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Current thinking on Ireland's Eco-Scheme principles

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ENRD Workshop – Designing Eco-Schemes

Environmental challenges

➤ Water Quality



➤ Greenhouse gas emissions



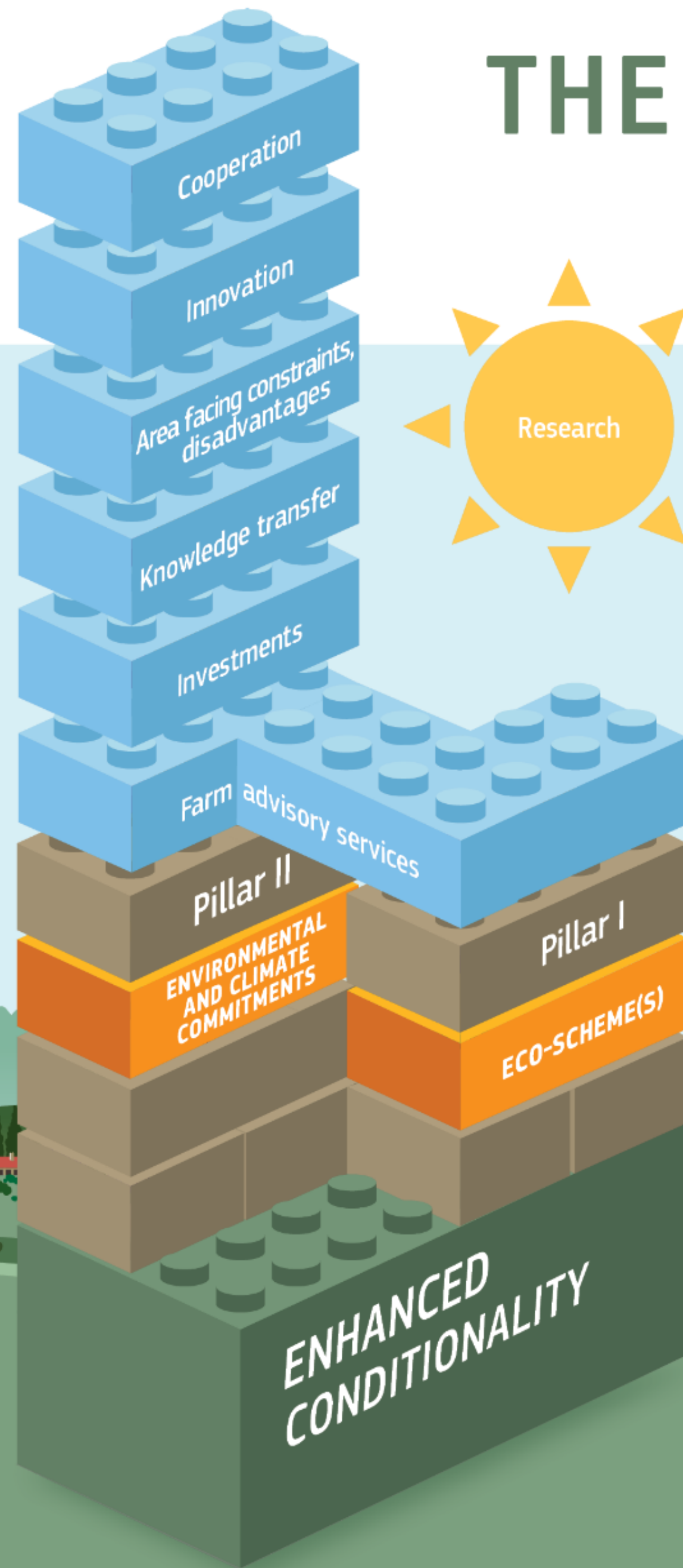
➤ Ammonia emissions



➤ Biodiversity



THE NEW GREEN ARCHITECTURE



CLIMATE

ANIMAL WELFARE

WATER

SOIL

ANIMAL & PLANT HEALTH

BIODIVERSITY



Objectives

Developing our thinking.....



- CAP Consultative Committee – 27 stakeholder groups
- Strong environmental ambition
- Green Architecture Workshops
- Further consultation required
- Awaiting outcome of trilogue process



Principles - current thinking



Ambition – Eco-Scheme for “all farmers”

1. Encourage participation

2. Financial incentive

3. Simple scheme(s) with broad appeal



How we believe Ireland's Eco-Scheme(s) will interact with Pillar II AECM



Both must directly contribute to meeting EU and/or National environmental/climate change goals.

Annual v's multi-annual:

- Eco-Scheme action must deliver environmental benefit even if only practiced for one year
- Pillar II action may take longer than one year to achieve environmental benefit

Pillar II likely to be targeted with higher requirements.

Conclusion



- Different approaches
- Want subsidiarity to allow Member States identify their environmental needs and how best they should be addressed.

