

Towards a consistent framework for climate policy.

State of play and possible way forward

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Key challenges for transformative climate policy



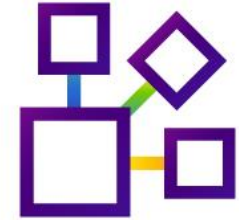
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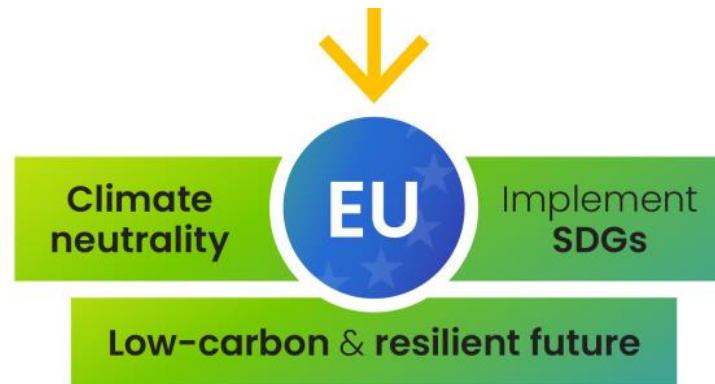
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How can EU climate policy become fit for climate neutrality?

At a meta level the journey to climate neutrality requires several key elements

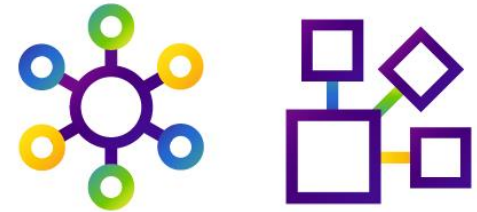
- a clear **MISSION** commitment (integration)
- a **MAP** of how to get there (strategy)
- a **TEAM** effort to get to destination (participation)
- a **COMPASS** to know where we are (monitoring)
- the **VEHICLES** to get us there (instruments)

MISSION



- **Status:** Climate neutrality goal is enshrined in law, integration improved
- **RECOMMENDATION:** strengthen CPI through application to existing policies (regulatory fitness checks), more specific provisions in EUCL and GovReg

MAP



- **Status:** 2040 target on the table, 2050 in law but not quantified & path unclear
- **RECOMMENDATION:** update the EU Long-Term Strategy (now and regularly)
Needed as basis for many things! Guidance to policy-making before next package, for coordination between sectoral strategies, input to infrastructure planning, to investment plans, and as benchmark for consistency checks, monitoring, etc.

TEAM effort



- **Status:** EU citizens support the transition (Eurobarometer survey show that)! However, many concerned about changes, unclear about future (see elections, protests)
EU law has many provisions for participation but implementation is lacking.
- **RECOMMENDATIONS:**
 - Improve process and provisions on public participation in the Governance Regulation; provide support and experience exchange on multilevel dialogues
 - Enhancing accountability to citizens by ensuring general and consistent access to justice in climate-related matters across the EU.
 - Engage more comprehensively around “just transition” concerns

Where are we on the path to a net zero future?

What changes
enable the
transition?

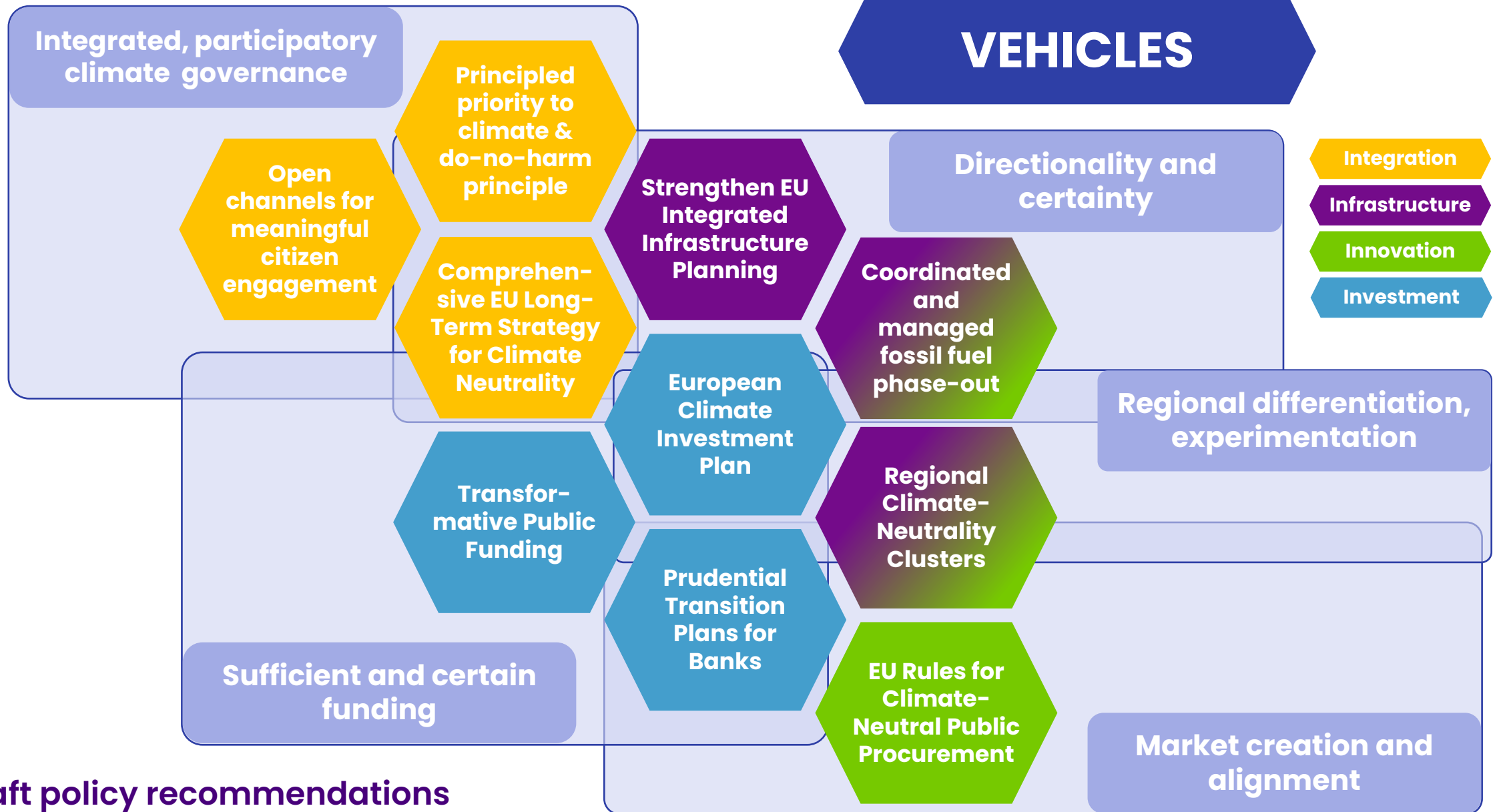
What is
happening
under the
emissions curve

COMPASS

- Status: reporting plentiful but not targeted. EUCL has obligation for progress assessment, but no system.
- RECOMMENDATION: put a transition tracking framework in place that assesses enabling conditions in and across sectors. Update regularly!

Without this information, deciding next steps and turns impossible. Flying blind...

VEHICLES



Draft policy recommendations

Thank you!

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