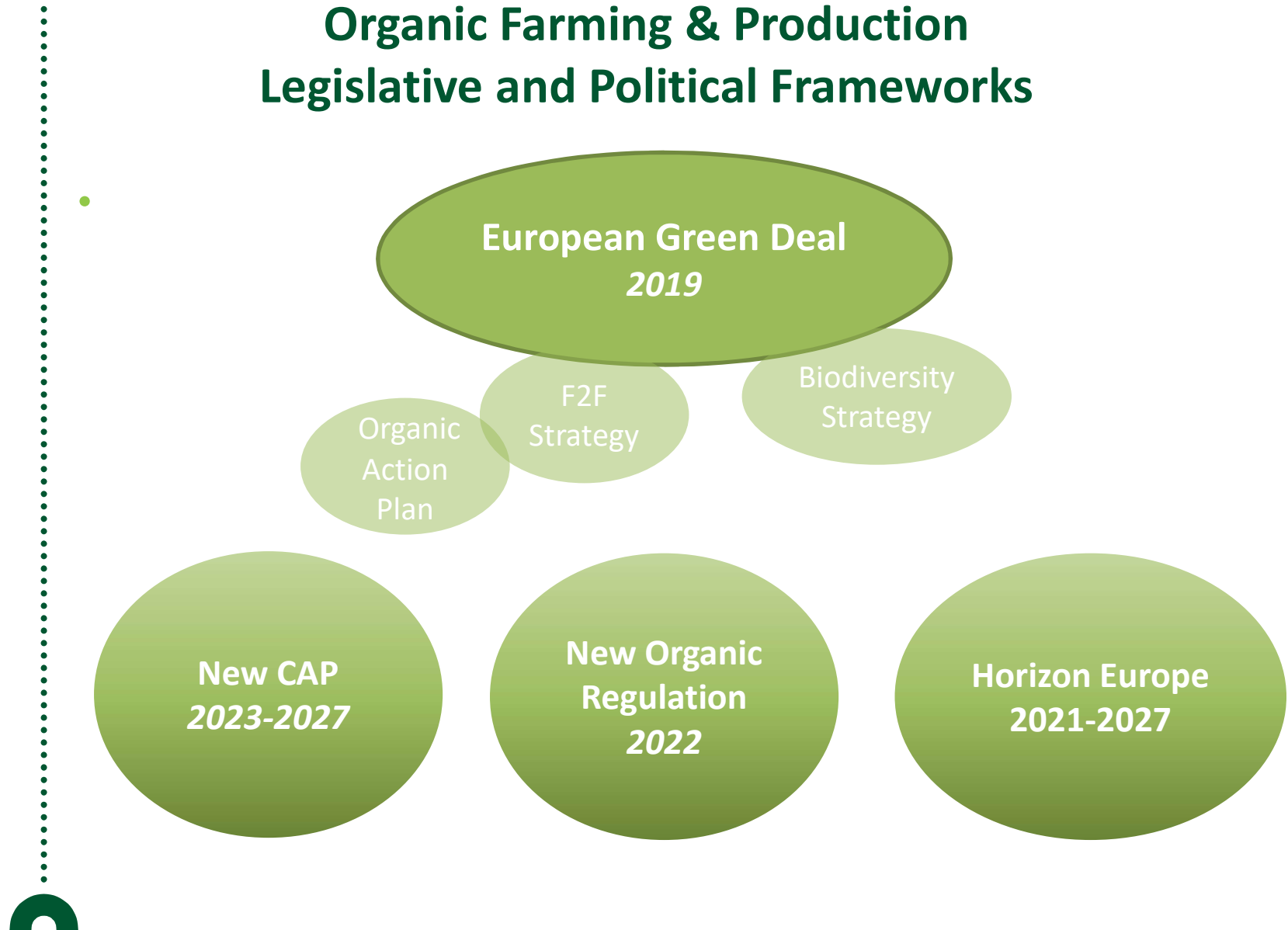
The (New) Organic Regulation and its implementation on the field

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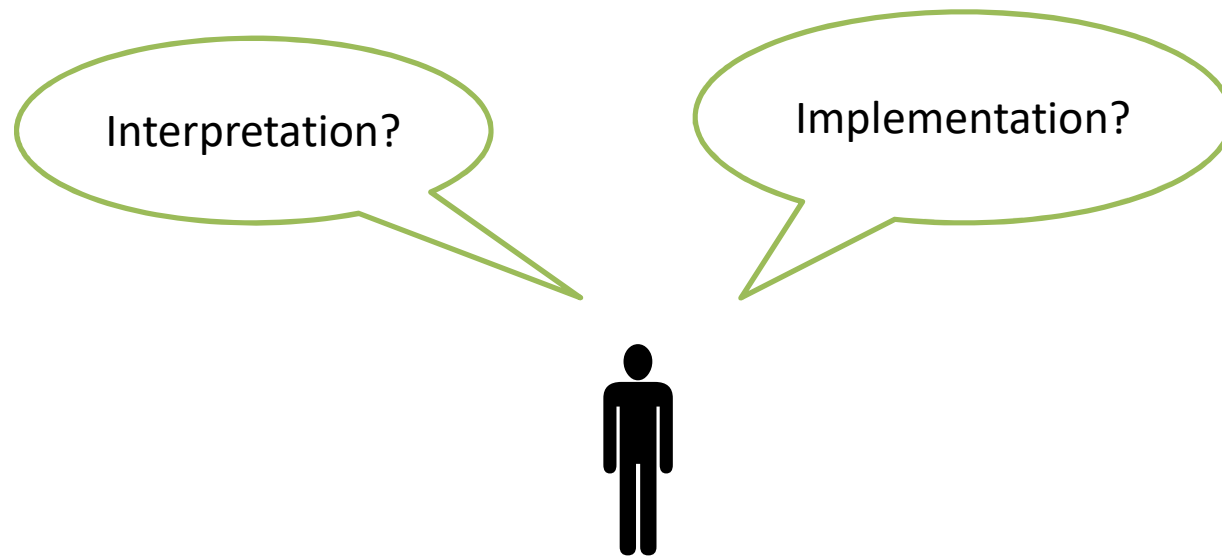
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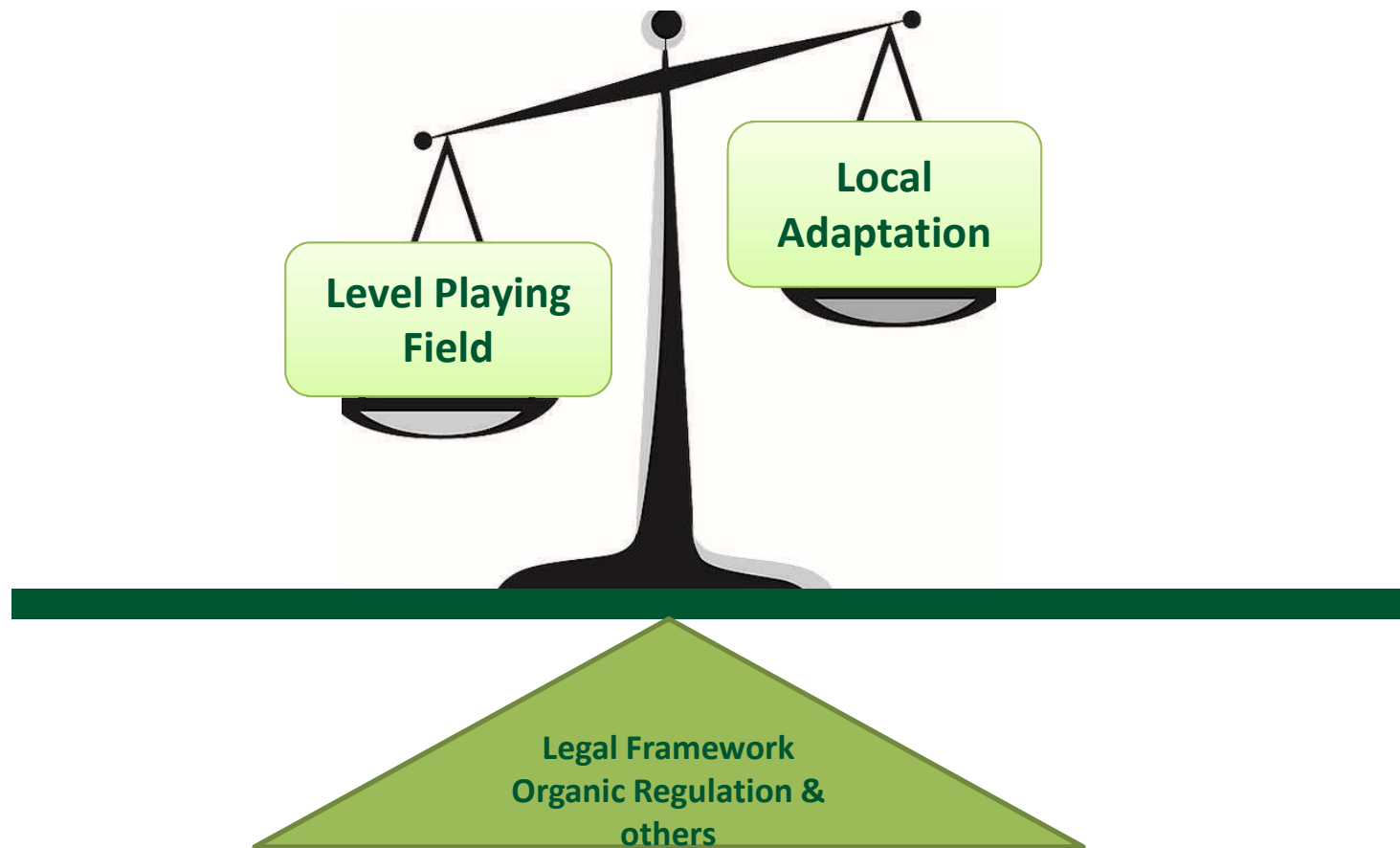
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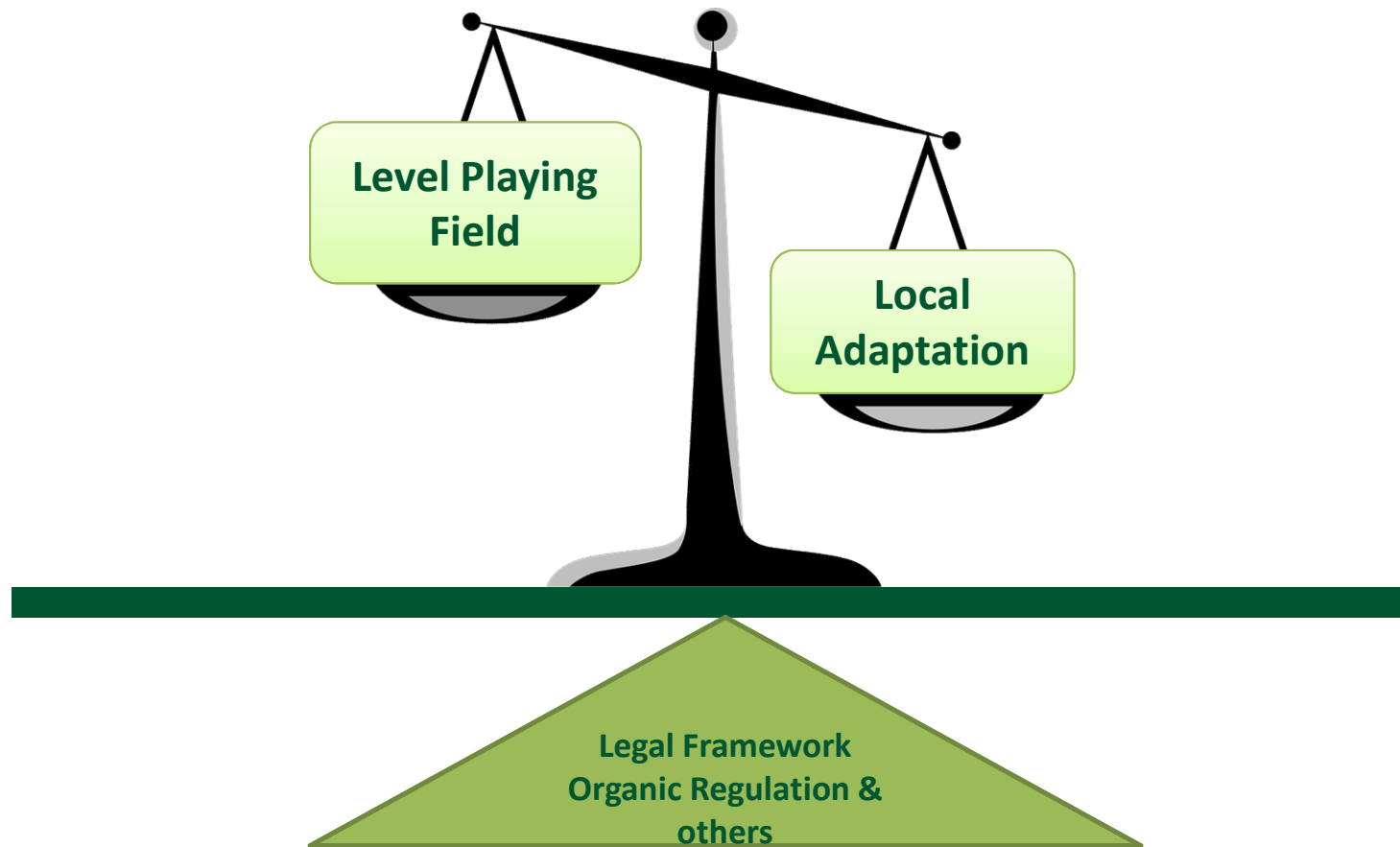
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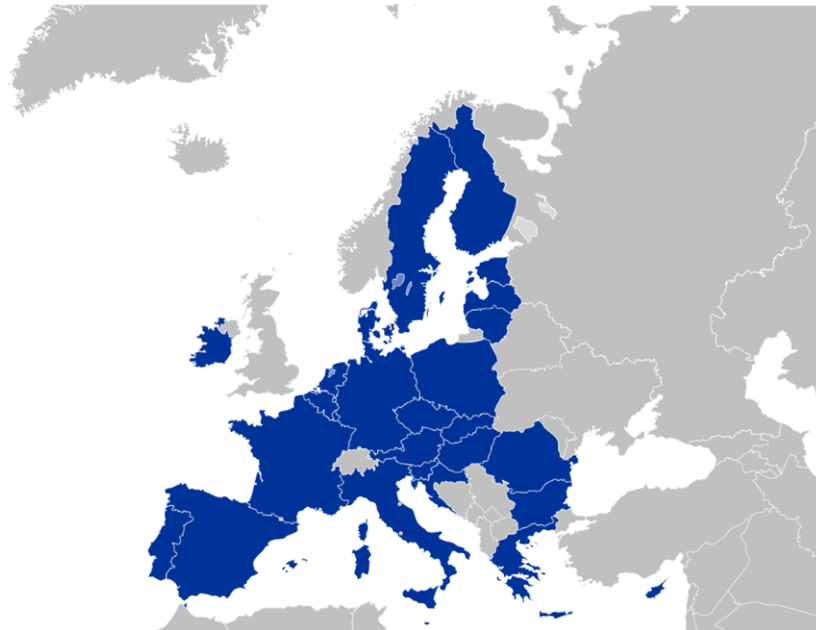


The EU Organic regulation and its implementation



The EU Organic Regulation

- Interpretation of “partially” for covering of open-air areas => 50%
- Does 50 % mean the highest level of animal welfare from Malta to Finland?



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IFOAM OE - Survey and Workshop

- **Period of consultation:** 24 March – 14 April 2021
- **Consulted Groups:**
 - Interest Group of Organic Farmers (IGOF)
 - Regulation mailing list
- **23 inputs from 19 countries**

(17 EU Member States and 2 EFTA Countries)

 - Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Finland, Germany(4), Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain(2), Switzerland, Sweden
- **Follow-up Workshop:** 26 May 2021 (24 experts from all over the EU)



General considerations from the survey and the workshop

Both the survey and the workshop have showed that:

- 1) There is a huge diversity of situation in the EU – and this is positive and need to be kept!



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General considerations from the survey and the workshop

2) A rigid interpretation of a requirement does not necessarily fit to all the contexts and can imply:

- structural changes in stables and farm lay out required,
- A lower level of health and welfare of animals,
- farms forced to go back to conventional,
- Loss of farm income,
- Reduced quality of products (meat in this case),
- safety of farmers



Examples from the survey

- Access to pasture & End of Fattening Period



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- Covering open-air areas & definition of “partially”



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- Nose ring for bulls



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What is the best approach to reach a balance btw local adaptation and level playing field?

Today

Interpretation is provided when a Member State or an operator asks for it or as follow up of audits conducted in Member States.

In the Future

A consistent approach is needed where:

- Level playing field is guaranteed
- Diversity is respected
- Transparency is provided
- The operator has room for movement within the clear borders of the regulation and in line with the principles and the holistic approach



Thank you for your attention!

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