



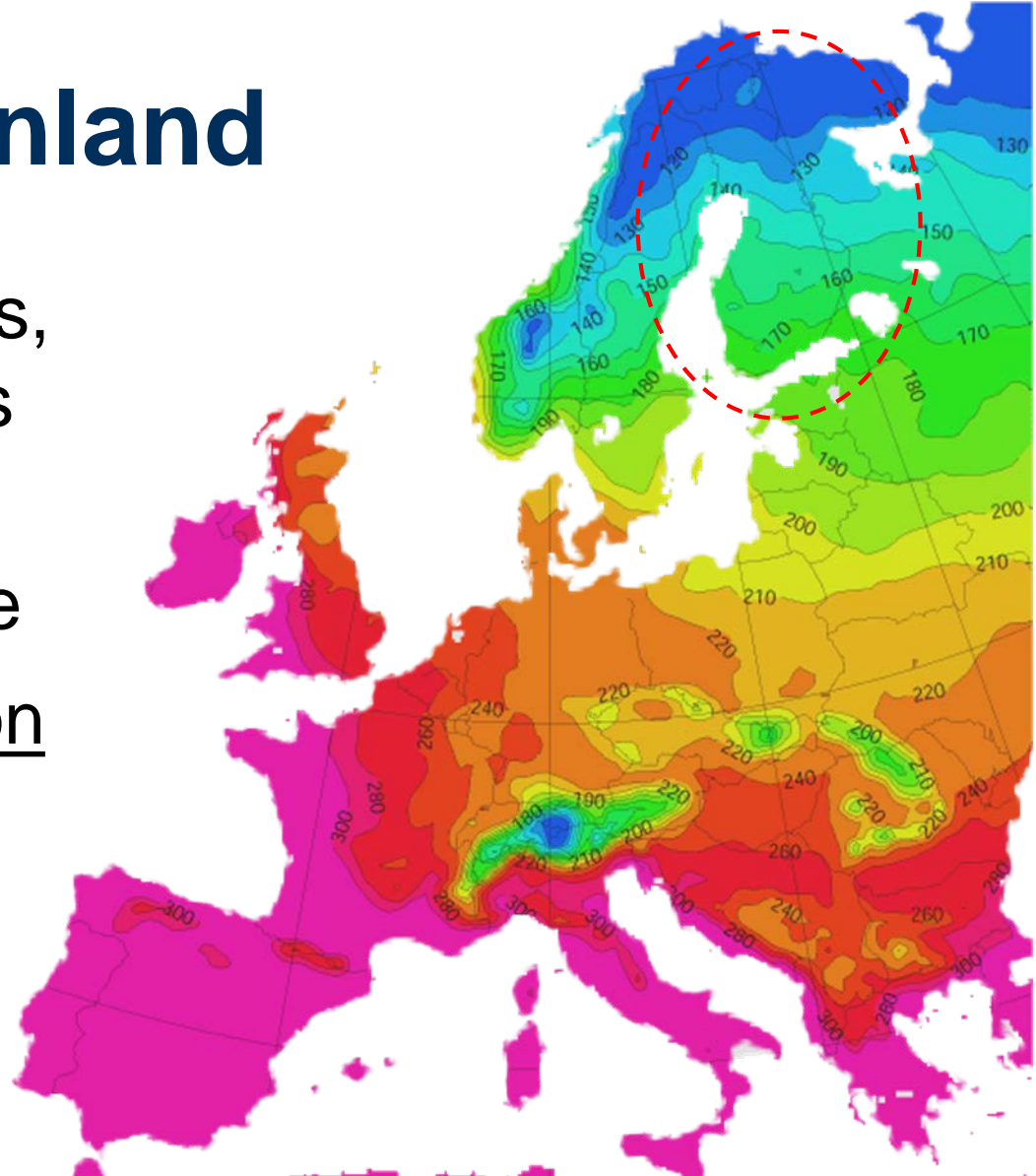
CAP Strategic Plan preparation and protein crops - Finland

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Arctic agriculture in Finland

- Short growing period, cold winters, sparse population, long distances
- Low yields per hectare, few alternative plant species available
- High production costs vs. common market and common producer prices



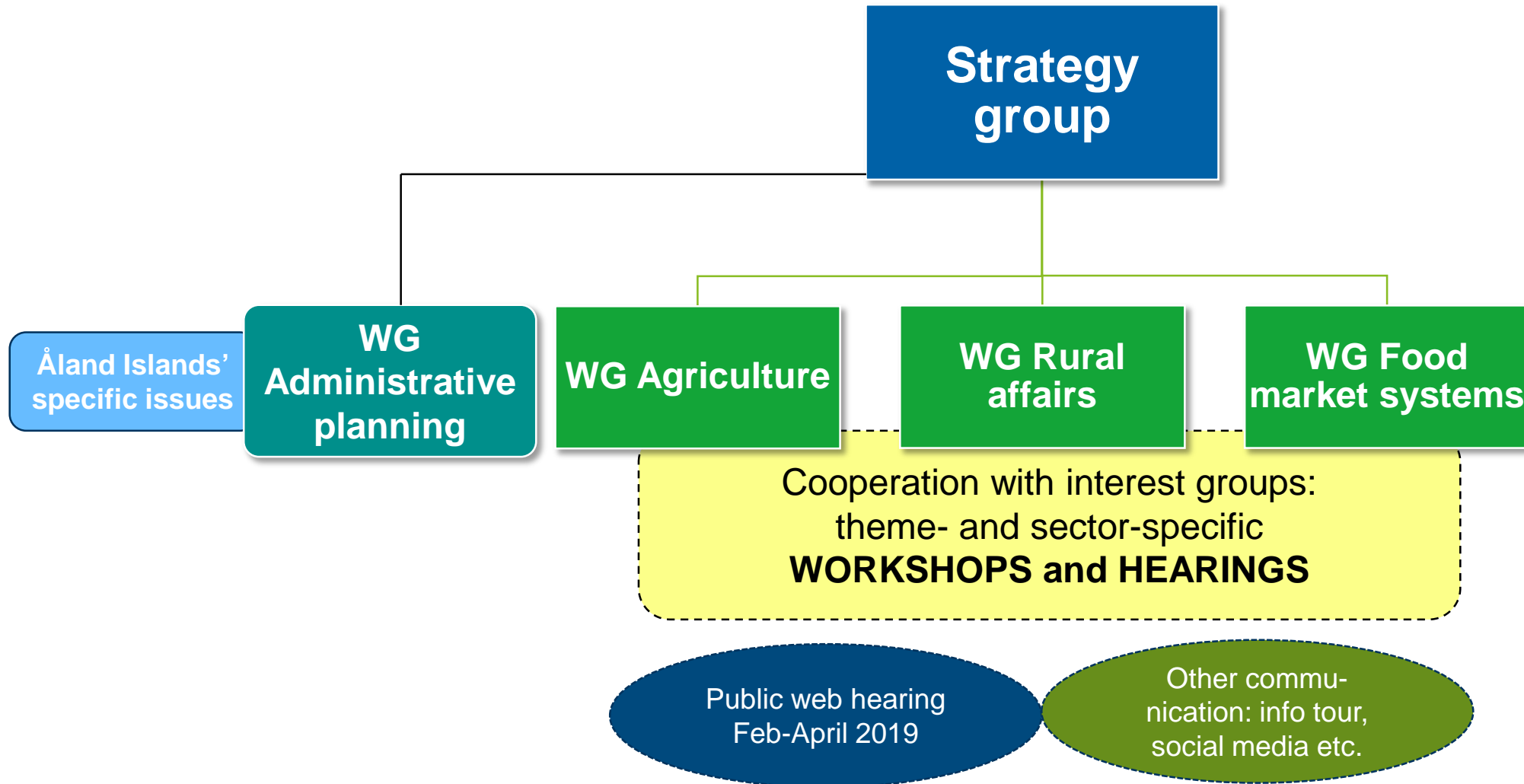


Finland's national CAP preparation (1)

- In 2018 the official national CAP preparatory organization was updated/extended in order to better reflect the Commission proposal and to get the stakeholders involved at early stage.
- And to achieve a better coordination between national needs and the new CAP architecture and the new delivery model.
- Preparation of the CAP Plan started with drafting of needs assessments and SWOT analyses. They are concentrating around the 9 specific objectives of the CAP.
- First drafting was done by the Ministry, but at the early stage it was introduced to working groups for further processing.



Finnish CAP preparatory organization





Finland's national CAP preparation (2)

- 26 theme-specific workshops with various interest groups and stakeholders: networking, gathering ideas, knowledge transfer (Nov 2018 - May 2019).
- 10 sector-specific hearings: lessons learnt, needs for the future CAP measures (Oct 2018 – May 2019, including protein crops & oilseeds).
- Preparation of the ex ante evaluation is also on the way, the actual evaluation work is expected to start at the end of 2019.
- Now Strategy group is discussing key questions/targets related to CAP plan => political steering for the further preparation on working groups etc.



Finland's national CAP preparation (3)

Main challenges:

- The future **timetable** appears to be uncertain and the process is difficult to plan and coordinate efficiently
- The **level of details** needed for the Plan still quite unclear
- The process on national level will be heavy, especially **coordination of national legislation** will be demanding (more to define and decide nationally)



Finland's national CAP preparation (4)

Main opportunities:

- A new delivery model gives a chance for **better and more efficient CAP coordination**.
- A **more open process** for interest groups and stakeholders.
- Arguments for all national choices have to be well coordinated and justified, which will **enhance public acceptance** of CAP.



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Generally:

- Nordic production conditions and high production costs are the most important challenges in Finland – specific measures are needed
- New research information and innovations are even more essential
- Climate and environmental challenges and demands call for action – protein crops can have a bigger role in sustainable crop production in the future
- A well justified and coherent Plan is needed for efficient implementation of the new CAP: SWOT analysis => needs assessment => interventions => indicators
- But BIG decisions first => budget, clear view of the final EU legislation ...



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Pending the future outcome of the CAP Strategic Plans Regulation

Possibilities on the Pillar I

FIRST need to define mandatory requirements in the conditionality system in CAP & balance between Pillar I vs. environmental/climate management commitments on Pillar II.

- **Coupled payment** for protein crops & oilseeds (instrument currently used in Finland).
- **Eco-Schemes** give opportunities to promote protein crops with voluntary measures ... to be defined later.
- **Sectoral Interventions** => producer organizations
- In the conditionality crop rotation or crop diversification increases producers interest on protein crops, as well as the possibility to apply nitrogen fixing plants (with the ban of plant protection products) on the “non-productive features” (areas)



Possibilities on the Pillar II:

Measures on Rural Development framework from which protein crops can also benefit.

- Environment and climate-related support measures
- Measures to promote organic production
- Support for knowledge exchange and information measures
- Advisory services (national or EU –funded)
- Investment support for farmers / enterprises
- Cooperation measures => promote interaction/projects connecting farmers and other actors
- Innovation support (linked to plant breeding, production methods, technology, product development and digitalization)

Thank you!

