



*“The CAP and food systems in transition:
ag economists between a rock and a hard place?”*

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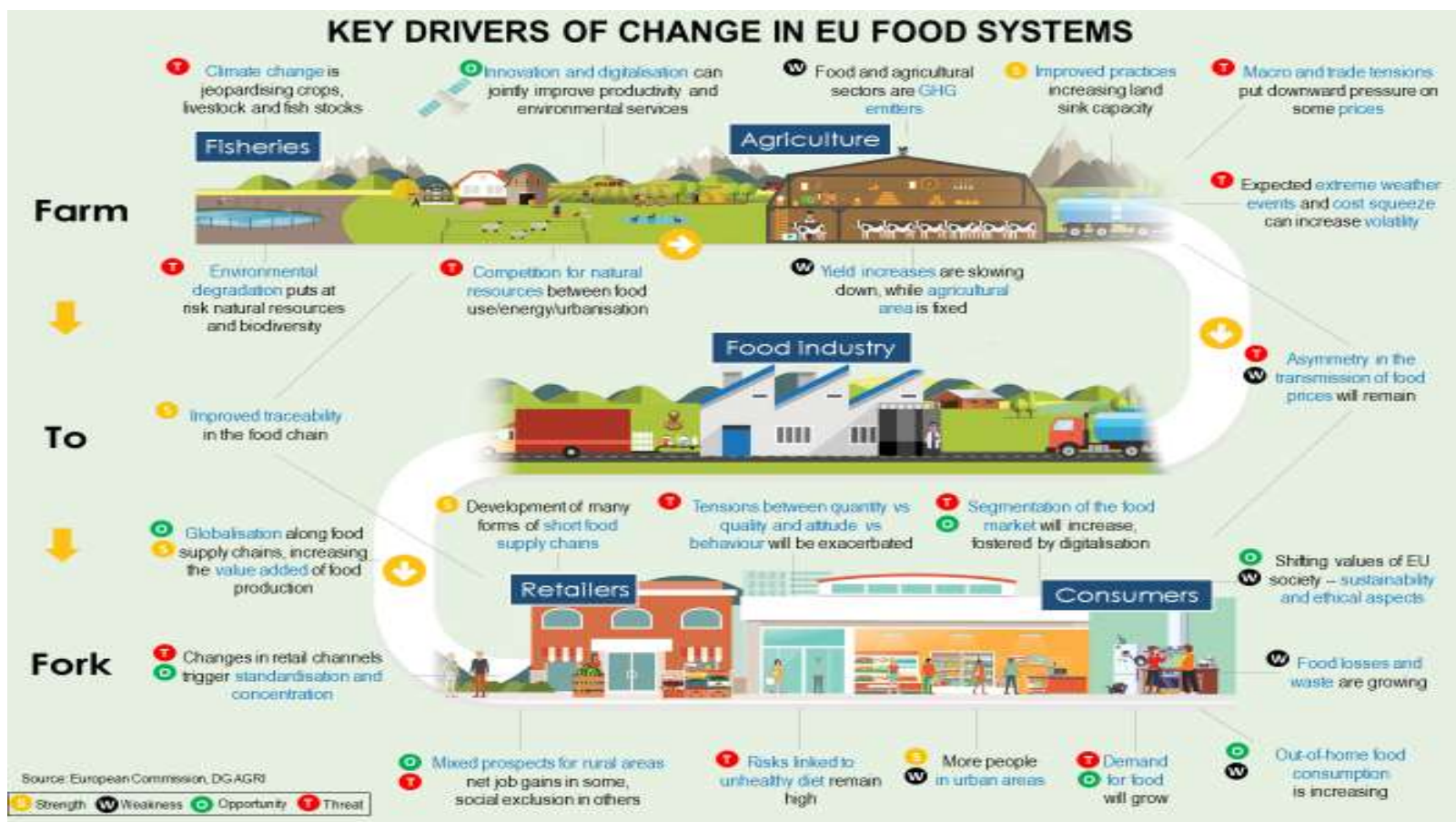
**Agriculture
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Summarising the shifting nature of global food challenges

The world food system is in transition...

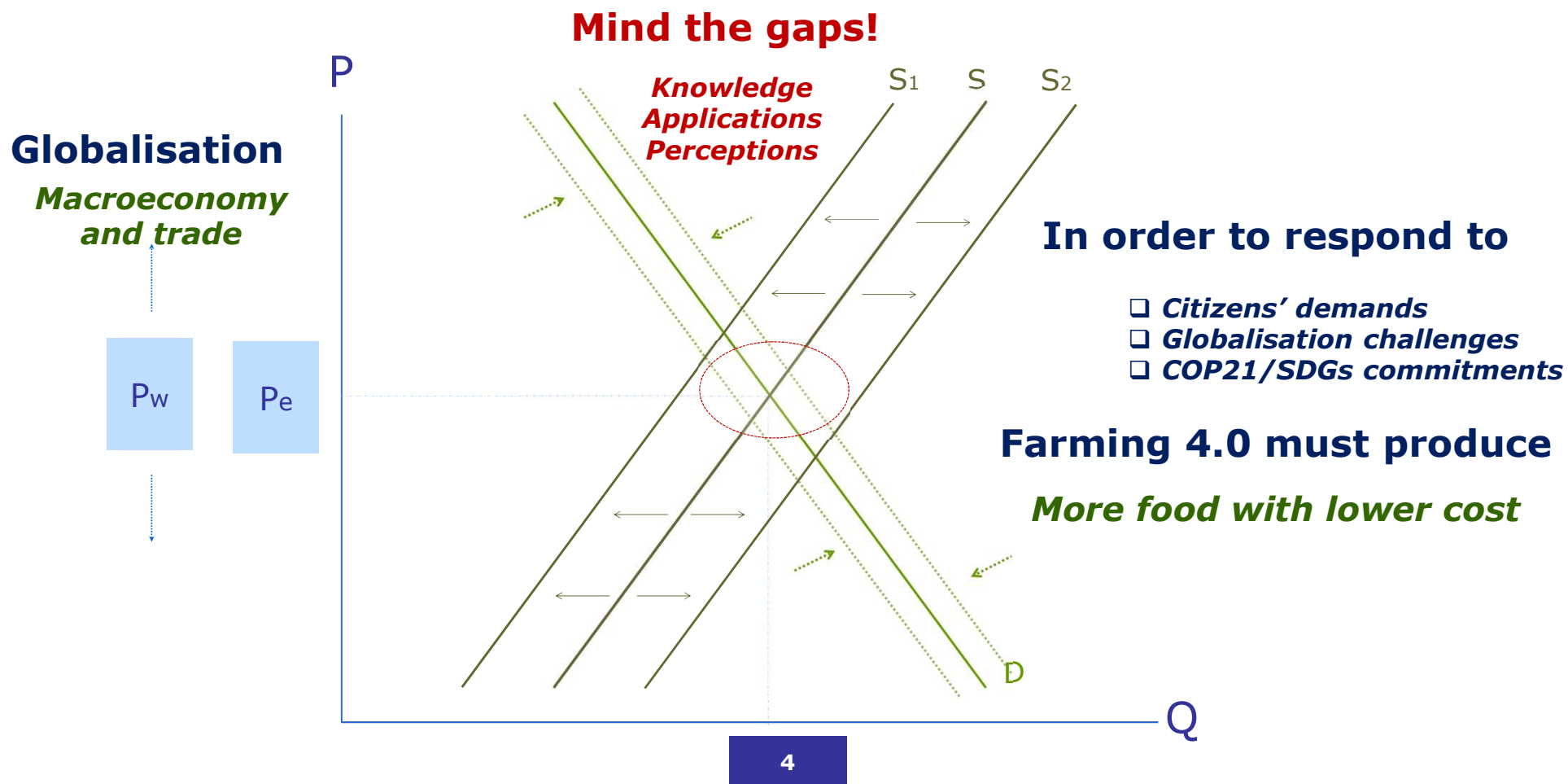
- ❖ *...from a phase of **solving economic and social problems** (food productivity and food affordability) **at the expense of the environment** (soil, air, water, biodiversity)...*
- ❖ *...**towards** a phase of **enabling joint economic and environmental solutions** (precision farming and digital economy) with **potentially increasing social tensions** (health, knowledge gaps, digital divide, gaps in urban vs rural jobs & growth)...*
- ❖ *...that **requires** using **agriculture's unique potential for net job gains in the food chain** to turn this challenge into a growth strategy to **produce more with less***

Key drivers of change in EU Food Systems



Source: T. Haniotis presentation at the EUI Workshop on "Innovation and Market Power in the Food Supply Chain: Challenges for Competition Policy and Regulation" Florence 20 September 2019.

Global food challenges – from ECON 101 to Farming 4.0



The role of CAP and the F2F in this transition

The European Food System is no exception...

- ❖ *...the **Future CAP proposal anticipated the need to prioritise environmental and climate action** - in its Impact Assessment and in its proposals, introducing focus on performance, enhanced ambition in design and flexibility in the implementation of its environmental architecture...*
- ❖ *...the **Farm to Fork Strategy aligned the CAP with the Green Deal**, adding **concrete quantitative targets in specific areas** of the CAP proposal linked to climate, the environment and health, thus adding a new dimension to the demand-driven orientation of the CAP ...*
- ❖ *...the **COVID** crisis, the European Council **MFF** decision and the Council/EP negotiation **mandates shift the debate to its final stage**, raising questions about the level of ambition*

The Strategic Plans become the litmus test of ambition

What's at stake today?

- ❖ *...the **increased level of ambition is the first test for the CAP to pass** – not just because the “no backsliding principle” is in the proposed legislation, but because whether this is respected or not is a **transparent and measurable exercise...***
- ❖ *...**not leaving anyone behind is the second test to pass** – both at the MS and at the farm level, different starting points and diverse knowledge and perception gaps imply different speeds of adjustment, but **the direction of change needs to be common and uniform...***
- ❖ *...**capitalising on innovation is the third test to pass** - concrete applications are rapidly spreading, and the EU is globally leading in some areas, but resistance to change and fear of technology is also for real, calling for a shifting in the debate from theoretical concepts to practical applications, where the **pros and cons are concrete and measurable, and adaptations possible...***

Instead of conclusions...

...a few words on Krijn Poppe...

- ❖ *...and his role on evidence-based Farm Policy...*
- ❖ *...on Farm Advice...*
- ❖ *...and on the prospects for FSDN ...*

Thank you!

REPORTS AND MORE INFORMATION

On MFF Material

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/factsheets-long-term-budget-proposals_en

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/mff/index_en.cfm

On CAP legislative proposals, Impact Assessment and Background

https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/key-policies/common-agricultural-policy/future-cap_en

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On the Farm to Fork Strategy and its link to the CAP

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0381&from=EN>

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/sustainability_and_natural_resources/documents/analysis-of-links-between-cap-and-green-deal_en.pdf