



Collaborative Soy Initiative

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SI National Soya
Initiatives

CSI-ENSI webinar:
Soy in EU legislation and collaboration:
How to combine best practices from the voluntary world with
mandatory frameworks?

CSI: Inform, create synergy, add value. 3 March 2022

Context



Climate change and biodiversity loss present huge and combined crises for humans and nature alike.

Keeping our eyes on the horizon from this perspective....

We need to speed up the saving and restoration of forests and other valuable ecosystems such as wetlands, savannas and high biodiversity grasslands.

We need to speed up producing and consuming in a way that respects the environment and human rights. Including ecosystem conservation, but also land and labour rights, or responsible use and treatment of chemicals, soil and water.

Zooming in today:



European collaboration on soy in the context of upcoming legislation.

See CSI website for recording and presentations of earlier webinars: a.o. European soy: facts and trends in production and consumption. October 21st 2021 (ao on soy in Ukraine).

Central question: how can we combine mandatory and best practice voluntary frameworks to achieve deforestation & conversion-free responsible, sustainable soy?

Agenda 14:00-15:30



- **Combining multiple tools in responsible sourcing: legislation & collaboration**
Heleen van den Hombergh - Collaborative Soy Initiative
- **Introducing the European National Soy Initiatives:**
Tijmen de Vries - ENSI Secretariat
- **The UK Roundtable on Sustainable Soya:**
Jonathan Gorman and Francesca Marietti - EFECA
- **The Danish Alliance for Responsible Soy:**
Janine Dortmund and Sofie Tind Nielsen - ETI Denmark & WWF Denmark
- **The Dutch Soy Platform:**
Gert van der Bijl and Frank Gort - Solidaridad & Nevedi
- **Introduction of the joint FEFAC-FEDIOL-COCERAL reaction to the EU proposal on deforestation-free products**
Nathalie Lecocq -FEDIOL
- **Dialogue with participants:** How can mandatory and voluntary initiatives strengthen and reinforce each other -in Europe and beyond- to achieve conversion free sustainable/responsible soy?
- **Wrap Up** by CSI and ENSI.

Combining multiple routes to achieve 100% conversion-free sustainable soy



Recently, EU presented 2 important drafts:

(1) Regulation on deforestation free products. Strict product-based legislation. Traceability to plot level. Required due diligence statement of operators/traders that products (incl. soy) are produced according to local law and without deforestation/ forest degradation.

(2) Sustainable corporate governance directive. Process oriented legislation: due diligence on HR and environment. Broader but less strict, to be translated into national legislation.

First of all: combining them in a serious way seems important to address sustainability issues relevant to soy.

And how about the voluntarily developed instruments?

In CSI webinars, meta meetings between global and regional soy initiatives over past 2 years: What approaches and tools does the « voluntary world » have to offer and how to combine them for best impact?



The multiple routes to responsible sourcing

Combining the best of approaches for conversion-free sustainable soy

A narrative and “Magicube” tool for dialogue on policies

There is no single path to sustainable soy. At the Collaborative Soy Initiative we believe we can achieve our vision of 100% conversion-free sustainable soy production and market uptake on a global scale. However, there are several ways to get there, and they best work in combination.



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A bird's eye view on added values of major voluntary approaches (please read the narrative!)

A. Robust certification schemes can set and control environmental and social criteria, including and beyond conversion-free production

B. Biome wide moratorium esp if with strong verification mechanism, has one clear requirement and can have landscape wide effect

C. Clean suppliers approach could create volume of conversion-free production, and avoid leakage to other biomes and markets

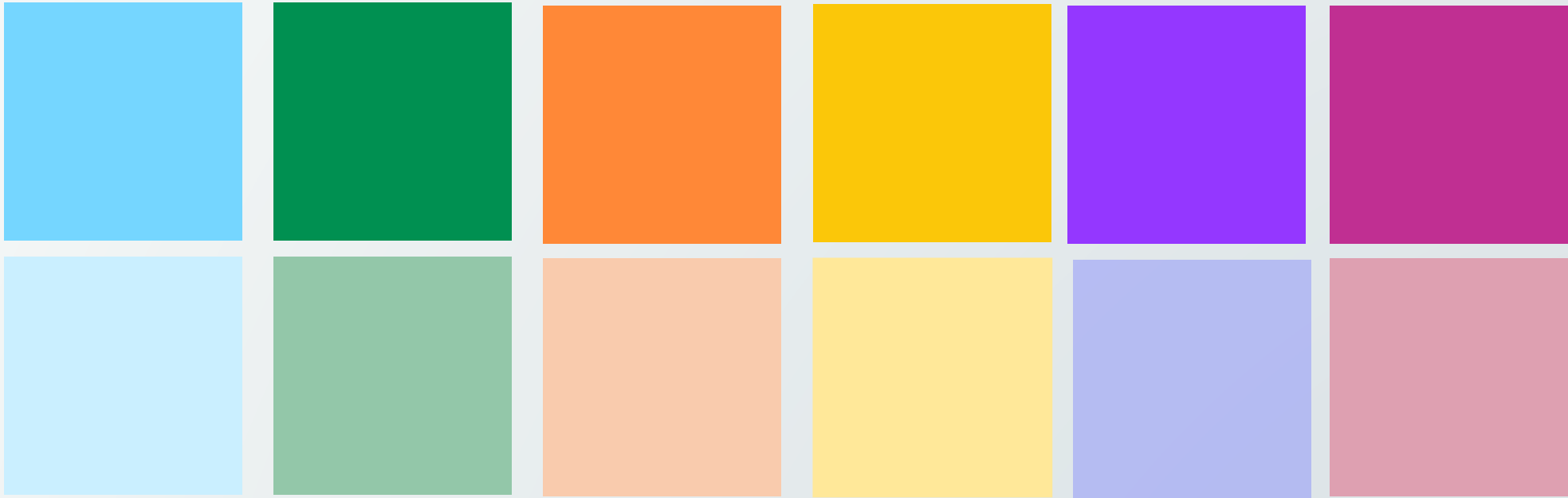
D. Landscape initiatives can engage producers at all levels/different commodities, engage government and promote additional conservation

E. Pre-competitive initiatives: can facilitate compatible asks, scale in volume and resources, combine tools from A-D

F. Carbon footprint framework: beyond LCA, can make carbon important factor in policies. Combine tools from A-D.



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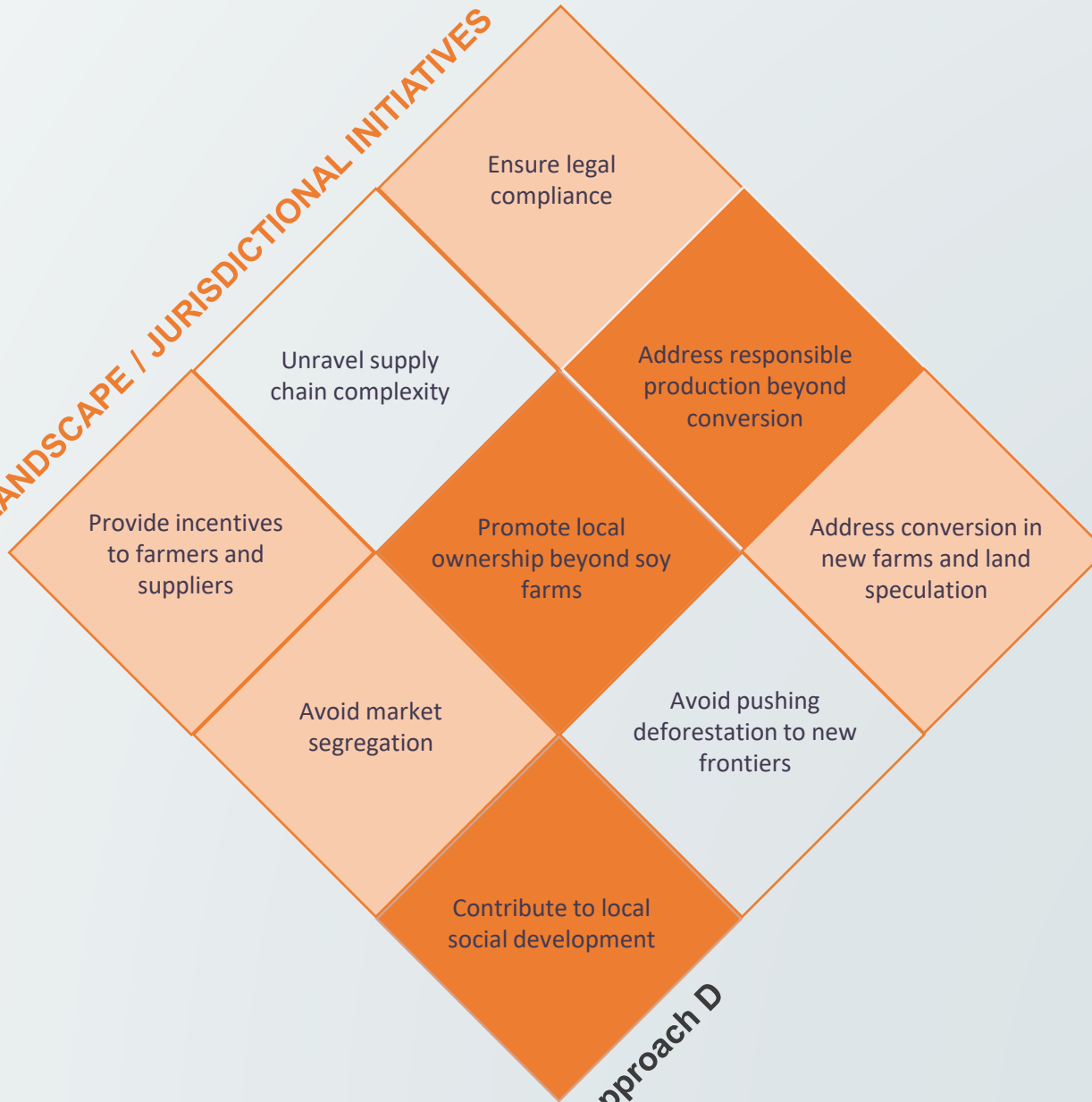


- Robust Certification Schemes
- Biome-wide Moratorium
- Clean Supplier Approach
- Landscape/Jurisdictional Initiatives
- Pre-competitive Initiatives
- Carbon Footprint Framework

6 approaches for conversion-free sustainable soy production and trade



LANDSCAPE / JURISDICTIONAL INITIATIVES

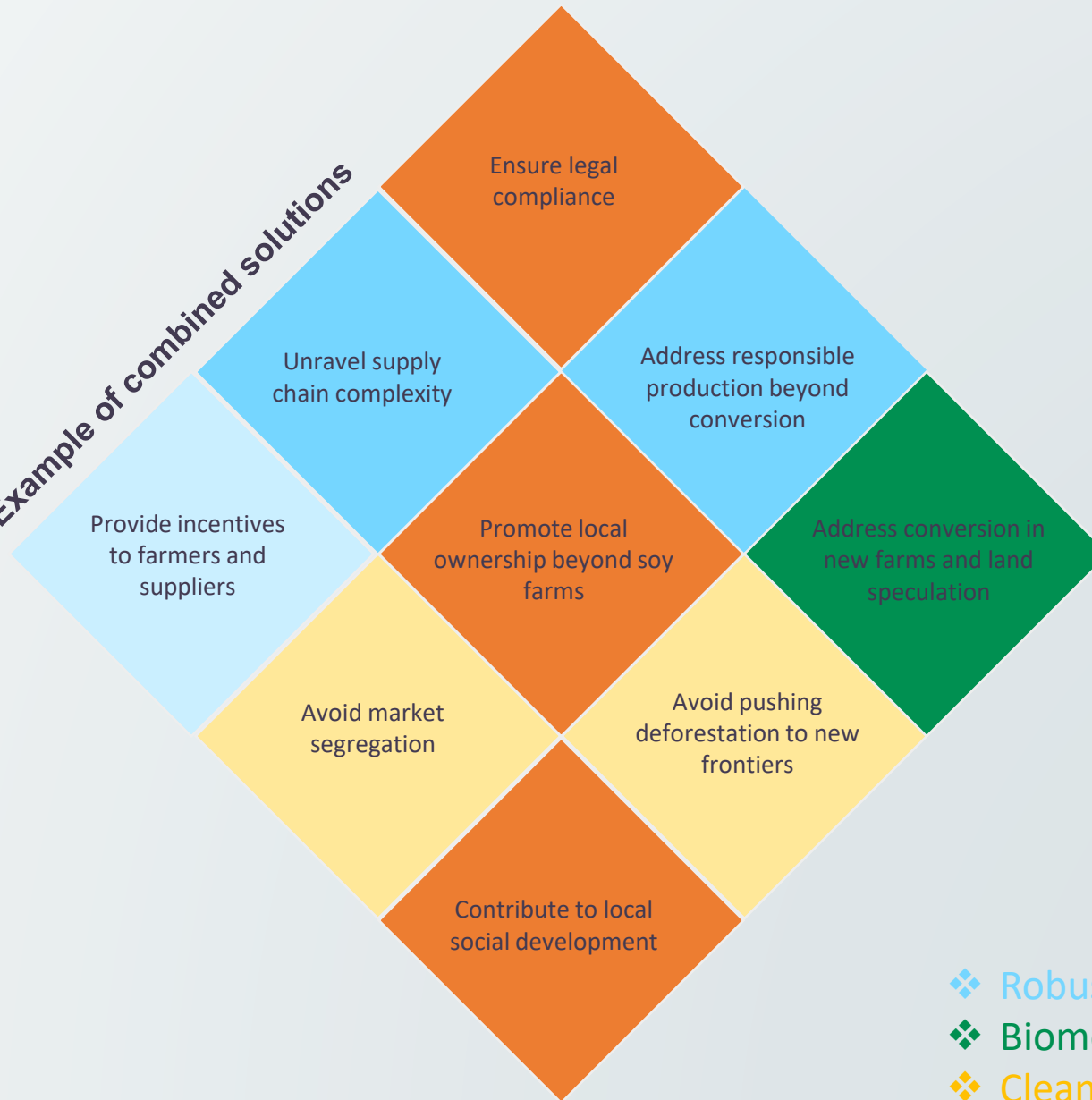


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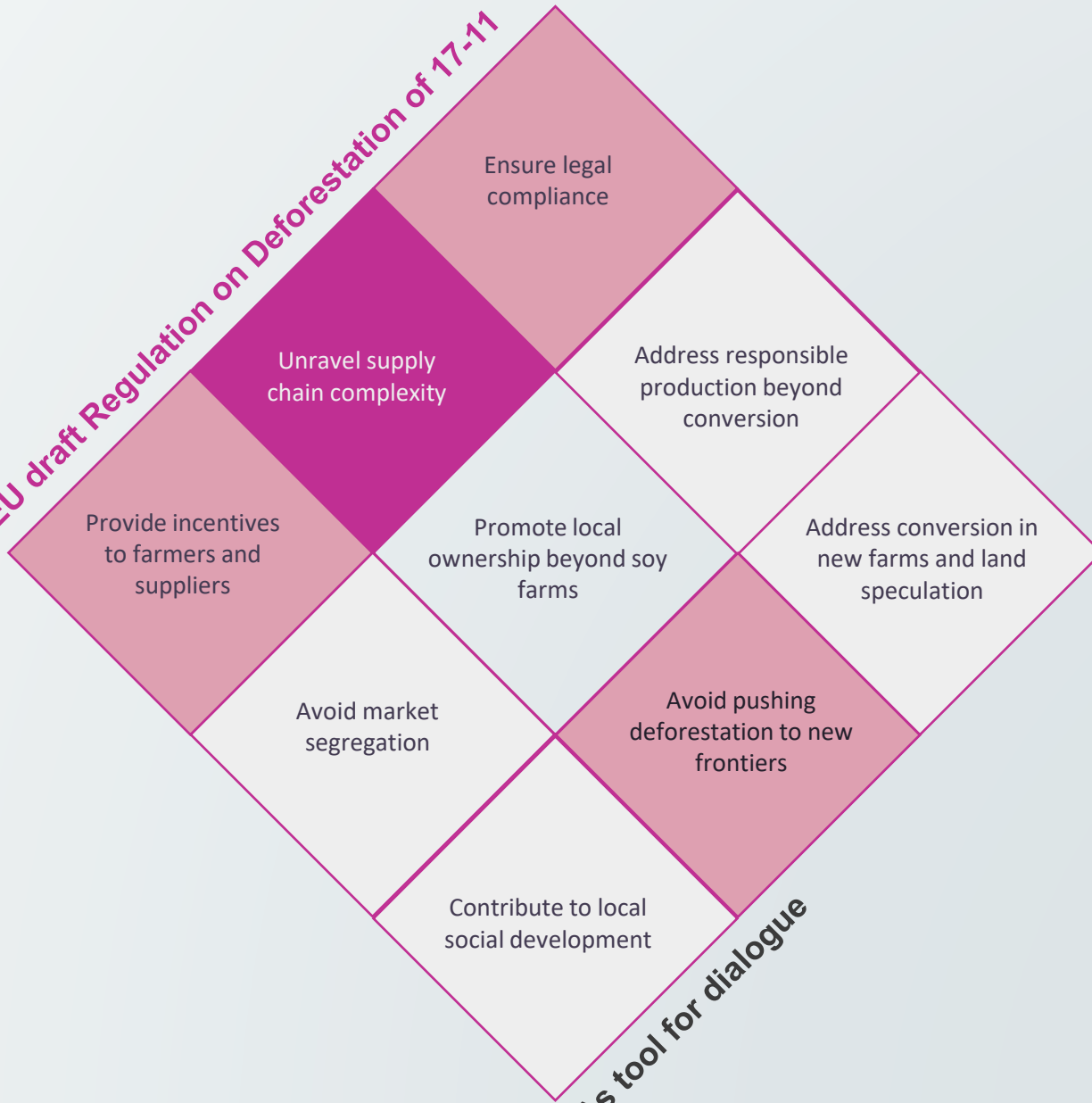
Example of combined solutions



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- ❖ Landscape/Jurisdictional Initiatives



EU draft Regulation on Deforestation of 17-11

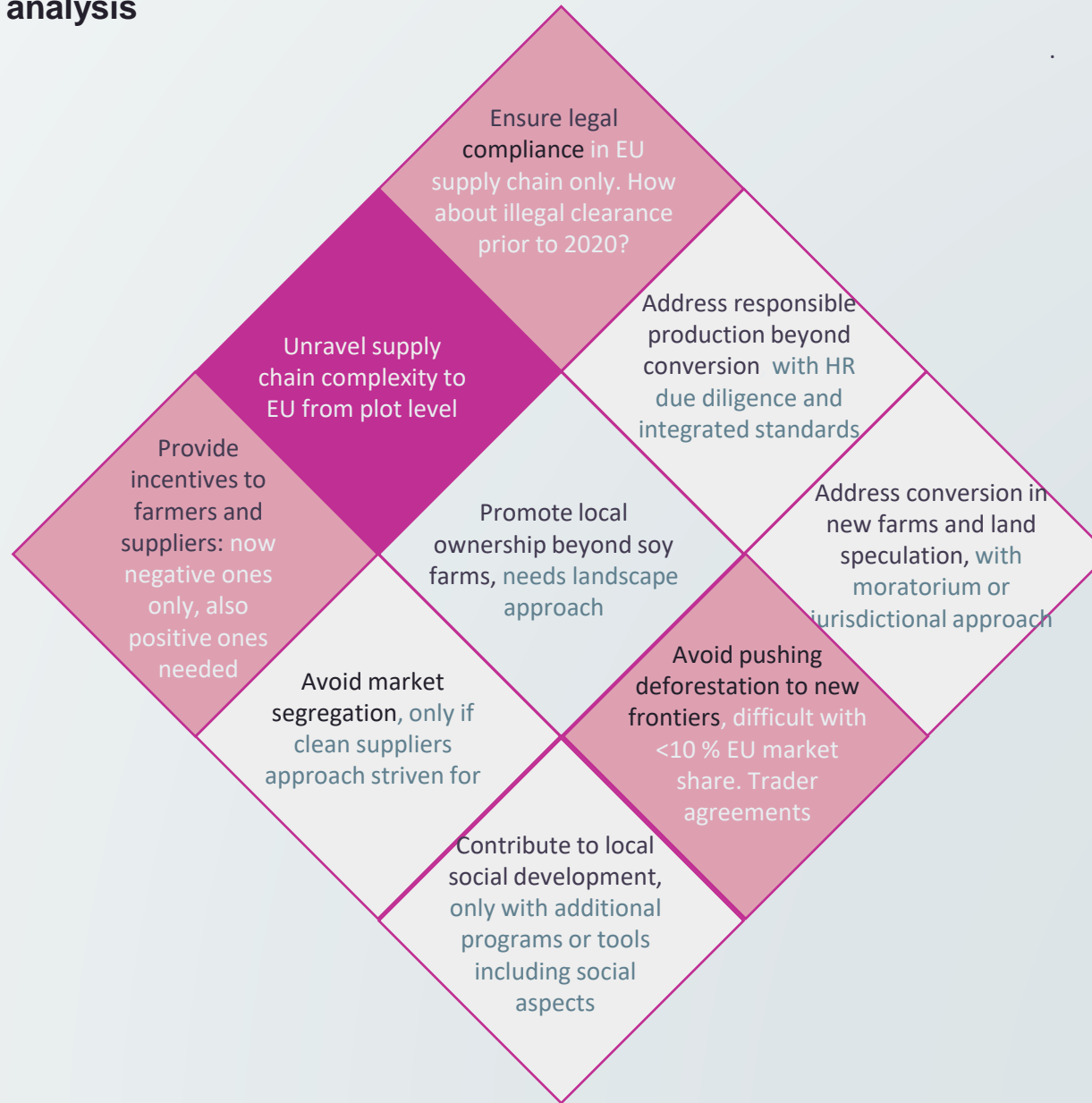


As tool for dialogue

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- + COMPLEMENT** what either law or voluntary initiatives cannot do alone
- + PREVENT** isolation of markets or abandonment of risk landscapes and have genuine impact on landscape conservation and supply chain policies.





Presentations by: ENSI
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Central question for dialogue



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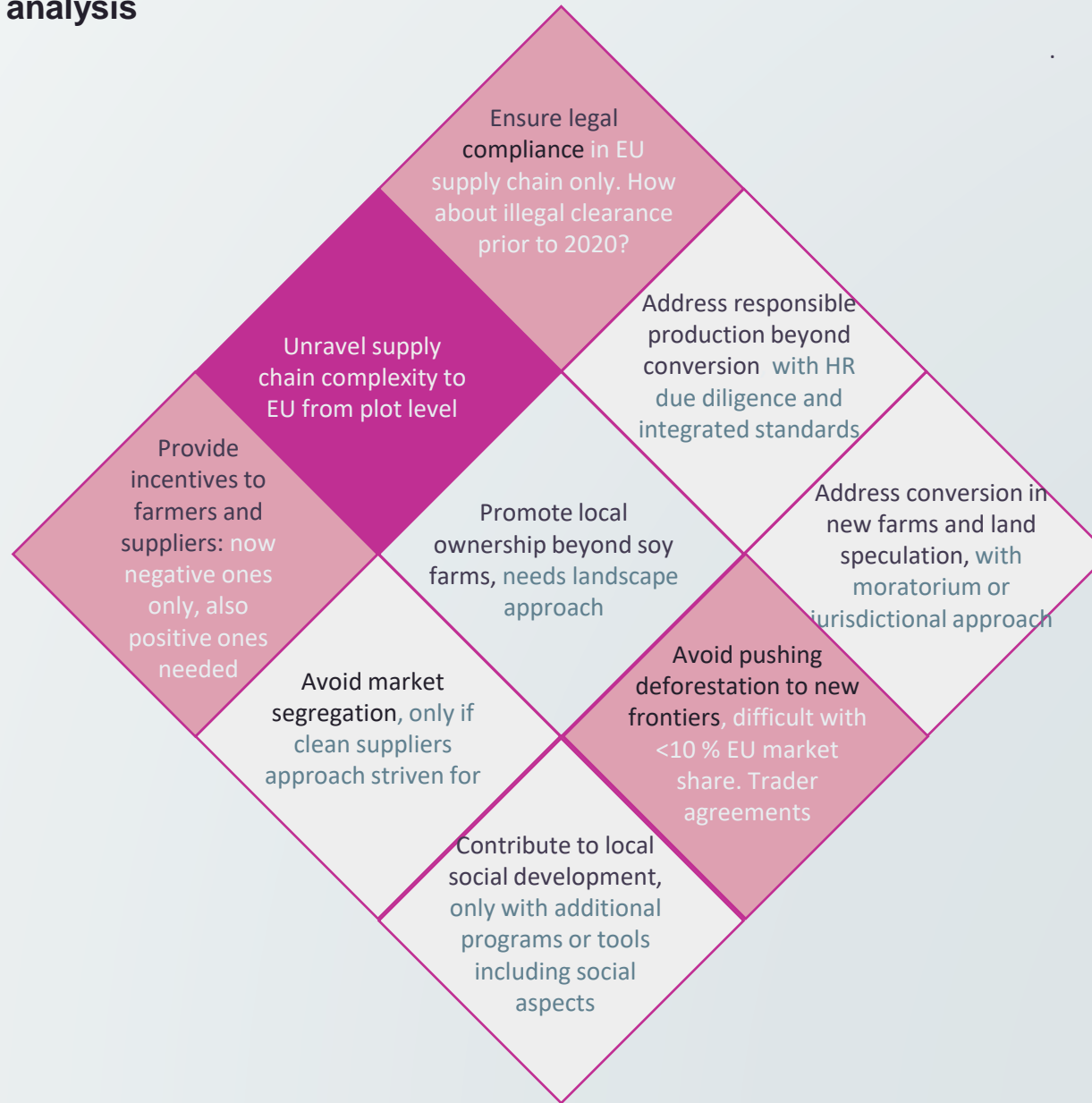


Wrap-up



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**Towards combined solutions
with EU legislation + voluntary initiatives**



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