



# **Influencing EU Climate Policy**

## **An NGO Perspective**

25 March 2023

# ABOUT CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK EUROPE

## EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

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# Who we are

**Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe** is Europe's leading NGO coalition fighting dangerous climate change.

With over **180 member organisations** from 38 European countries, representing over 1.700 NGOs and more than 47 million citizens, CAN Europe **promotes sustainable climate, energy and development policies throughout Europe.**



**CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK EUROPE**  
European NGO coalition on climate and energy

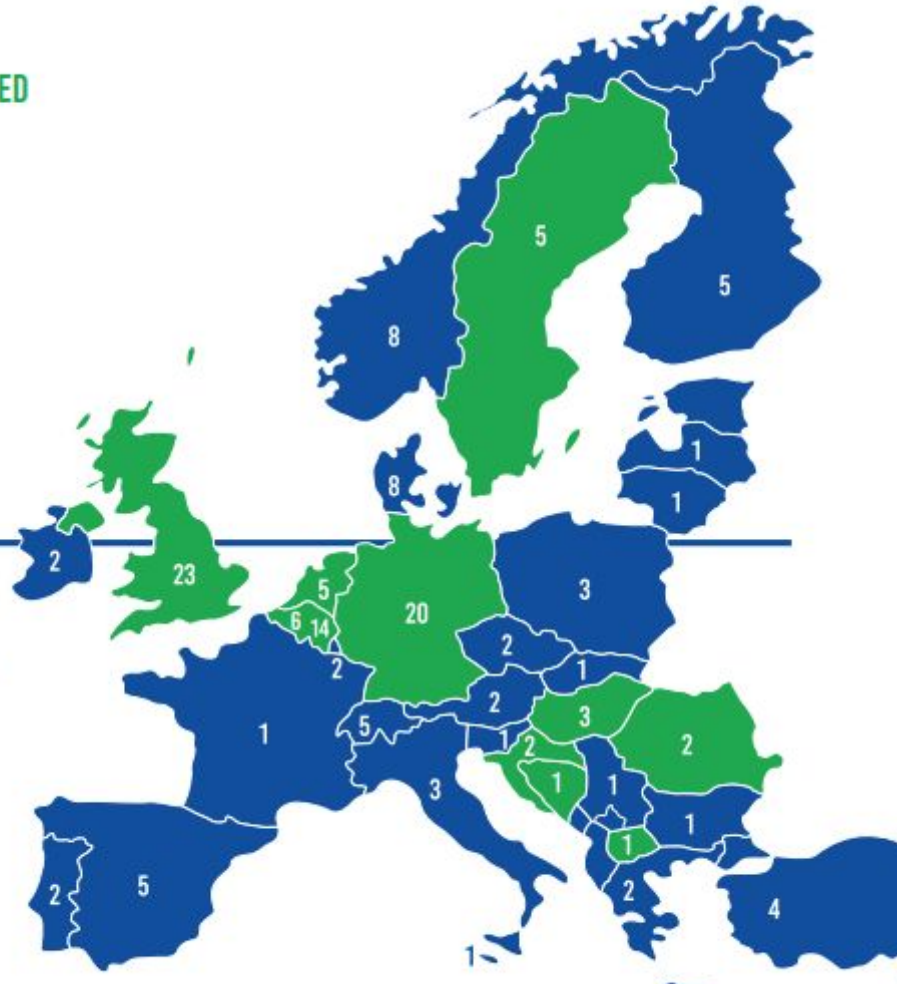
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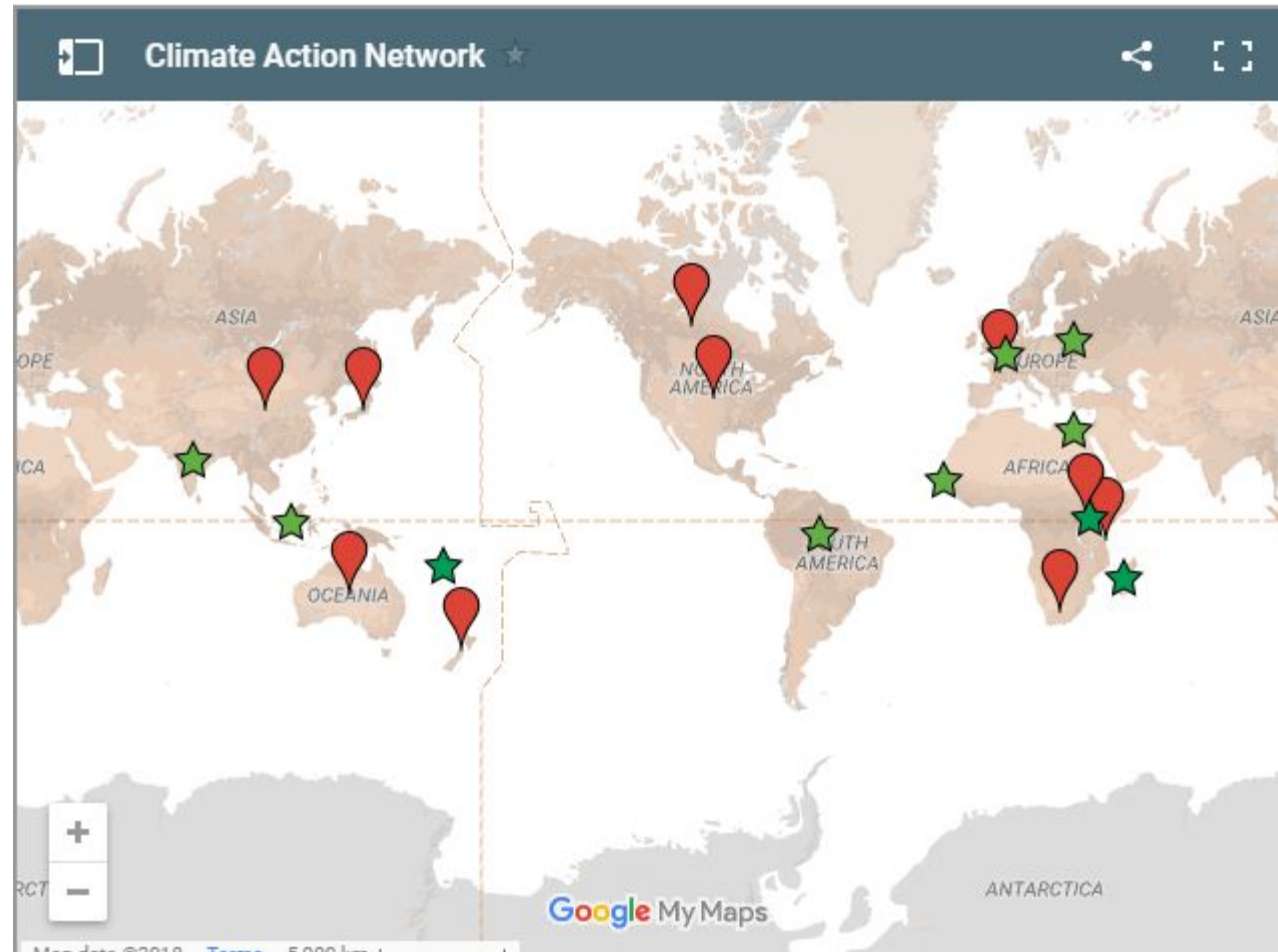
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# CAN International



# WHAT WE WORK ON

## CAN Europe priorities



PARIS-PROOF  
COALITION EXPANDS  
TO 21 COUNTRIES



EU AIMS TO BE  
CLIMATE NEUTRAL  
BY 2050



IPCC SETS 1.5°C AS THE  
ONLY OBJECTIVE FOR  
ALL CLIMATE POLICY



FAMILIES TAKE THE EU  
TO COURT FOR ITS LACK  
OF CLIMATE ACTION



HIGHER ENERGY TARGETS  
- A SPRINGBOARD FOR  
HIGHER CLIMATE AMBITION



EU SLASHES  
COAL SUBSIDIES



THE WESTERN BALKANS  
PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
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UNCOVERING THE  
REAL COSTS OF  
COAL IN TURKEY



EU BUDGET POST-2020  
MAKES CLIMATE  
ACTION A PRIORITY



FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES  
AWARDS NAME AND  
SHAME THE WORST  
OFFENDERS



PARIS AGREEMENT  
RULEBOOK AGREED  
AT COP 24



EU RESPONDS TO  
THE PLIGHT OF THE  
CLIMATE VULNERABLE



BUILDING BRIDGES  
BETWEEN THE EU  
AND CHINA



STAKEHOLDERS ACROSS  
EUROPE JOINTLY PUSH FOR THE  
ZERO-CARBON TRANSITION



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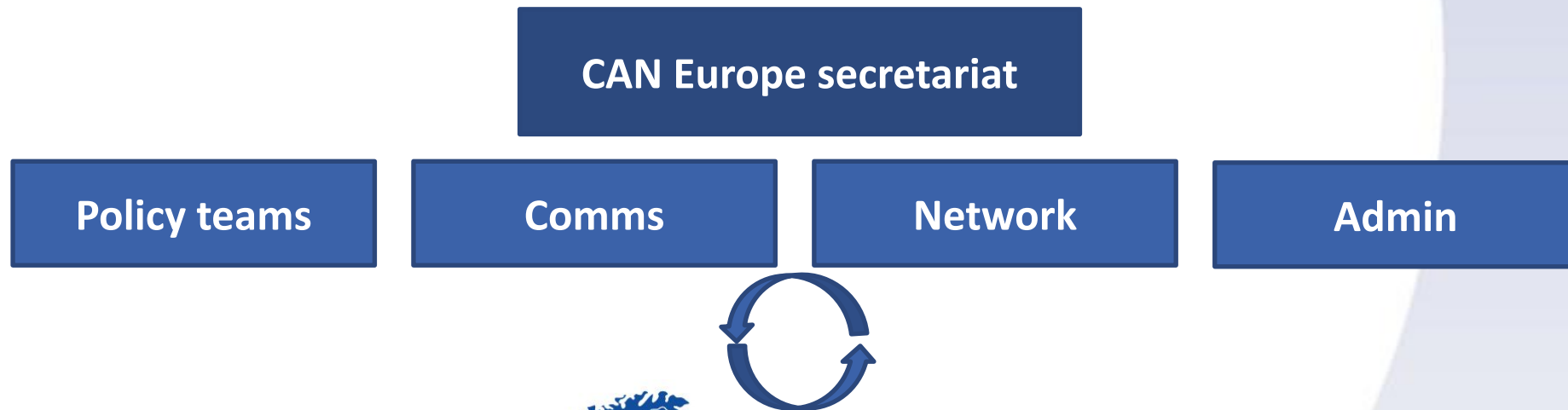
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# HOW WE WORK

## Environmental advocacy at EU level

# How we work



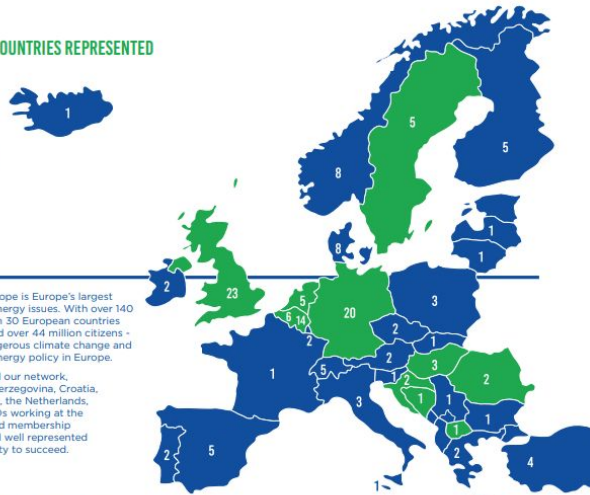
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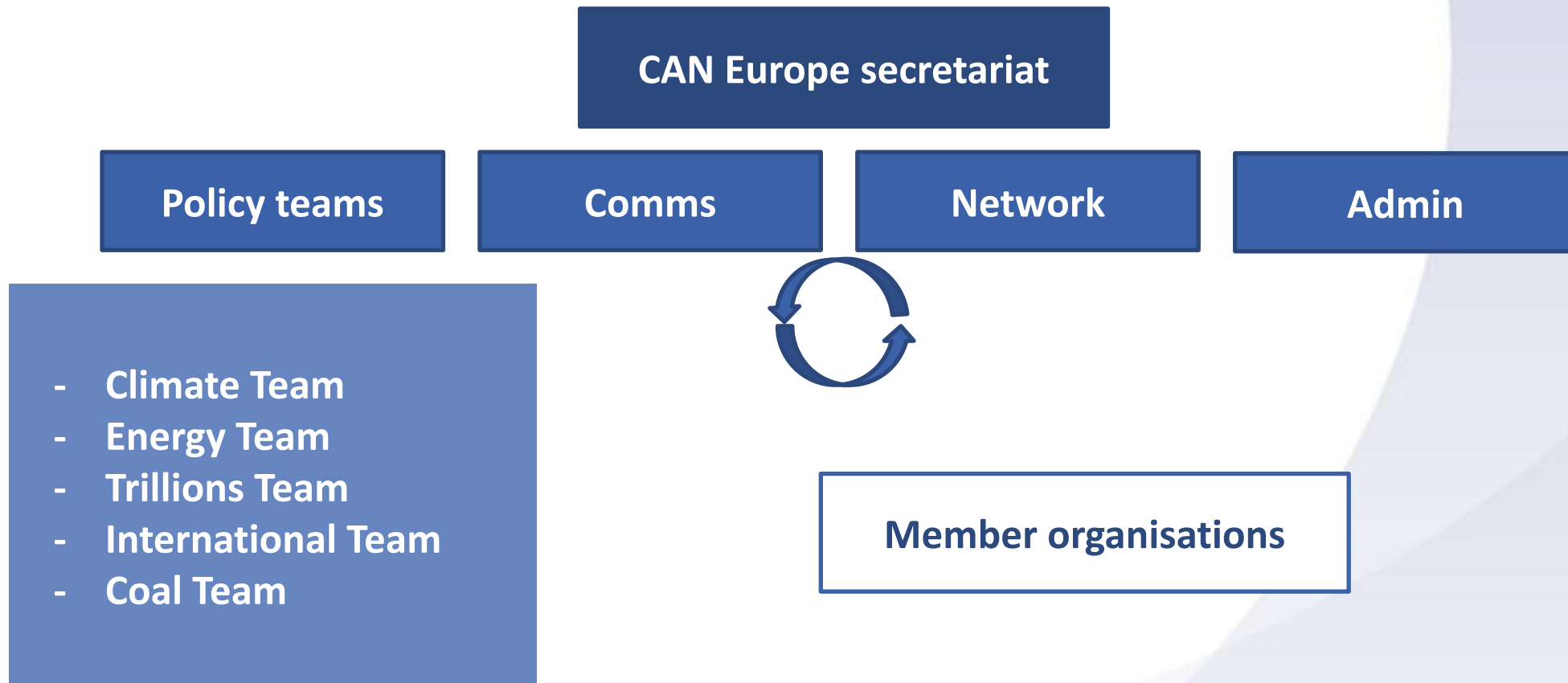
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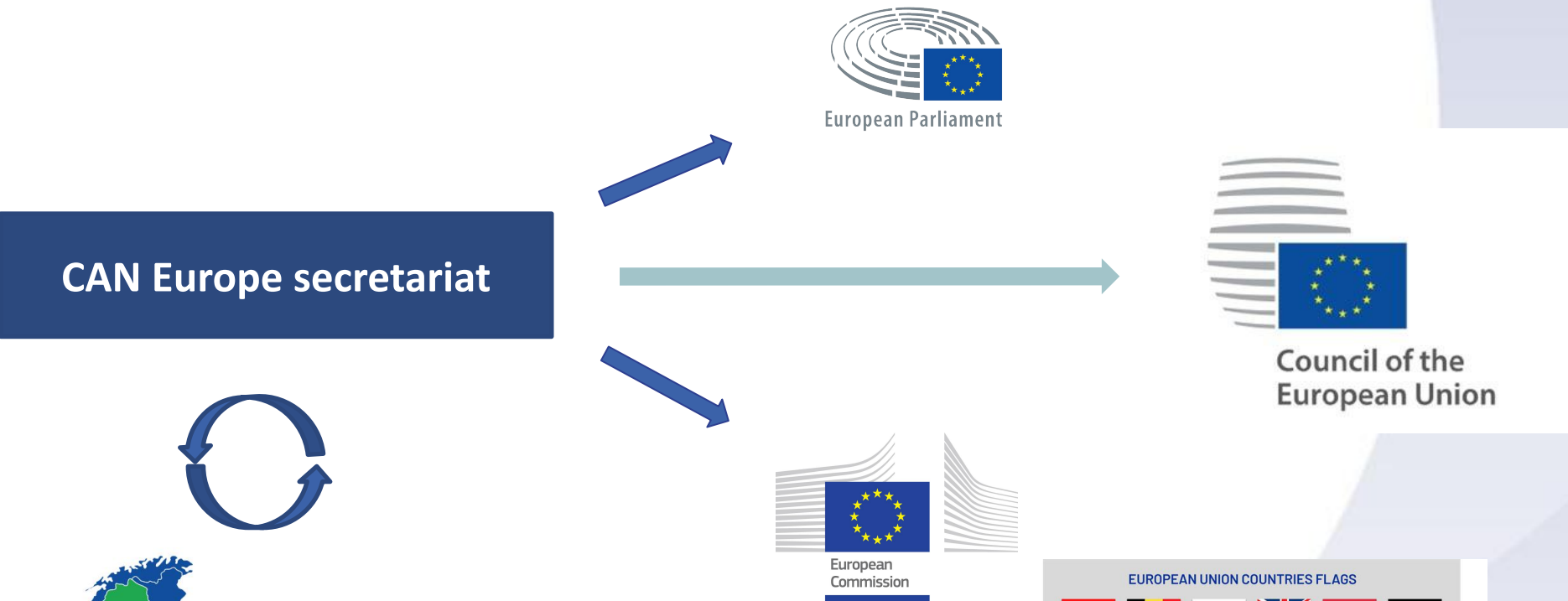
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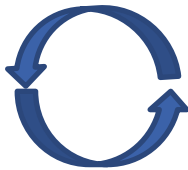
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Latvia	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	Poland						
											
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CAN Europe secretariat



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# Alliances



THE CLIMATE GROUP



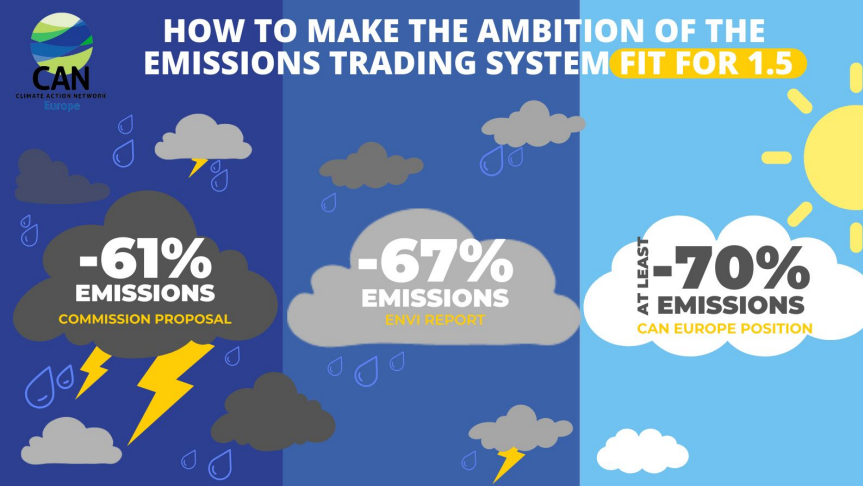
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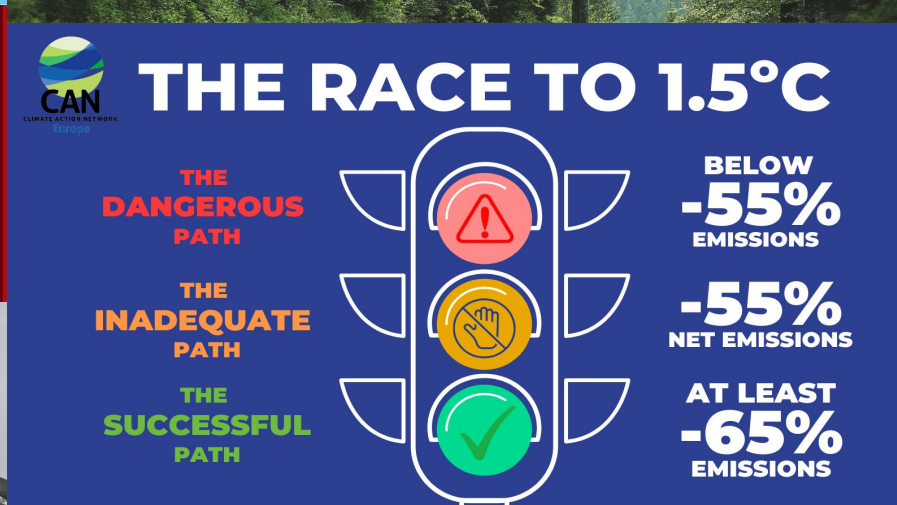
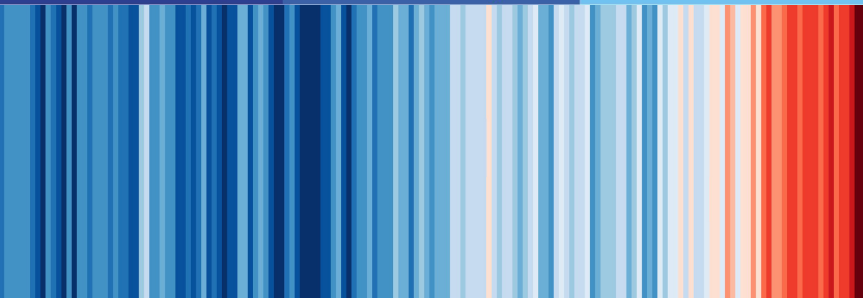


Recent joint letter with NGOs and industry associations calling for a phase out of free pollution allowances under the EU carbon market





The EU's **forest and land use target** needs to be set to **-600 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> by 2030** to successfully protect our climate and nature



**CLIMATE CHAMPIONS**

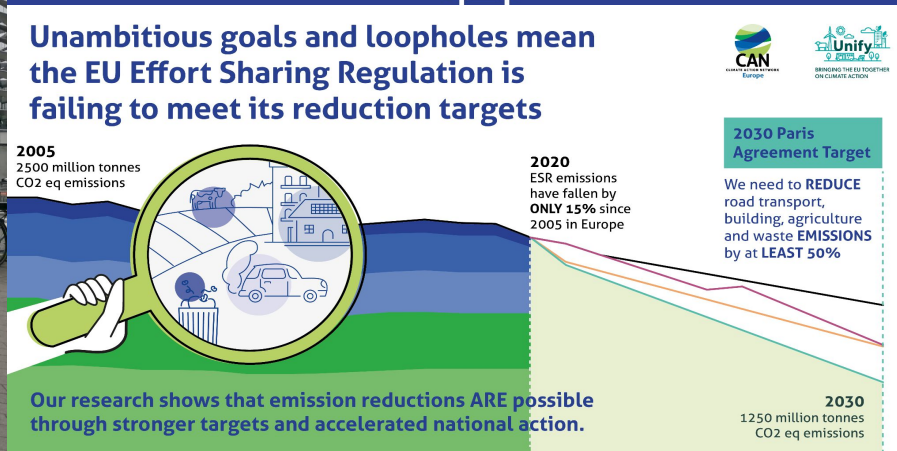
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**Renew Europe**

**2020:** Voted for ambition beyond 55% emissions reductions!

**2022:** Will **you** vote for **more ambition** in the climate files in plenary?

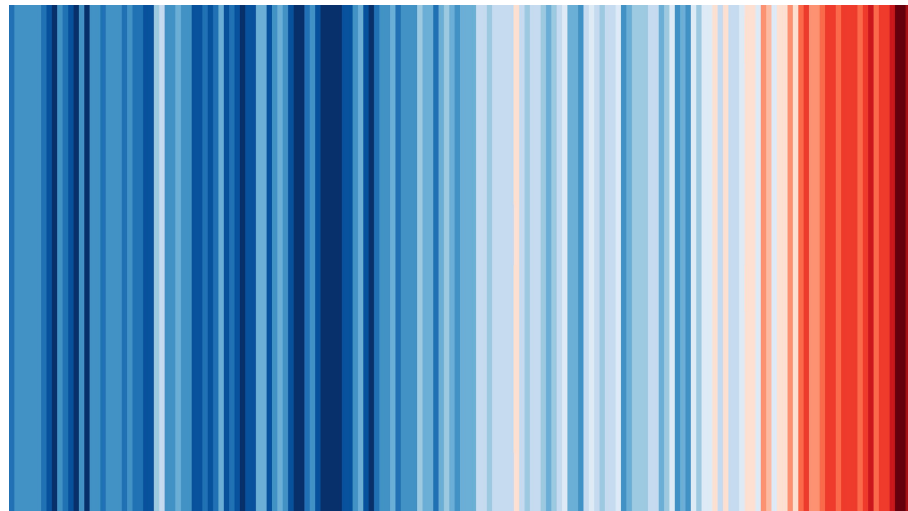
**#EUWalktheTalk**





# THE COMMON CHALLENGE

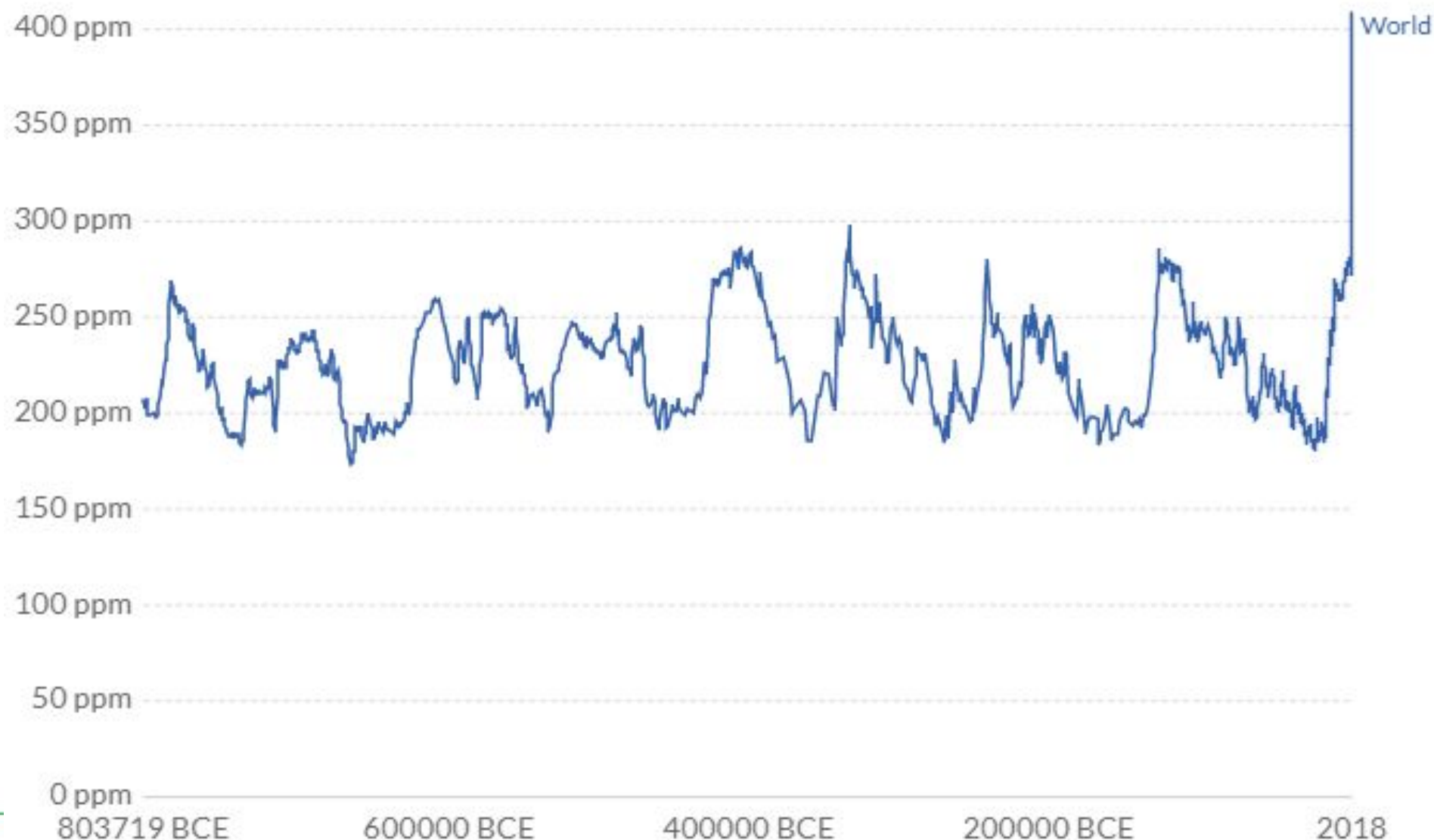
A rapidly closing window





# Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration

Global average long-term atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), measured in parts per million (ppm). Long-term trends in CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations can be measured at high-resolution using preserved air samples from ice cores.



Source: EPICA Dome C CO<sub>2</sub> record (2015) & NOAA (2018)

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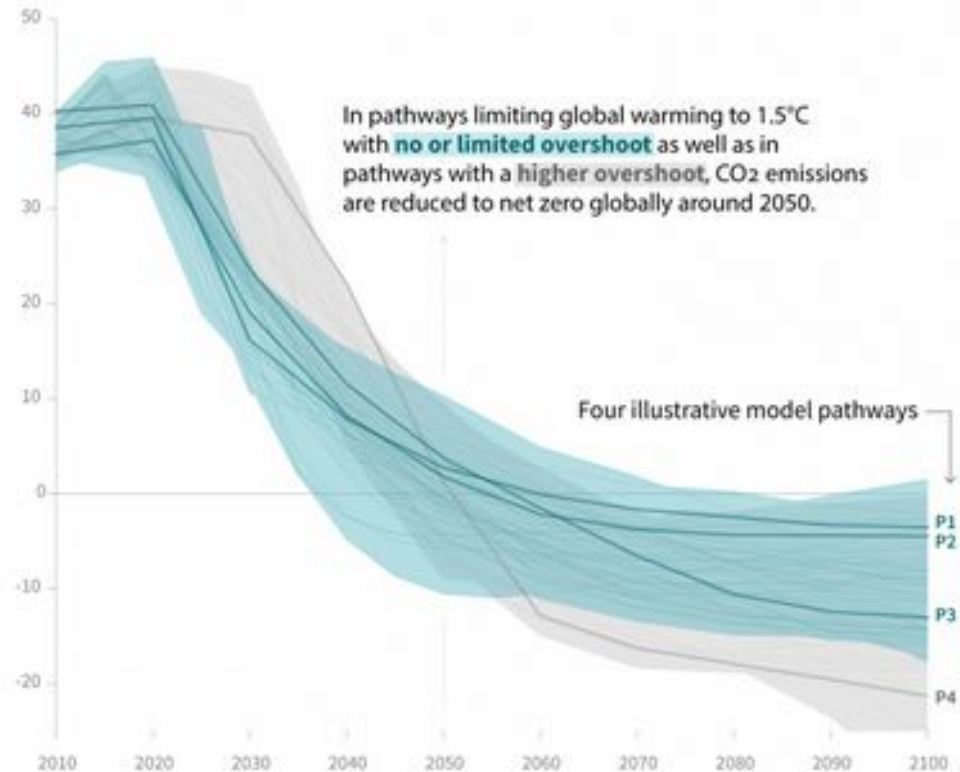
# The Paris Agreement



# Limit global warming to 1.5°C

## Global total net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

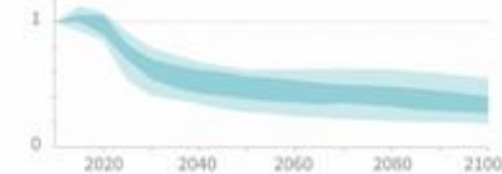
Billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>/yr



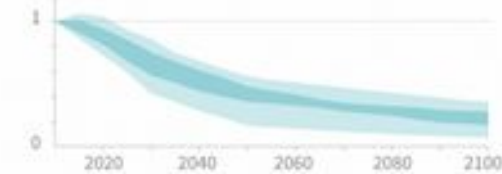
## Non-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions relative to 2010

Emissions of non-CO<sub>2</sub> forcers are also reduced or limited in pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C with **no or limited overshoot**, but they do not reach zero globally.

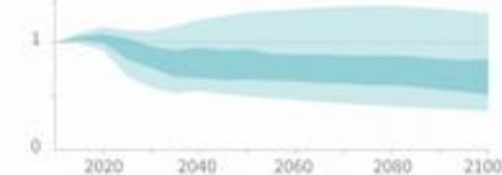
### Methane emissions



### Black carbon emissions



### Nitrous oxide emissions

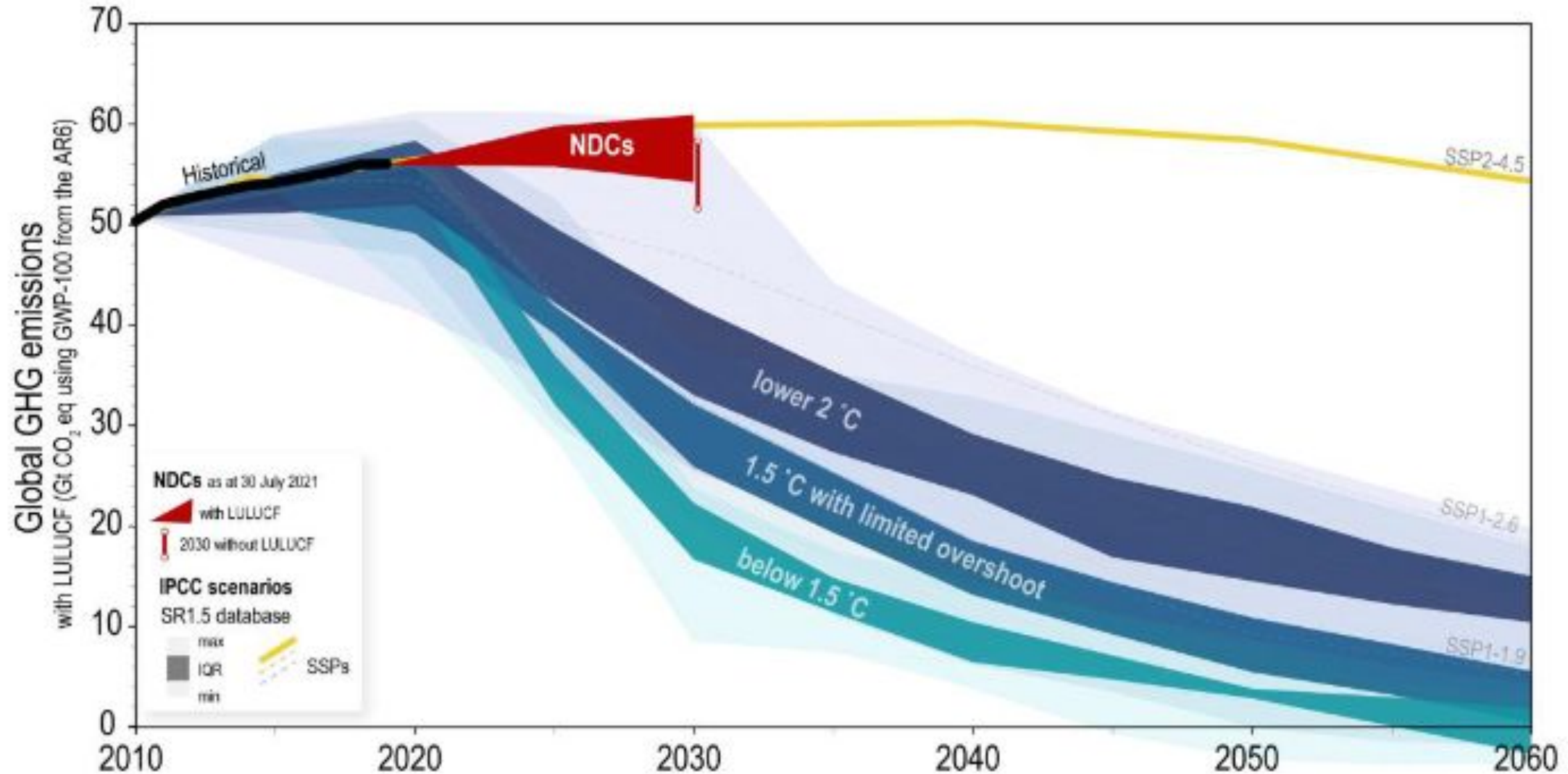


**Timing of net zero CO<sub>2</sub>**  
Line widths depict the 5-95th percentile and the 25-75th percentile of scenarios





# World on track towards 2.5-2.7°C warming



# THE EU's RESPONSE

## The European Green Deal



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# EU Climate Targets and overall Ambition

## EU long term target

- In 2019, the EU agreed to achieve EU-wide climate neutrality by 2050 (previously 80-95% non-binding)



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## EU 2030 GHG emissions target (=NDC)

- In 2020, the EU agreed to reduce net emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels  
(aka -around 52.8% emission cuts, previously 40% emission cuts)

# Paris compatible? NGO demands

EU bears **special responsibility as a major historic emitter** and its economic and political capacity to act. It has confirmed its commitment to the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement, but its targets do not match.

## EU long term target

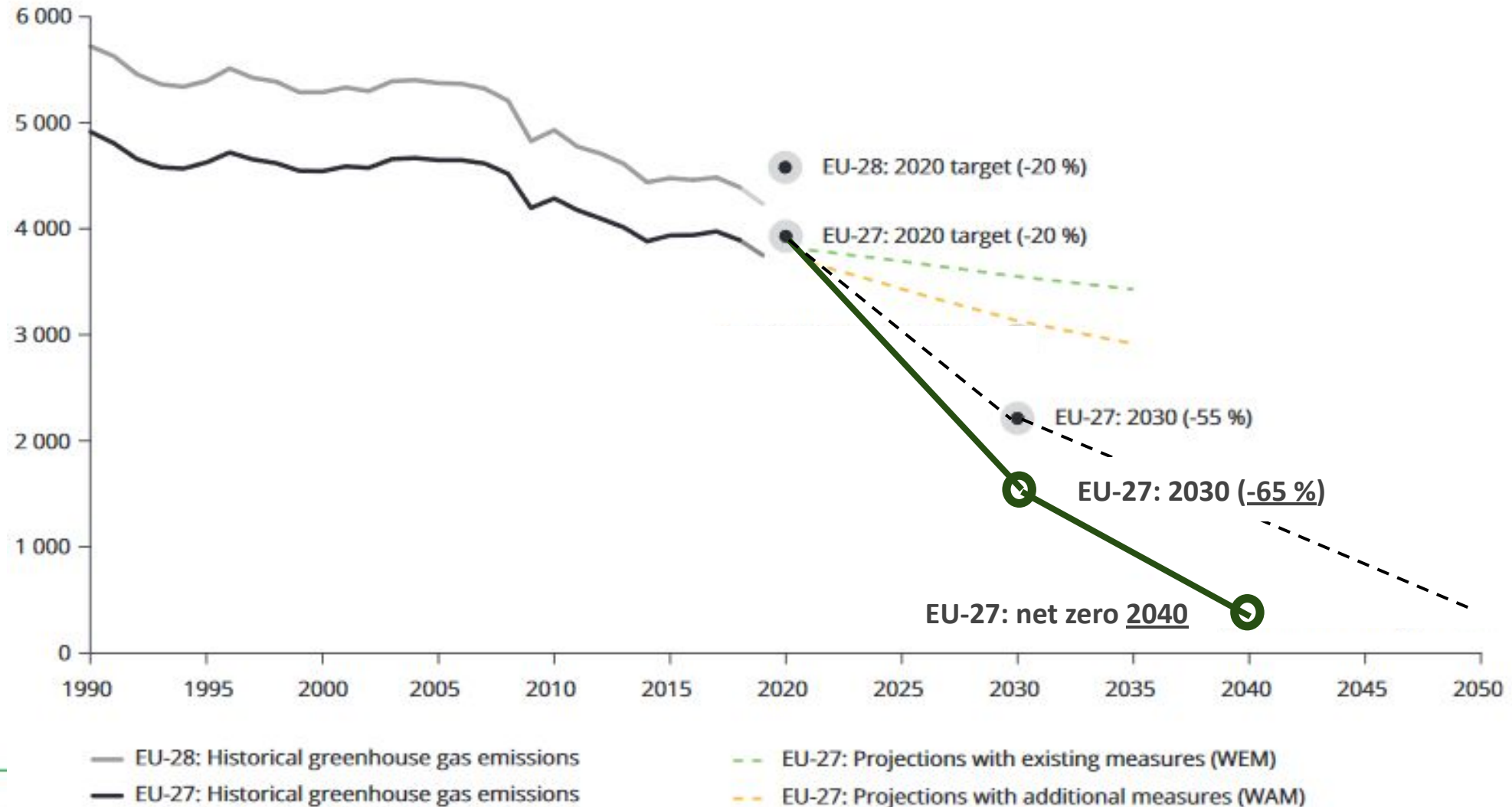
- The EU should achieve climate neutrality before mid-century, by 2040 the latest.

## EU 2030 GHG emissions target (=NDC)

- The EU should achieve at least -65% emissions reductions by 2030 with increases in carbon removals additional and separate

# Need to further increase EU ambition

Million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e)





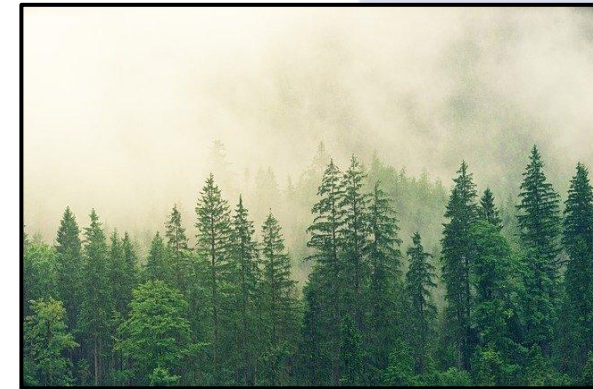
# EU Climate Policy

## Emissions Trading System (ETS) Directive

- EU carbon market
- Energy, industry, aviation
- 36% of total EU emissions



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## Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR)

- Nationally binding GHG targets
- Transport, buildings, agriculture, waste
- Over 60% of total EU emissions

## LULUCF Regulation

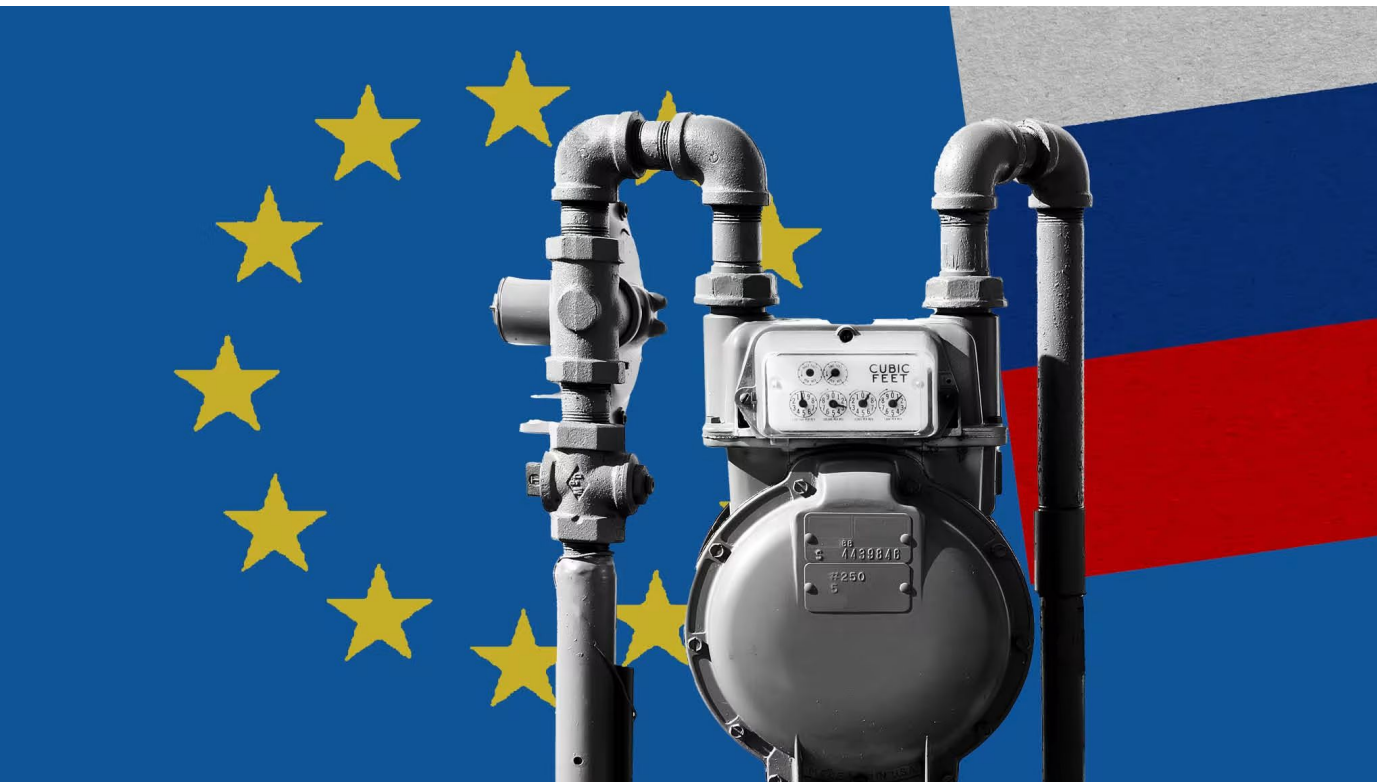
- Regulates carbon removals
- Forests, wetlands, peatlands...
- -85.3 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq accounted net removals



# Fit For 55 Package



# Impacts of the War in Ukraine

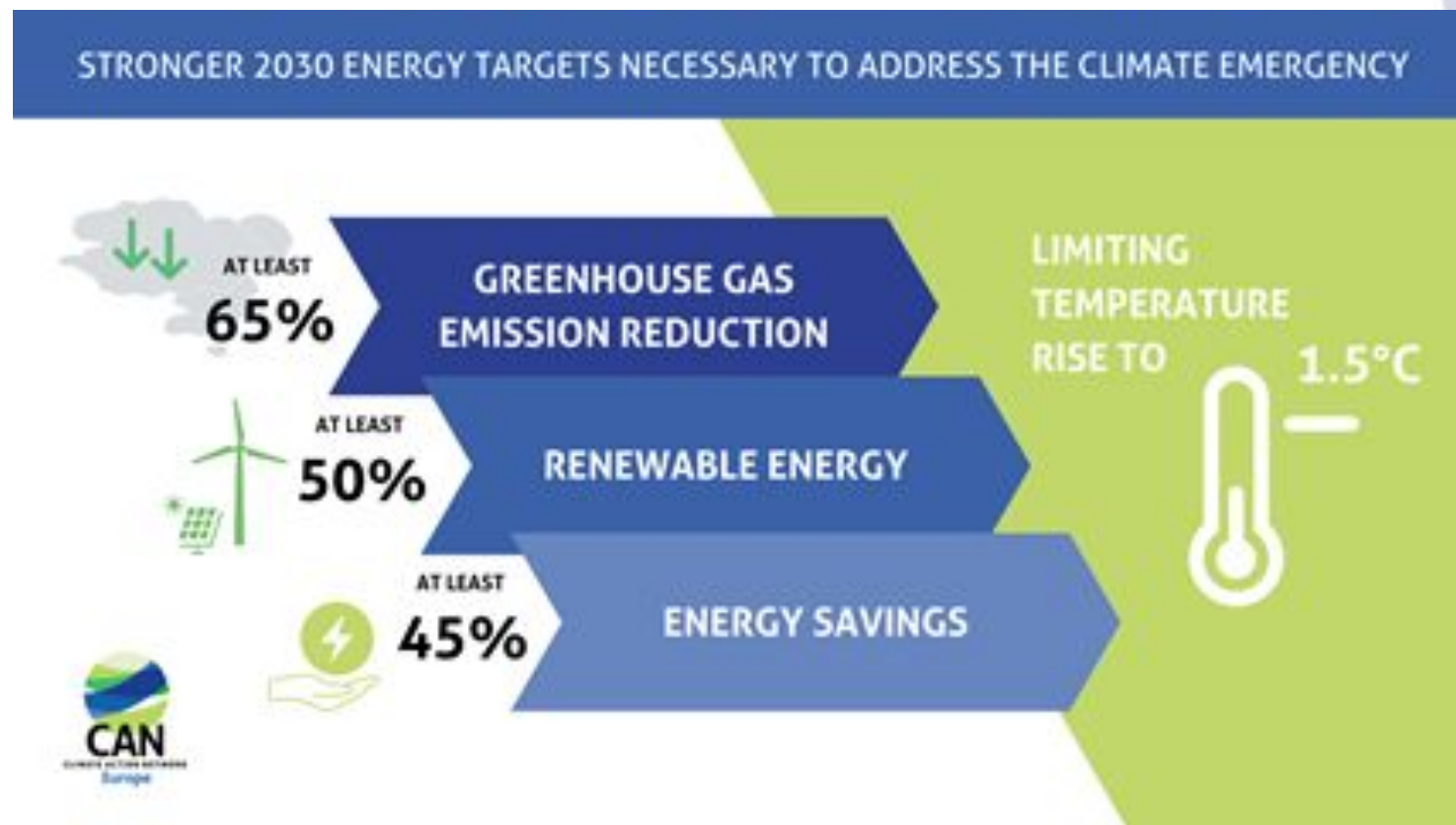


EU to rapidly shift towards **independence from Russian fossil fuels.**

European Commission launched the **REPowerEU plan** last week.

**Impacts on ongoing legislative process,** especially on the energy and climate files of the Fit For 55 package.

# Revision of EU energy legislation to increase climate ambition



# More ambition is possible!

NGO-led **Paris Agreement Compatible (PAC) Energy Scenario** ([here](#))



Climate Analytics **1.5°C Consistent Pathways Project**

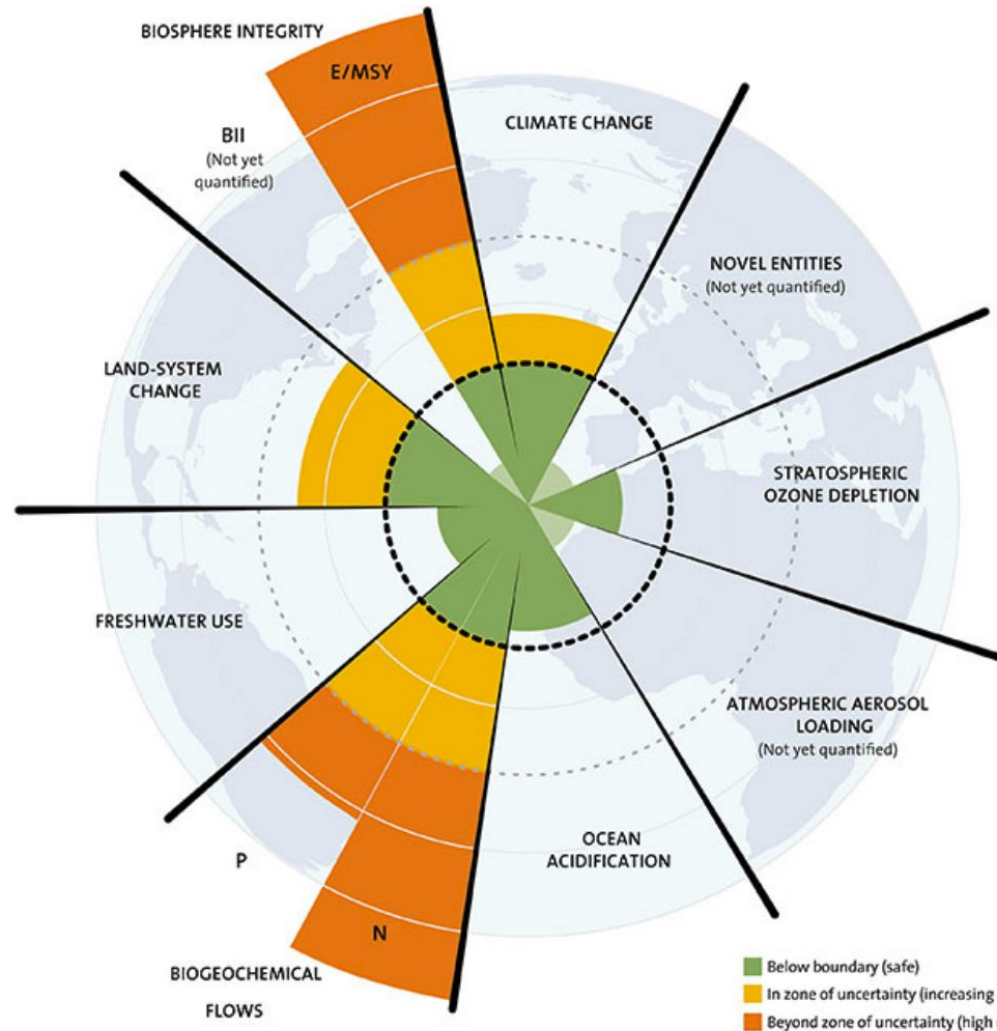
**1.5°C Pathways for  
Europe Project**

Achieving the highest plausible climate ambition



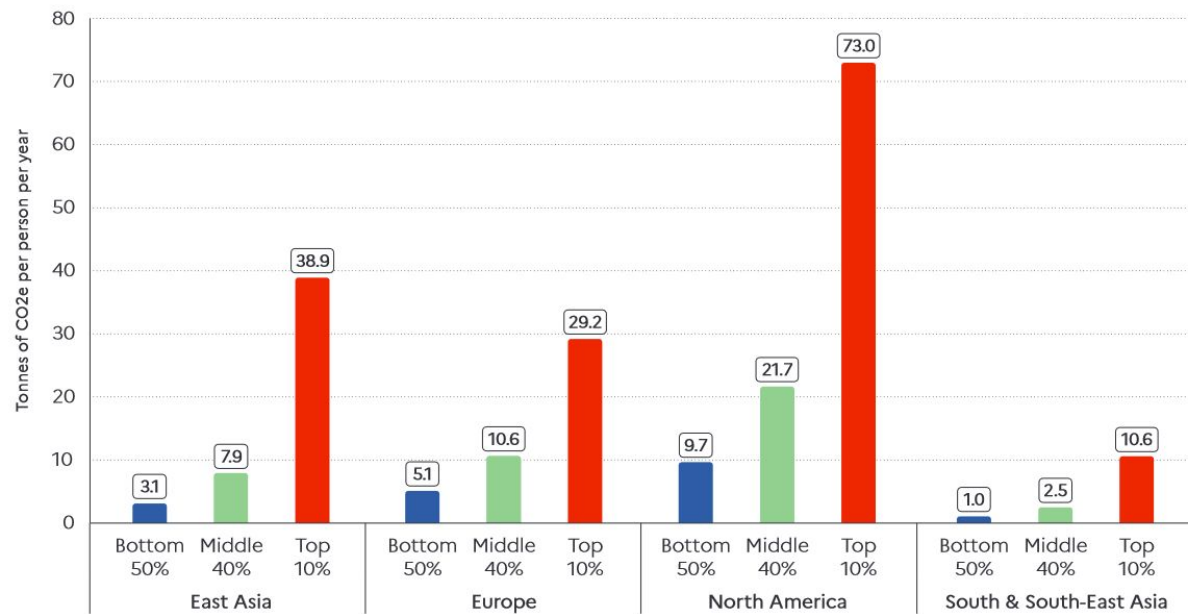


# Addressing multiple planetary crises holistically



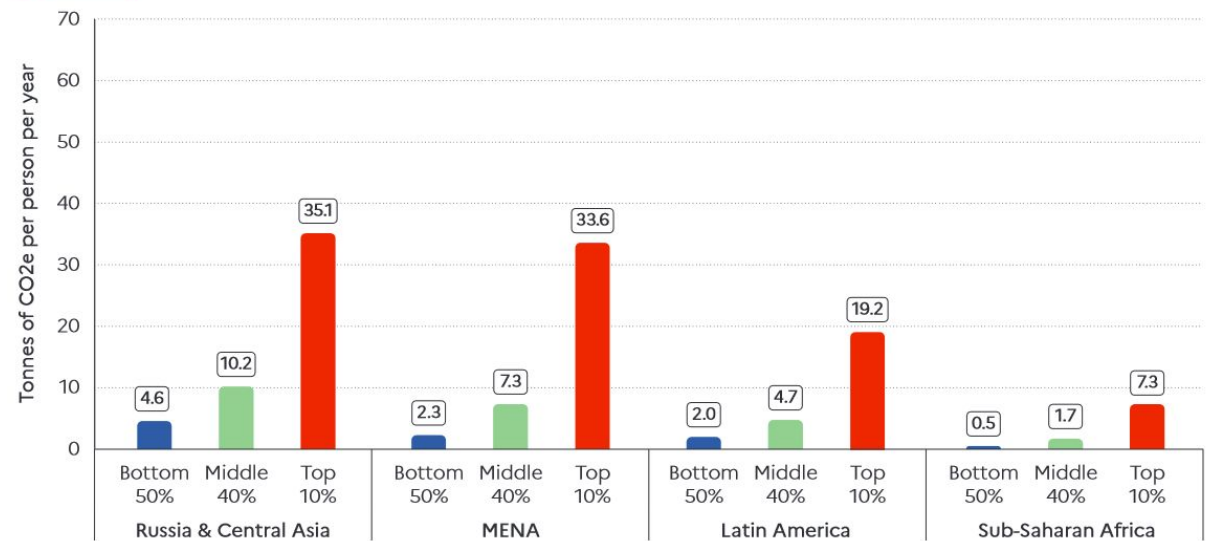
# Carbon inequality

**Figure 6.4a** Per capita emissions across the world, 2019



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# Inclusivity, agency and citizen empowerment



# Next up

- Assessing the outcomes of the “Fit For 55” legislative package
- Putting pressure on EU to increase its climate commitments in light of their **global fair share** under the Paris Agreement (for 2030, 2035 and 2040)
- **UN Climate Conference COP28 in UAE** - call on all parties to the Paris Agreement to ramp up their commitments and keep the 1.5°C goal attainable
- **End to the fossil era and towards 100% Renewables**
- Prepare **European Parliament elections 2024**



Thank you for your attention!  
CAN Europe Climate and Energy teams