

# Regulatory framework and implications for the use of organic seed

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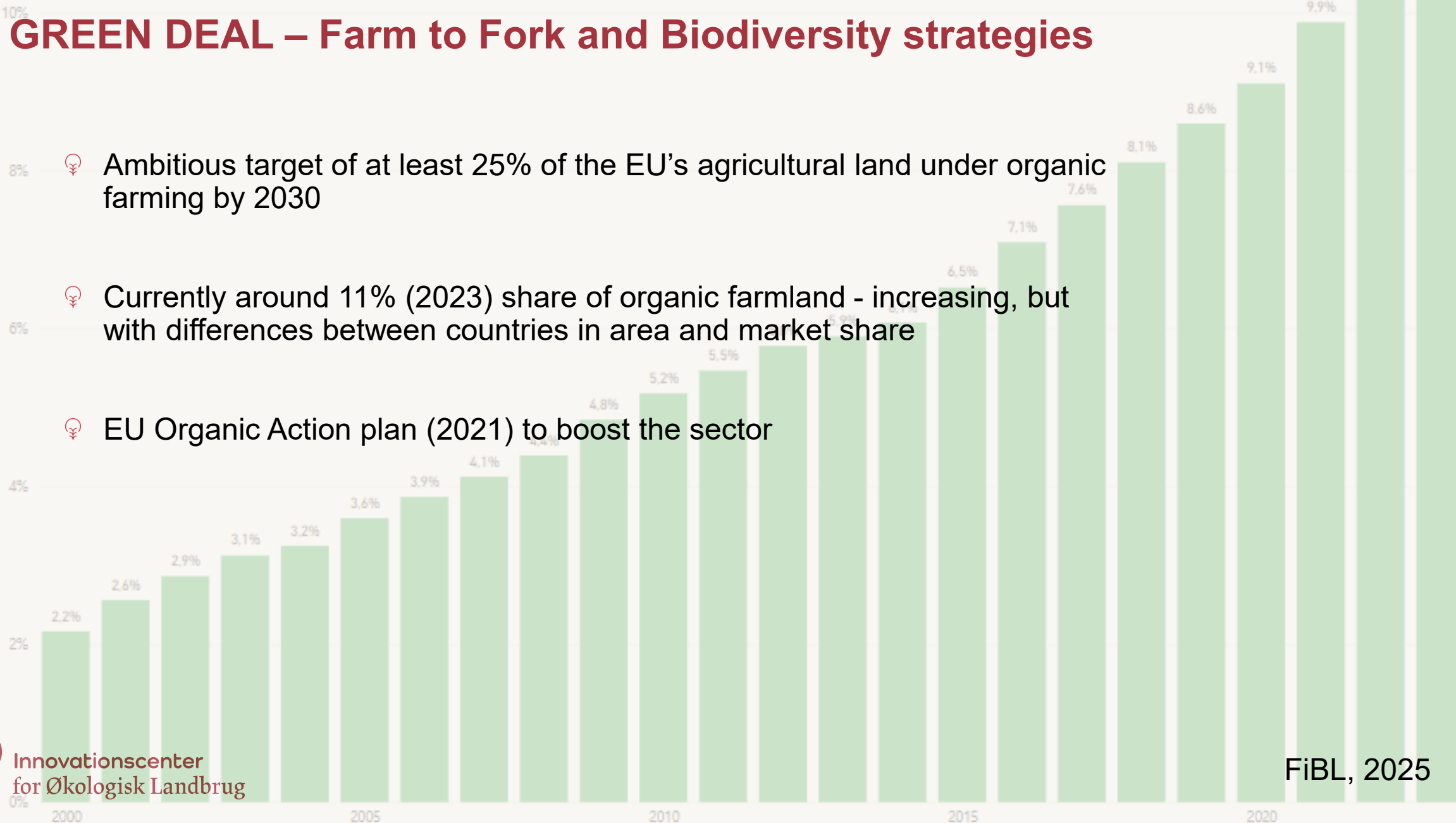


# GREEN DEAL – Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies

🌱 Ambitious target of at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under organic farming by 2030

🌱 Currently around 11% (2023) share of organic farmland - increasing, but with differences between countries in area and market share

🌱 EU Organic Action plan (2021) to boost the sector



# Organic regulation 2018/848

New cultivar categories:

- Organic varieties with possibility for adapted testing protocol
- Organic Heterogenous Material

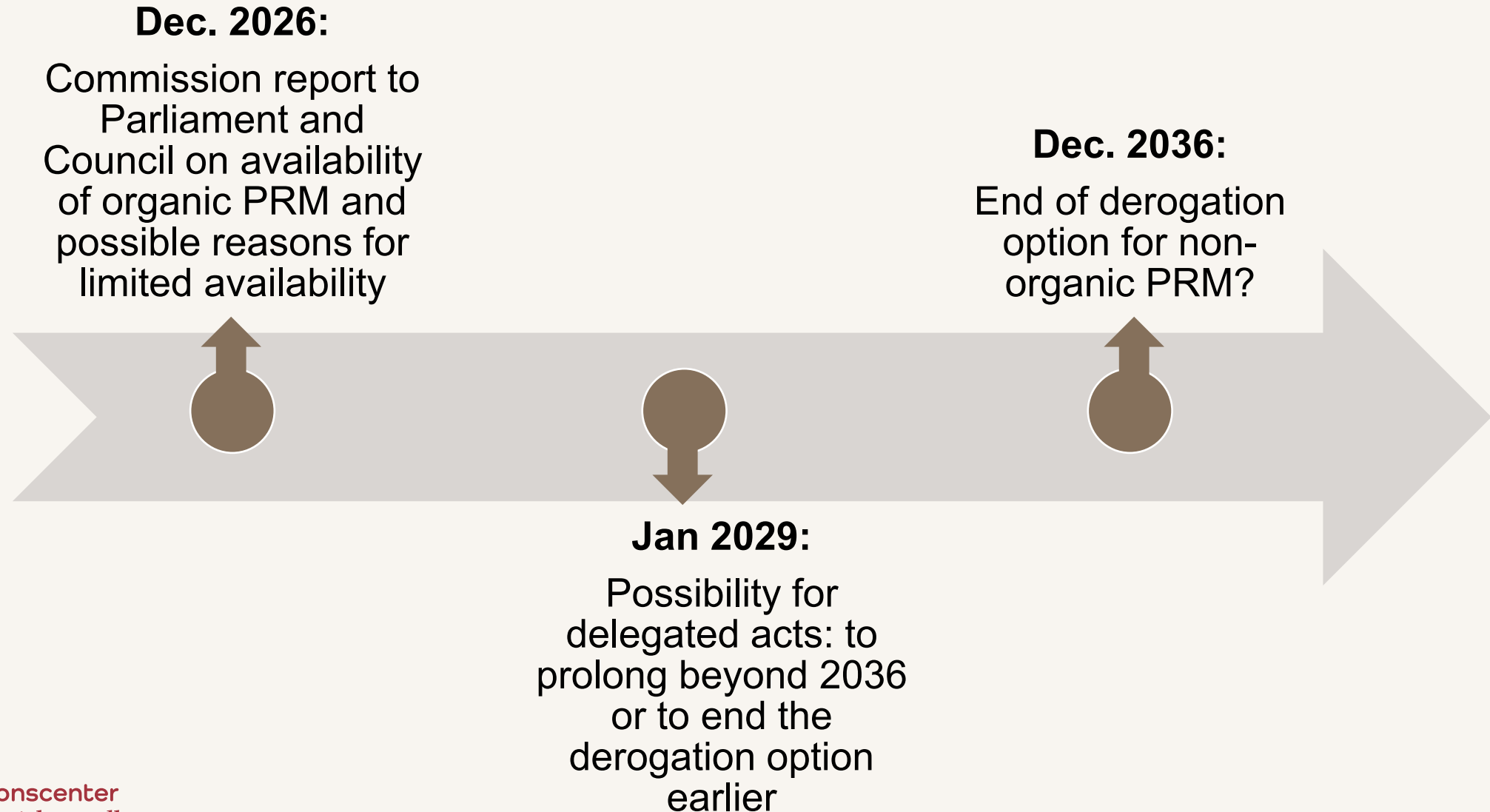
Organic seed databases and yearly reporting on derogations

Derogation option for non-organic PRM

Category 1 crops – no derogation list



# Timeline in organic EU-regulation 2018/848 to phase out derogations for non-organic PRM



# PRM regulation to replace marketing directives

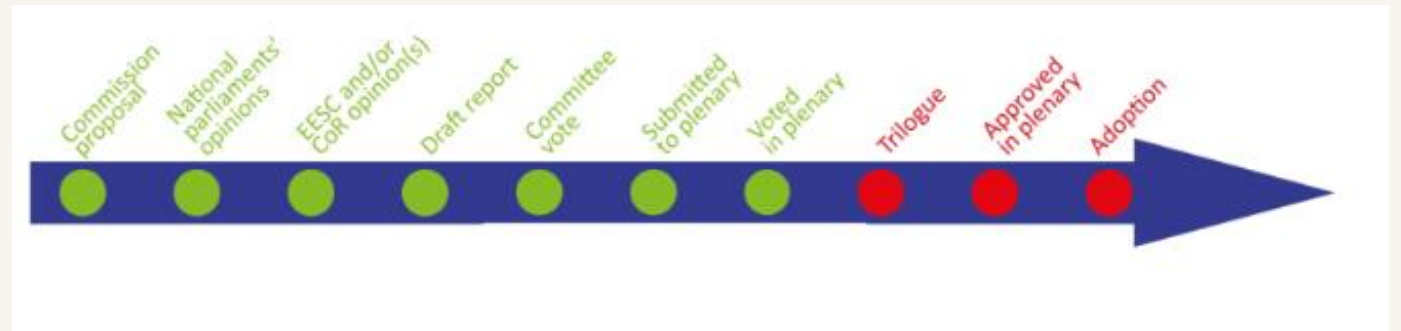
## Elements of the proposal:

- DUS and VSCU
- Conservation varieties and Amateur gardeners
- Organic PRM and OHM (currently out)
- Seed banks and in kind exchange
- Breeder's seeds
- Herbicide-resistant plants
- GMO, NGT

## Legislative status:

April 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 adopted by Parliament with 315 proposed changes

Negotiations in Council



European Parliament, 2024

# NGT – Categories in proposal

## Category 1

- Equivalent to conventional plants
- Light regulation (labelling, register)

Ø Not allowed in organic farming

## Category 2

- More complex modifications of plants
- GMO requirements (adapted)
- No opt out by member states

Ø Not allowed in organic farming

-> Trilogue negotiations ongoing.