

Ευρωπαϊκή πολιτική και σχέδιο δράσης για τη μετάβαση στην κυκλική οικονομία

Διαδικτυακή Ημερίδα: Κυκλική Οικονομία - Στρατηγική & Προκλήσεις

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At the leadership level of the EU

- To help drive the change we need, I will put forward my plan **for a future-ready economy, our new industrial strategy.**
- **We will be a world leader in circular economy and clean technologies.** We will work to decarbonise energy-intensive industries.

2015



2020



2020



Transforming the EU's economy for a sustainable future

Mobilising research and fostering innovation

A zero pollution ambition for a toxic-free environment

Preserving and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity

From 'Farm to Fork': a fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food system

Accelerating the shift to sustainable and smart mobility

The European Green Deal

Increasing the EU's Climate ambition for 2030 and 2050

Supplying clean, affordable and secure energy

Mobilising industry for a clean and circular economy

Building and renovating in an energy and resource efficient way

Financing the transition

Leave no one behind (Just Transition)

The various elements of the Green Deal

Source: [Eur-Lex](#)

The EU as a global leader

The Paris agreement: a historic commitment



- **Two precedent treaty instruments:**

- 1992 → Framework Convention on Climate Change
- 1997 → Kyoto Protocol

- **But failed to:**

- Slow emissions
- Substantial reorientation in state's economic policies to achieve a sustainable climate future

- **The Paris Agreement:**

- First-ever universal, legally binding global climate change agreement
- Global framework to avoid dangerous climate change
- Limiting global warming to below 2°C pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5°C

EU's toolbox to achieve climate-neutrality and circular economy by 2050

• **Strategies:**

- The European Green Deal
- National plans and strategies in energy and climate
- EU industrial strategy
- EU Energy System Integration Strategy
- Renovation wave strategy

• **Action plans:**

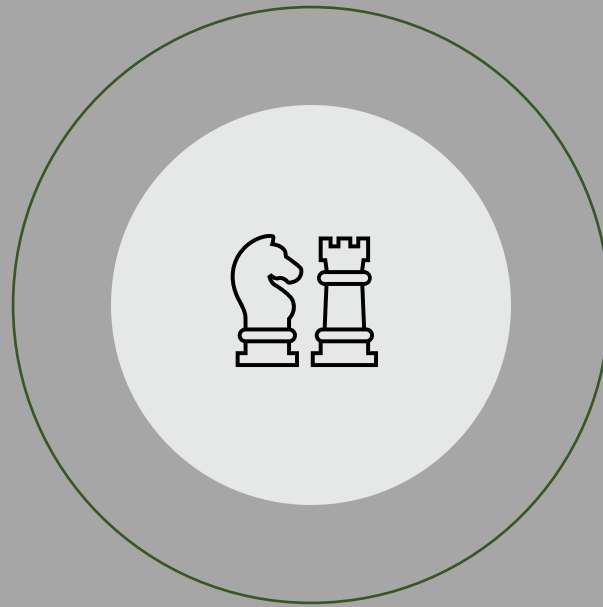
- Circular Economy Action Plan
- 2030 Climate Target Plan
- European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan

• **Legislation (directives and regulations):**

- Climate Law Energy Efficiency Directive
- Fit for 55 package

• **Funding (financing instruments):**

- Multiannual financial framework
- NextEU generation fund
- Just transition fund



Strategies



The European Green Deal

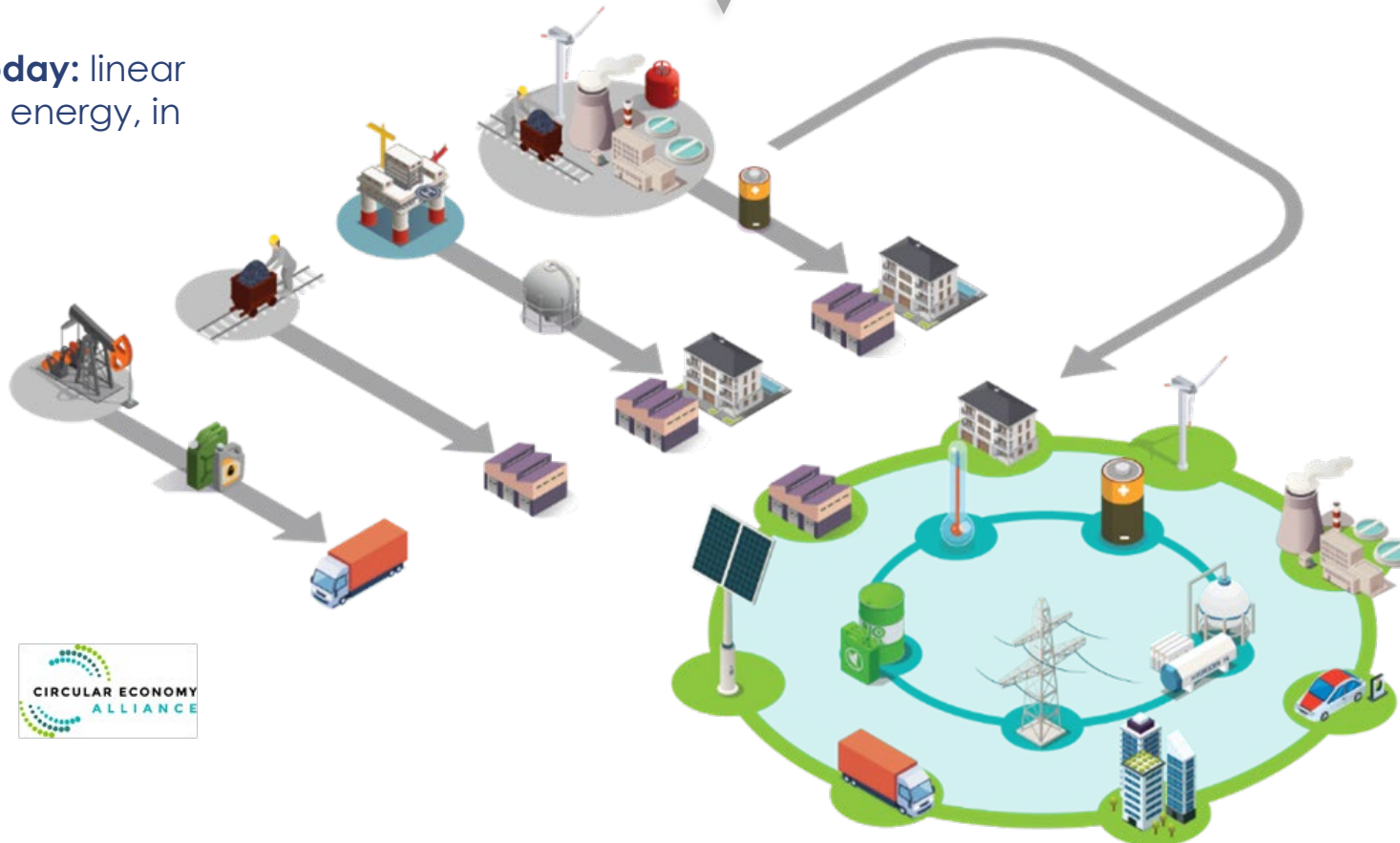
Energy and climate related strategies

National plans and strategies in energy and climate

EU industrial strategy

EU Energy System Integration Strategy

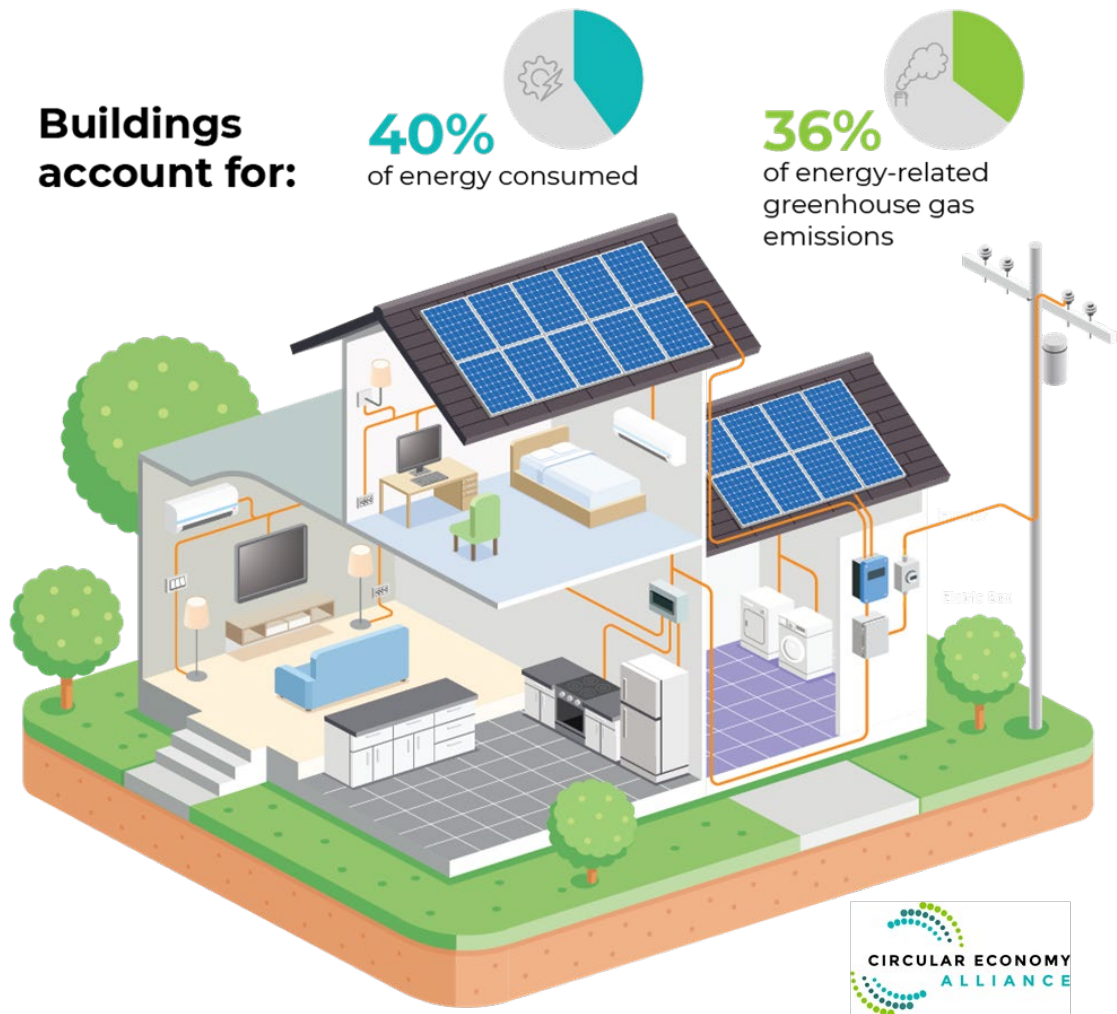
The energy system today: linear and wasteful flows of energy, in one direction only



Future EU integrated energy system: energy flows between users and producers, reducing wasted resources and money

Renovation wave strategy

- Invest in technical knowledge; reskilling and upskilling
- Design of new and renovated buildings at all
- Reuse and recycle construction materials
- Use sustainable construction products and services
- Apply energy-efficient disruptive technology and energy management solutions



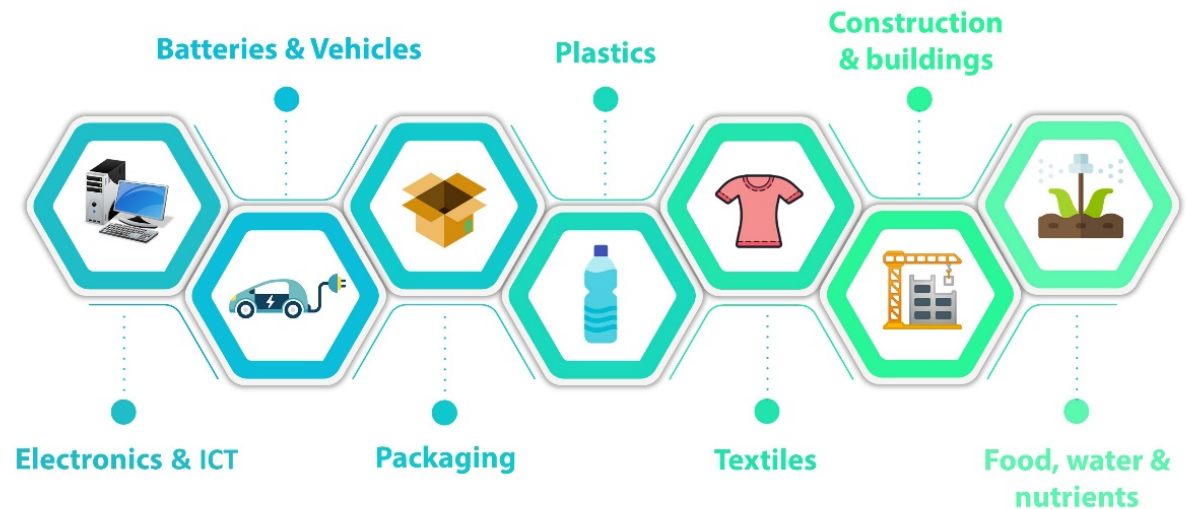


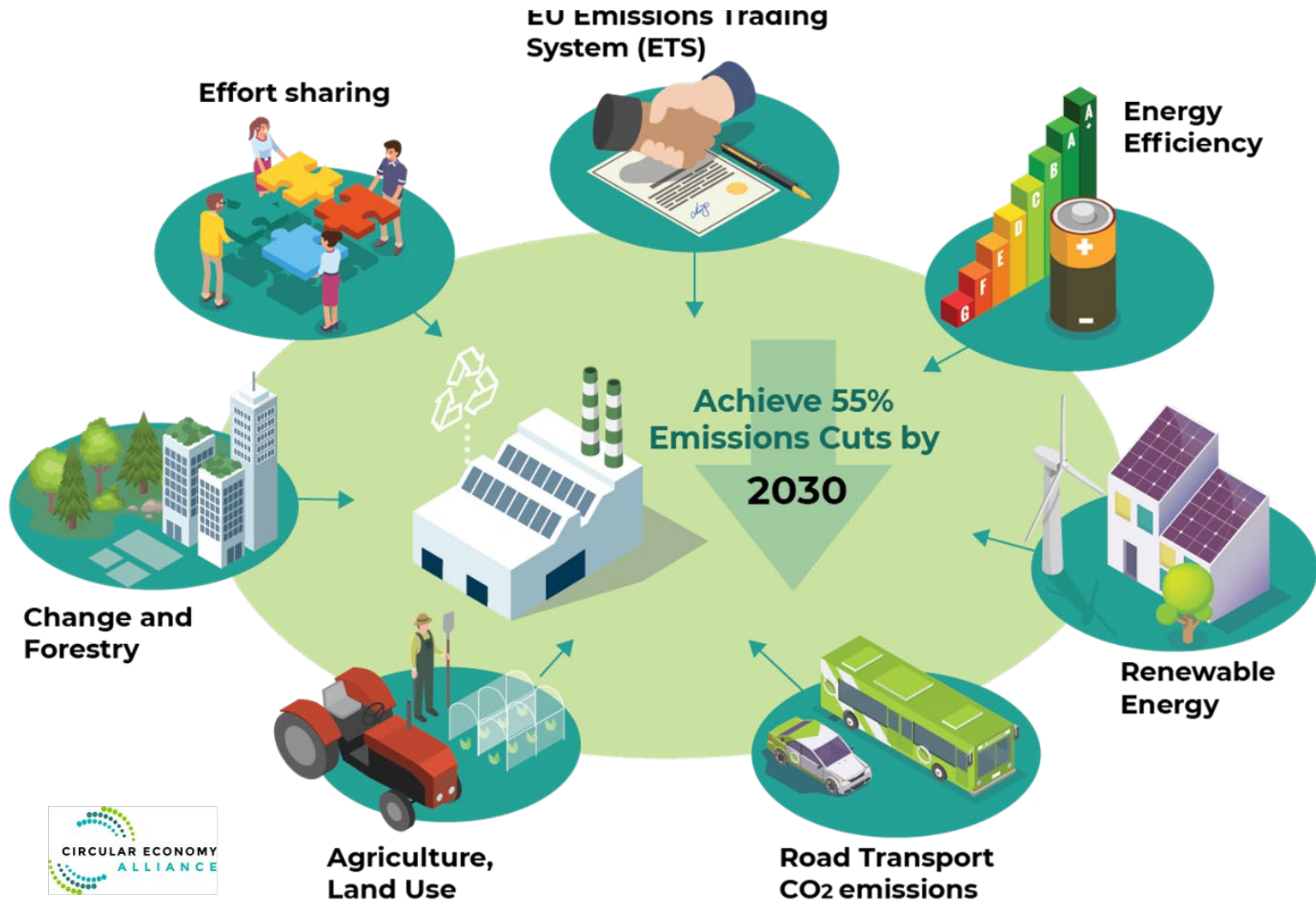
Action plans

Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP)

- Modernizing EU's economy
- Targeting the entire life cycle of products
- Introducing legislative and non-legislative actions
 - Sustainable products, production processes, consumption, waste, and secondary raw materials.
- Seven key product value chains
- Achieving and drawing benefit from the circular economy
 - measures to encourage businesses to offer, and to allow consumers to choose, reusable, durable and repairable products.

CEAP KEY PRODUCT VALUE CHAINS

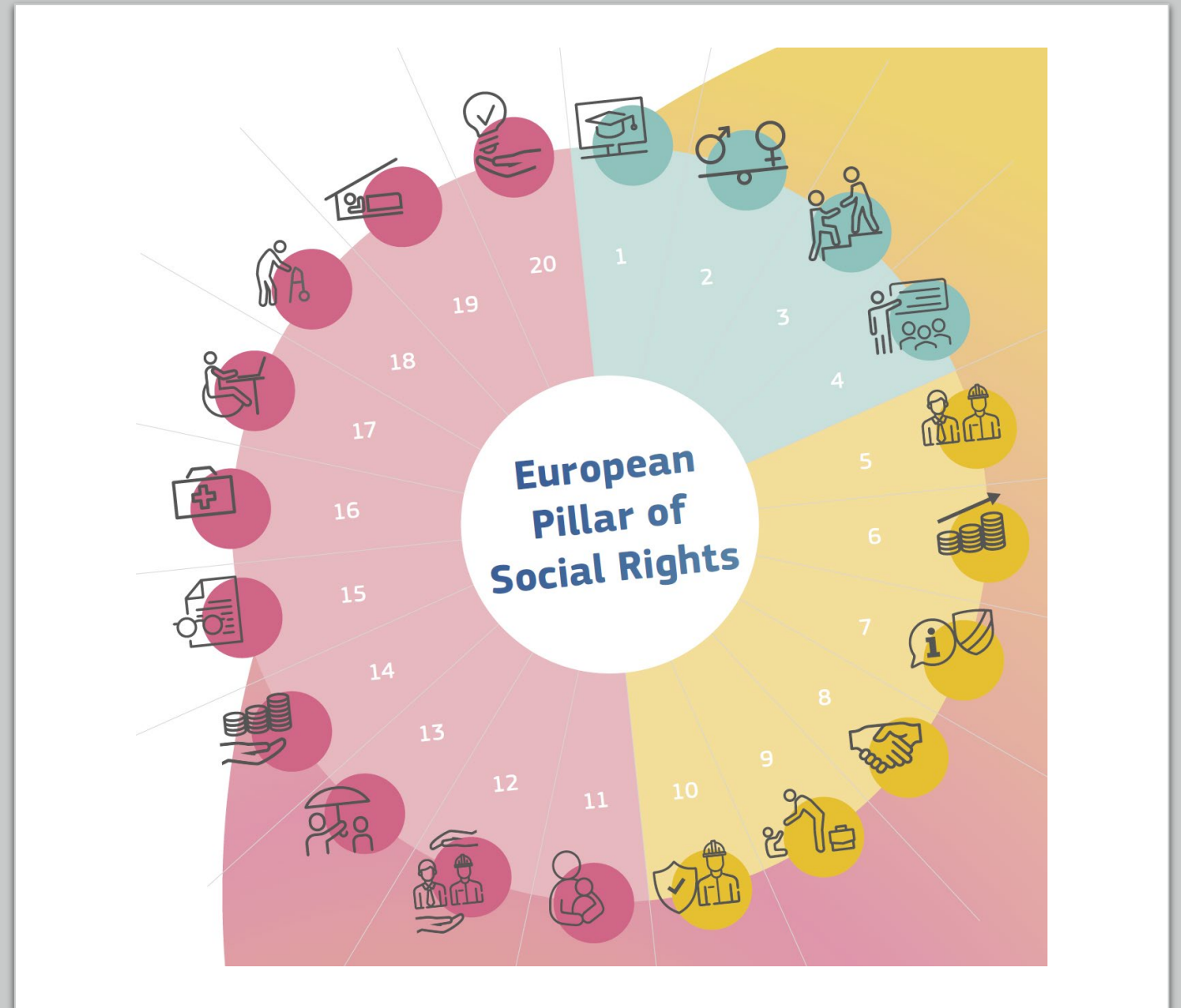




2030 Climate Target Plan

European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan

- Making the European Green Deal and the upcoming 2030 twin transition a success
- 20 fundamental principles and rights
- Turning the principles into actions
- Ensuring a socially fair and just transition



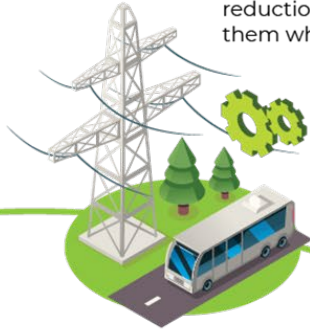


Legislation: directives and
regulations

An EU-wide legal target for climate neutrality by 2050 that binds the **EU institutions and national governments**



Creating a predictable business environment for **industry and investors**, with the pace of emission reductions mapped out from 2030 to 2050, showing them what needs to be done, and at what speed.



A process to include in the Climate Law the **updated 2030 emissions reduction target**



What is included in the European Climate Law?

A mechanism for **keeping everybody on track** - with regular reporting on progress and tools to catch up if anyone falls behind



A focus on the effective transition towards a fair and prosperous society, with a **modern, resource efficient and competitive economy**



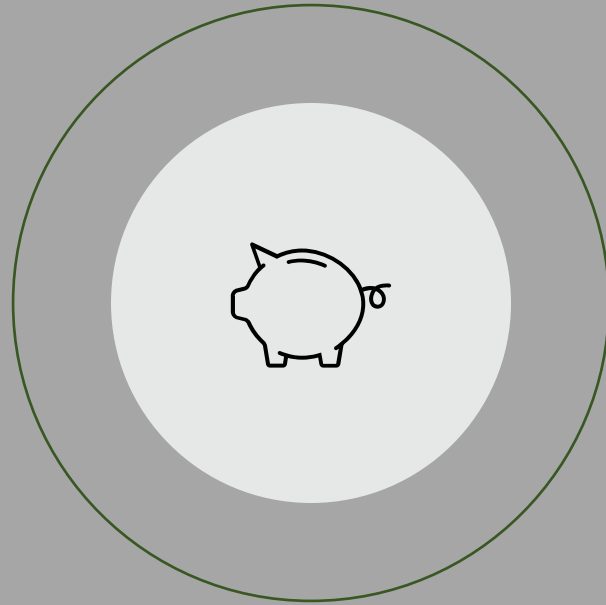
A renewed focus on adapting to the impacts of climate change to strengthen Europe's resilience, including for its **vulnerable communities**



European Climate Law

Fit for 55 package: legislative proposals and policy initiatives

1. Revision of EU emissions trading system (EU ETS)
- 2. Revision of the Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR) on Member States' reduction targets in sectors outside the EU ETS**
3. Revision of the regulation on the inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions and removals from Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)
- 4. Revision of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED)**
5. Recast of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)
- 6. Revision of the directive on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure**
7. Amendment of the regulation setting CO2 emission standards for cars and vans
- 8. Revision of the Energy Tax Directive (ETD)**
9. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)
- 10. ReFuelEU Aviation for sustainable aviation fuels**
11. FuelEU Maritime for a green European maritime space
- 12. Social climate fund**



Funding



Horizon Europe

Evolution of investment in research and innovation

throughout the EU framework programmes



Europe has taken the lead

Financing instruments

Just transition mechanism

Multiannual Financial Framework

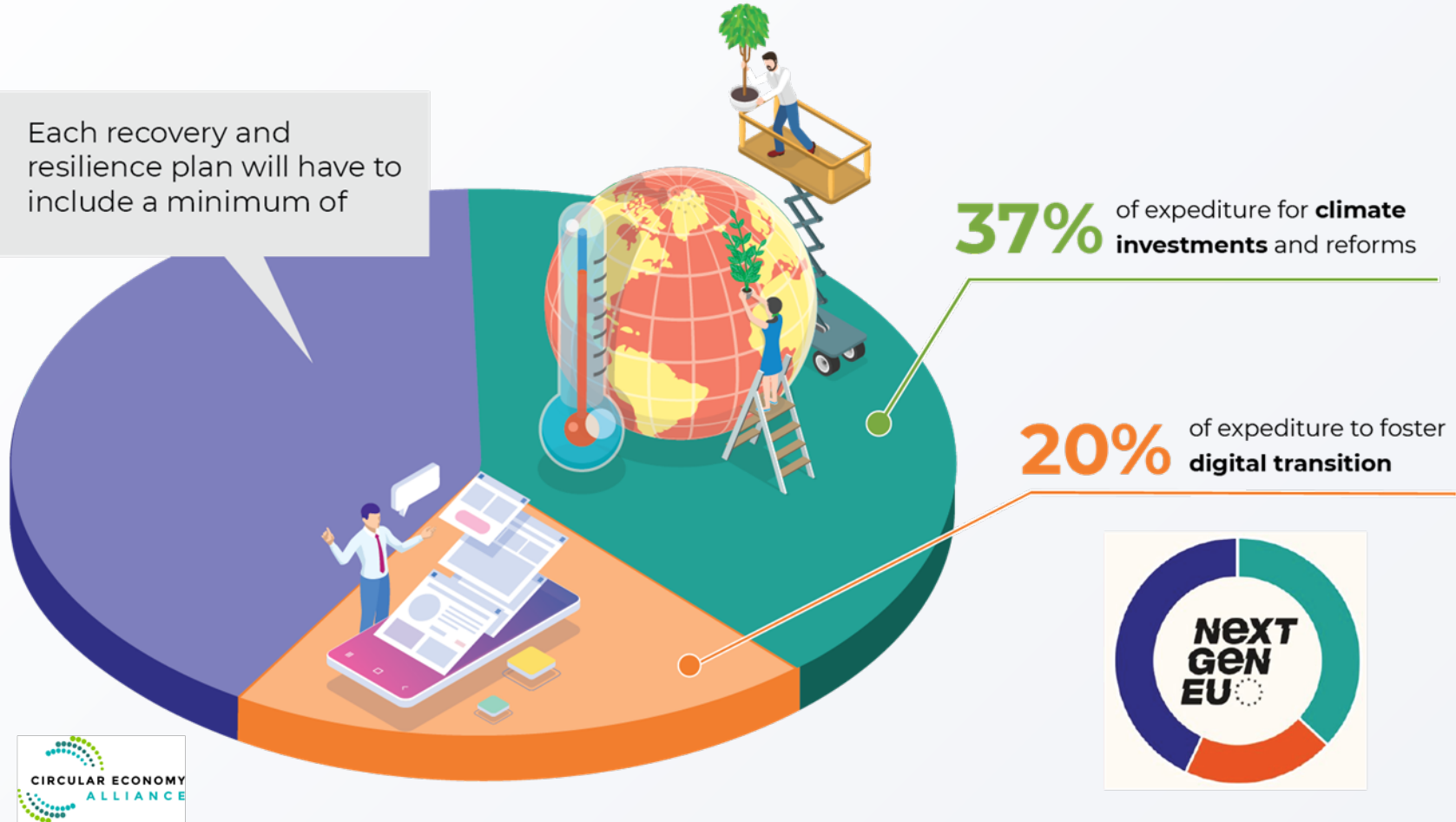
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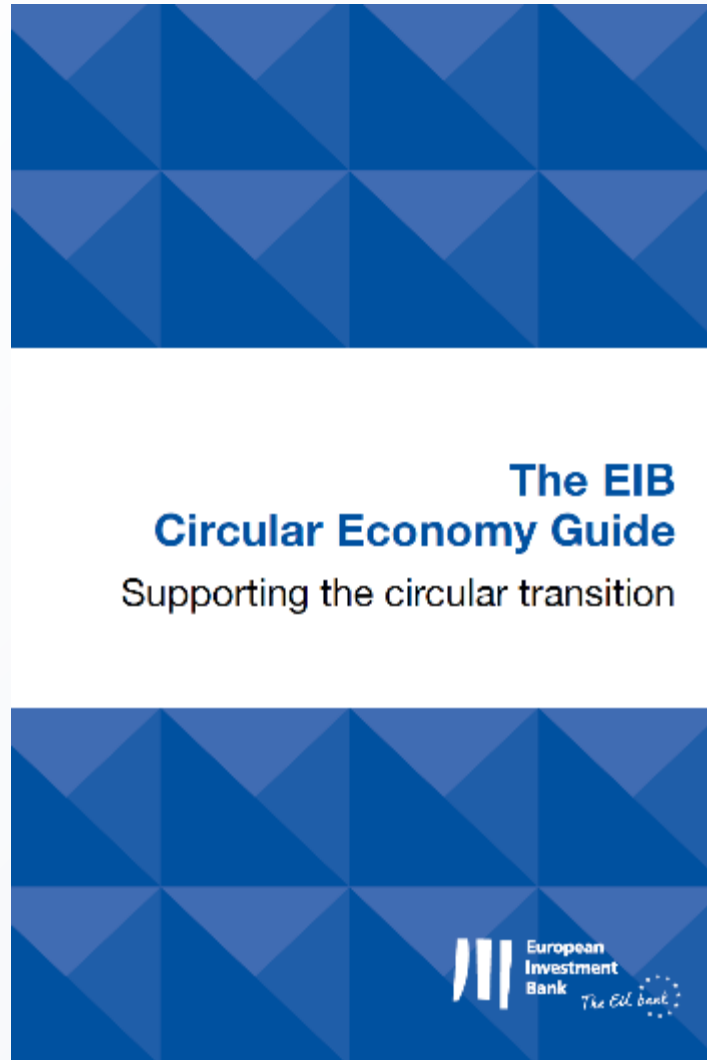
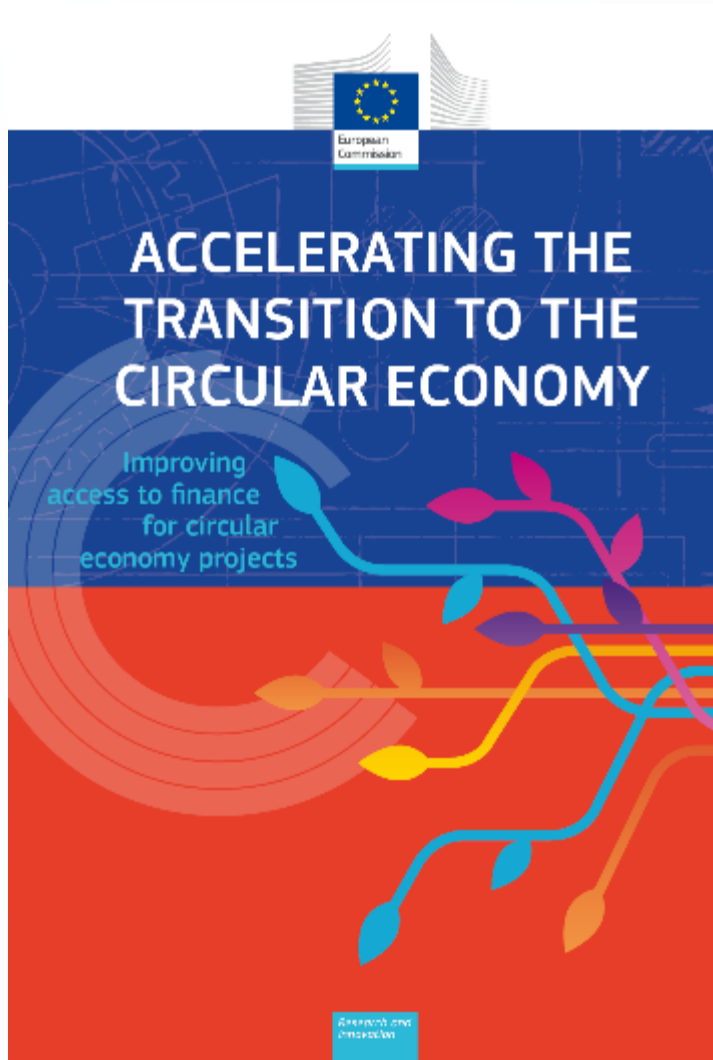
NextGenerationEU

Horizon Europe Programme

Social Fund

Each recovery and resilience plan will have to include a minimum of





Targeted actions
by the:
*European
Commission
European
Investment Bank*



ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION TO THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Improving
access to finance
for circular
economy projects

Research and
Innovation

Issued recommendations to

- Financial Institutions
- Project promoters
- Policy Makers

1. RECOMMENDATIONS TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS



Specific Recommendations

- 1.1. **Circular economy project definition, taxonomy and measurements**
- 1.2. **Absence of a credit-risk assessment methodology fit for circular economy projects**
- 1.3. **Addressing technology-related risks in a circular project or business**
- 1.4. **Other factors influencing the bankability of circular economy projects and businesses**

2. RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROJECT PROMOTERS¹²



Specific Recommendations

- 2.1. Identify new circular economy sources of revenue and/or review the organisation's strategy**
- 2.2. Establish collaborative arrangements across different organisations within and between value chains**
- 2.3. Assess and disclose the environmental and social benefits**
- 2.4. Develop internal capacity**

3.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO POLICY MAKERS

Specific Recommendations

3.1. Recommendations to financial policy makers

3.1.1. Linear risk disclosure standards

3.1.2. Definition of circular economy finance

3.1.3. Technical assistance for circular economy businesses

3.1.4. Dedicated financial instruments for the circular economy

3.2. Recommendations to non-financial policy makers

3.2.1 Development of a policy framework conducive to the circular economy


3.2.2. Public authorities acting as facilitators of the circular economy

Standardisation Activities



ISO

ISO is an independent, non-governmental international organization with a membership of 165 national standards bodies.



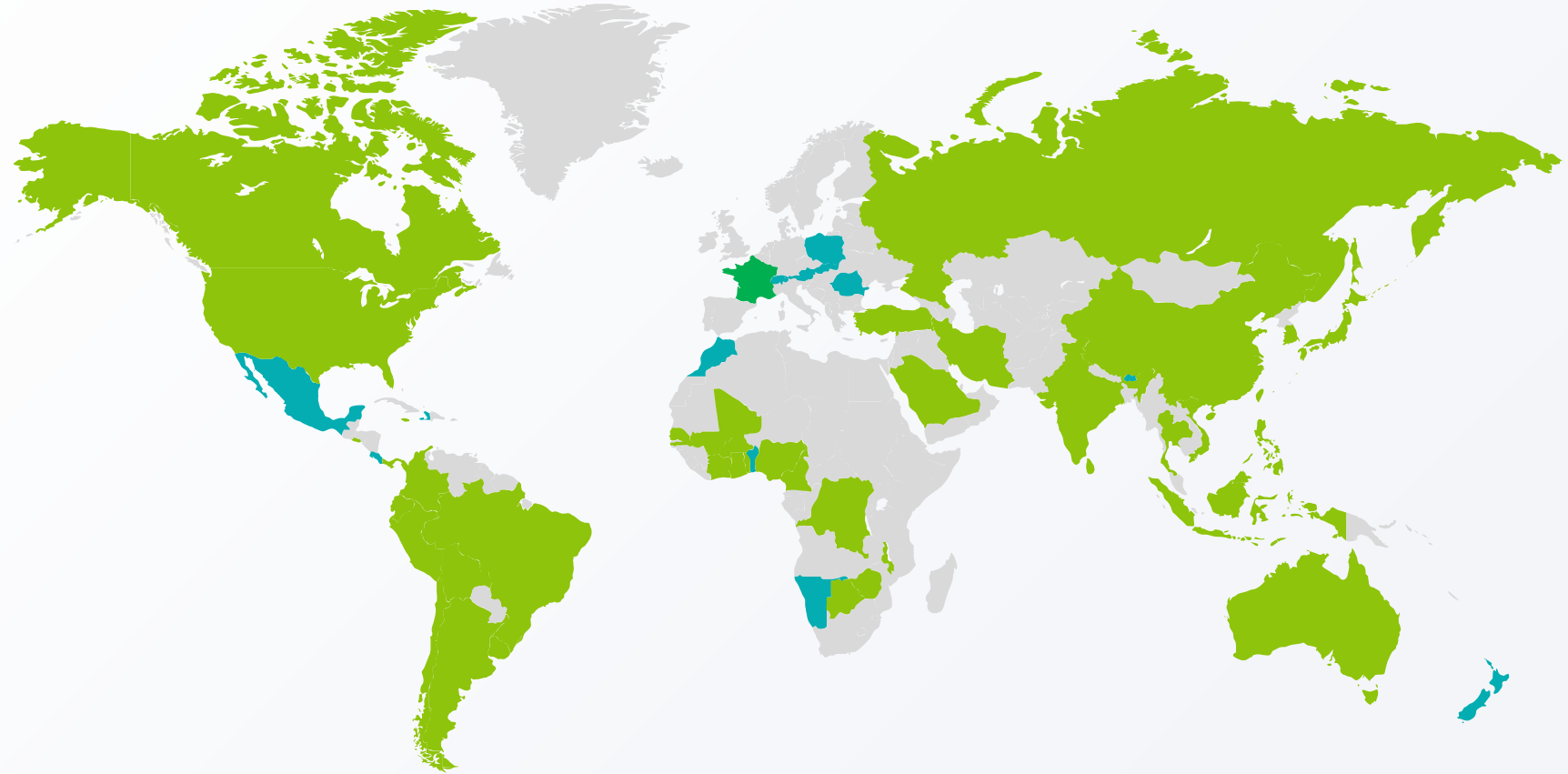
ISO TC 323 Circular Economy in a nutshell – Participants

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Participating
Members

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Observing
Members



ISO TC 323 Circular Economy in a nutshell – Liaisons

Organizations In Liaison

Current liaisons	ANEC	European Association for the Co-ordination of Consumer Representation in Standardization
	ECOS	European Environmental Citizens Organisation for Standardisation
	EMF	The Ellen MacArthur Foundation
	EWf	European Federation for Welding
	GRI	Global Reporting Initiative
	SBS	Small Business Standards
	UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
	WBCSD	World Business Council for Sustainable Development
	WSA	World Steel Association
Future liaisons	UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
	UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
	WCO	World Customs Organization
	WRI	World Resource Institute

Liaison committees to TC323

IEC/TC 111	Environmental standardization for electrical and electronic products and systems
ISO/TC 6	Paper, board and pulps
ISO/TC 20	Aircraft and space vehicles
ISO/TC 59/SC 17	Sustainability in buildings and civil engineering works
ISO/TC 71/SC 8	Environmental management for concrete and concrete structures
ISO/TC 122/SC 4	Packaging and the environment
ISO/TC 207 *	Environmental management
ISO/TC 207/SC 5	Life cycle assessment
ISO/TC 251	Asset management
ISO/TC 268	Sustainable cities and communities
ISO/TC 307	Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies
ISO/TC 322	Sustainable finance
ISO/TC 324	Sharing economy
Future liaisons	
ISO TC 34/SC 20	Food loss and waste

ISO TC 323 Circular Economy in a nutshell - Publication

A Circular Economy package facilitating implementation, dialogue and communication between stakeholders

STANDARDS	PUBLICATION
ISO WD 59 004 – Circular Economy – Framework and principles for implementation Gives a common understanding of Circular Economy	Mid-2023
ISO WD 59 010 – Circular Economy – Guidance on business models and value networks Provides a guideline to transform business models from linear to circular	Mid-2023
ISO WD 59 020 – Circular Economy – Measuring circularity Provides a framework to measure and assess	Mid-2023
ISO NWP 59 040 – Circular Economy – Products circularity datasheet Provides a framework to assess circularity of products	End 2023
ISO TR 59 031 – Circular Economy – Performance based approaches Provides experience feedback to make circular economy tangible, concrete	Early 2022
ISO TR 59 032 – Circular Economy – Review of business model implementation Provides experience feedback to make circular economy tangible, concrete	Early 2022
Standard under development with other Technical Committee (Environmental management): ISO WD 59 014 - Secondary materials – Principles, sustainability and traceability requirements	End 2023

CEN-CENELEC

CEN (European Committee for Standardization) and CENELEC (European Committee for Electrotechnical, Standardization) are recognized by the European Union (EU) and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), as European Standardization Organizations responsible for developing standards at European level, as per, the EU Regulation 1025/2012.



Standardization in a Circular Economy – Closing the Loop

A closer look into the standards
for batteries and plastics





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Cyprus Organisation for Standardization (CYS)

The Cyprus Standardization Organization (CYS) is the National Standardization Body since January 1, 2005, and is responsible for all Standardization activities based on Law 156 (I)/2002. CYS operates as a limited liability (Ltd) organization, with the Republic of Cyprus being the sole shareholder. It is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Council of Ministers and consists of high-caliber personalities of the Cypriot society.



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TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

ISO/TC 323
Circular economy



EUROPEAN COMMITTEE
FOR ELECTROTECHNICAL STANDARDIZATION



The need to built on skills and education



EUROPEAN
SKILLS AGENDA
FOR SUSTAINABLE
COMPETITIVENESS, SOCIAL
FAIRNESS AND RESILIENCE

- The **twin green and digital transitions** are reshaping the way we live, work and interact.
- Europe needs agile, resilient and future-proof VET systems, which can support young people to manage their entry to a changing labour market and ensure that adults access **vocational programmes tailored to the twin green and digital transitions**
- The **green transition requires** investments in skills of people to increase the number of professionals who build **and master green technologies, including digital, develop green products, services and business models, create innovative nature-based solutions and help minimise the environmental footprint of activities.**
- Europe will only become a climate neutral continent, a resource efficient society and a circular economy with an **informed population and workforce that understands how to think and act green.**

Skills for Industry

Upskilling and Reskilling in the Post-Covid Era:
Fostering New Services and Jobs Creation



Three Scenarios for 2030

FINAL REPORT

Upskilling to boost GDP by **\$6.5 trillion** by 2030 globally

Source: World Economic Forum-PwC report: "Upskilling for Shared Prosperity" (2021)

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