

ARC - a message from civil society towards CAP reform 2013



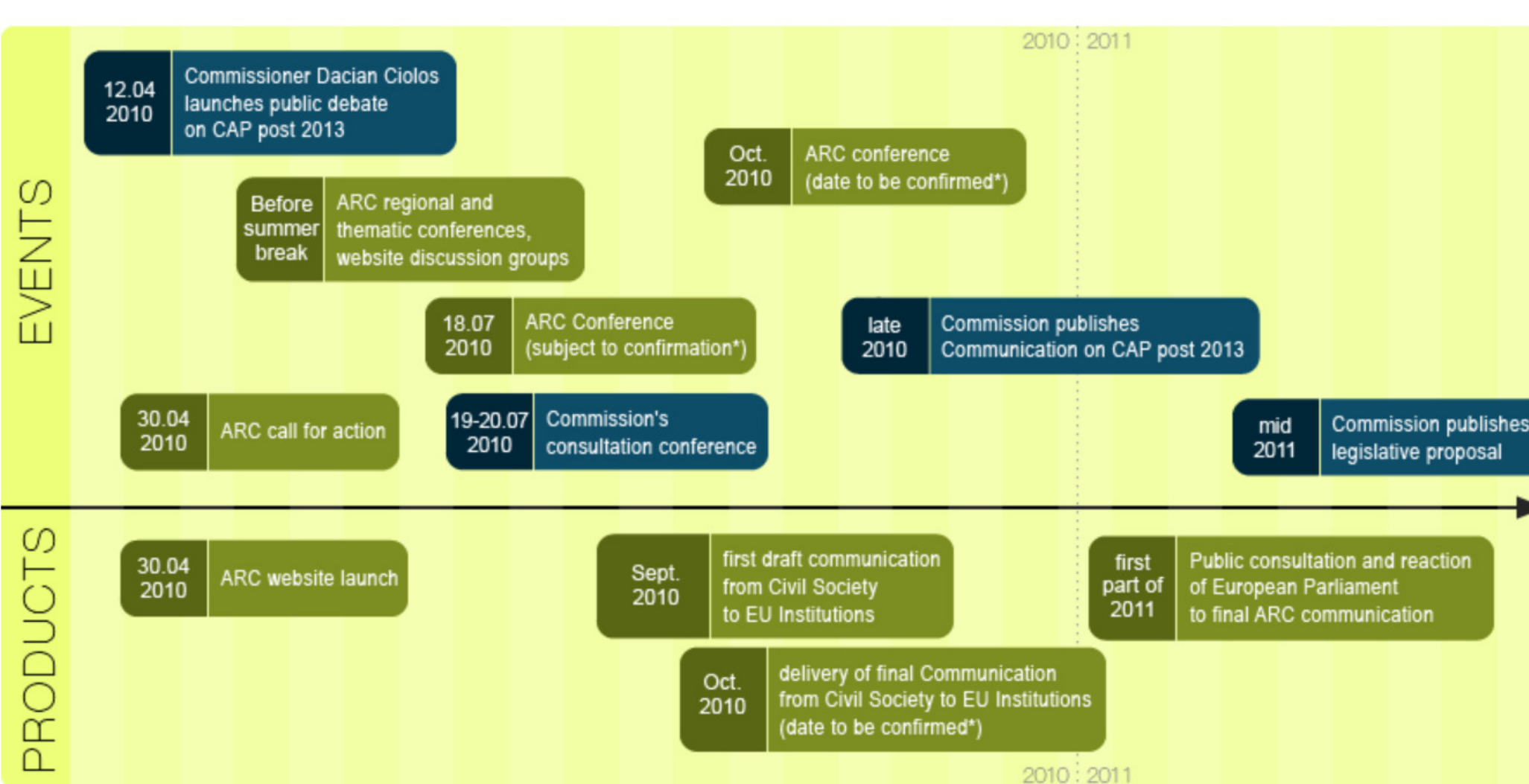
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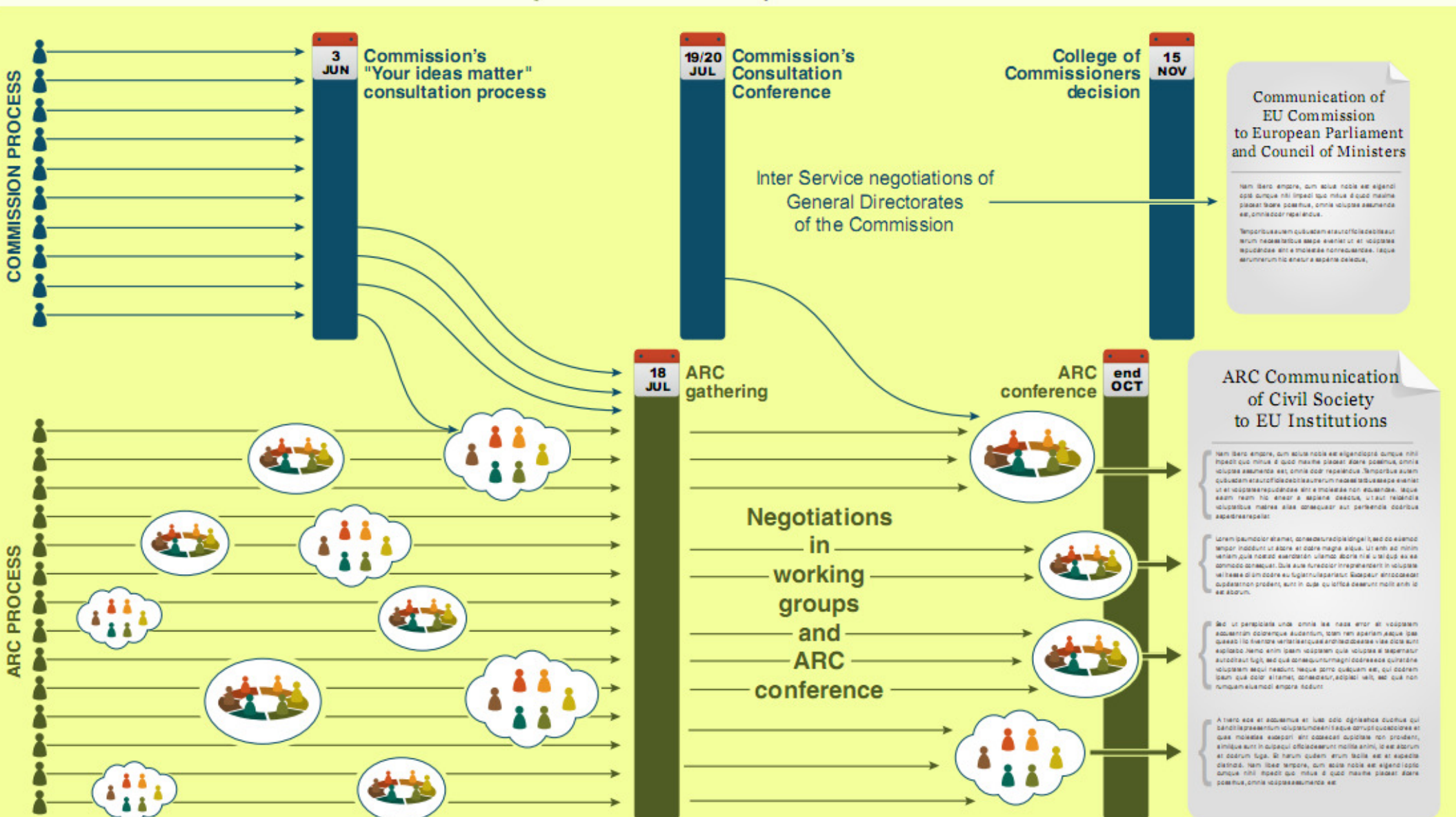


CAP reform 2013: the timeline



* Some dates are provisional and may be subject to change


The ARC process



Key ideas of the ARC gathered before the Commission's Consultation Conference 19-20th July to give a general shape to the final document

Texts generated by the working groups will fill out the general shape provided by the ARC gathering

 individual contribution

 group contribution (regional or thematic)

 working group

 regional or thematic meeting



key ARC ideas

- *a paradigm shift in agriculture*
from intensive industrial farming
towards sustainable agriculture everywhere
and „community connected farming“
- *an economic renaissance of rural areas*
building on strength and diversity
of communities, cultures and resources

reflected in the „statement of principles“ (July 2010)

and elaborated in the “Communication from Civil Society to the European Institutions“ (draft Aug.2010)

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32 working groups
ca. 60 supporting organisations

what can be our message - ?

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Sustainable Development in Lake Areas: Empowering Local Initiatives and Civil Society					
The Role of NGOs and Administration		Maritsa River, BG			
		Administration	NGO paid by public money	NGO paid by priv. money	NGO unpaid
1	propose protected area		X		
2	define protection status	X			
3	organize stakeholder consultation		X		
4	defend protection politically		X		
5	organize scientific base		X		
6	write management plan		X		
7	enforce management plan	X			
8	monitor habitats	X			
9	restore / manage habitats		X		
10	control land use, tourism, ...	X			
11	communicate to win farmers / fishermen		X		
12	communicate to win local support		X		
13	raise funds		X		X
14	initiate sust.dev projects				X
15	organize sust.dev. projects				X
	labeling projects				
	tourism infrastructure	X			X
	large public event		X		X
	others				
for questions: ask ---->			Ventzislav Vassile		



***NGOs play a crucial role in implementing EU conservation directives
by their initiative, expertise and communication skills***

this contributes to sustainable development of rural areas

but their work relies on unstable structures due to temporary funding

to realize their full potential we need

- a full recognition of their role
- capacity building both for NGOs and local administrations
- legal options to delegate specific responsibilities to NGOs
- financial and in-kind support to maintain permanent structures with regard to their responsibilities

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what do you think --?