

## V ELEVATE INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

# The Compass for Net-Zero: Navigating Ambition, Justice and Development

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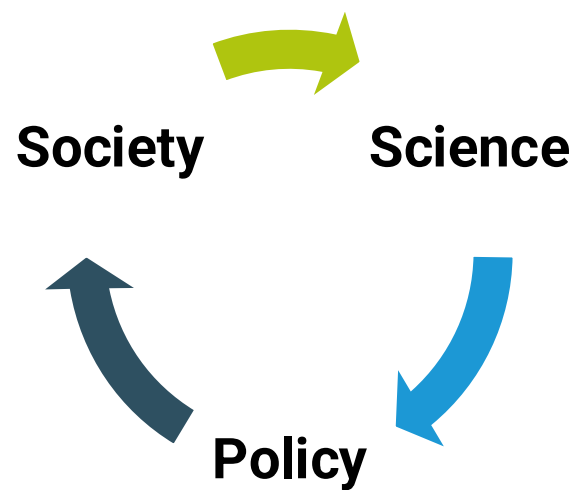
# ELEVATE - ENABLING AND LEVERAGING CLIMATE ACTION TOWARDS NET ZERO EMISSIONS

## Introduction

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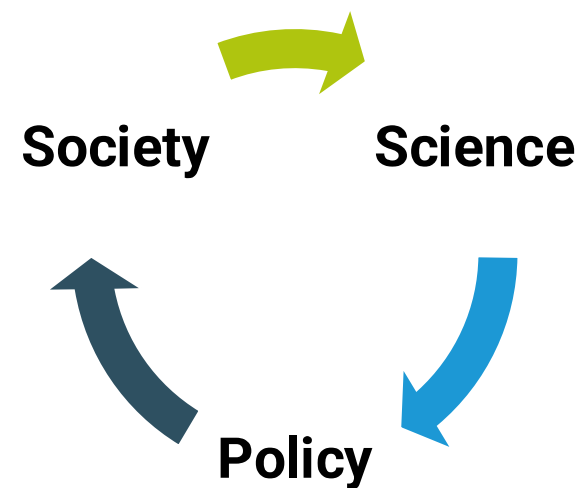
# ELEVATE's Objective

***To develop transformative **new scientific insights**  
to support the **preparations of NDCs** and  
**national climate policies** focused on achieving  
**net-zero emissions** mid-century in line  
with the Paris Agreement***

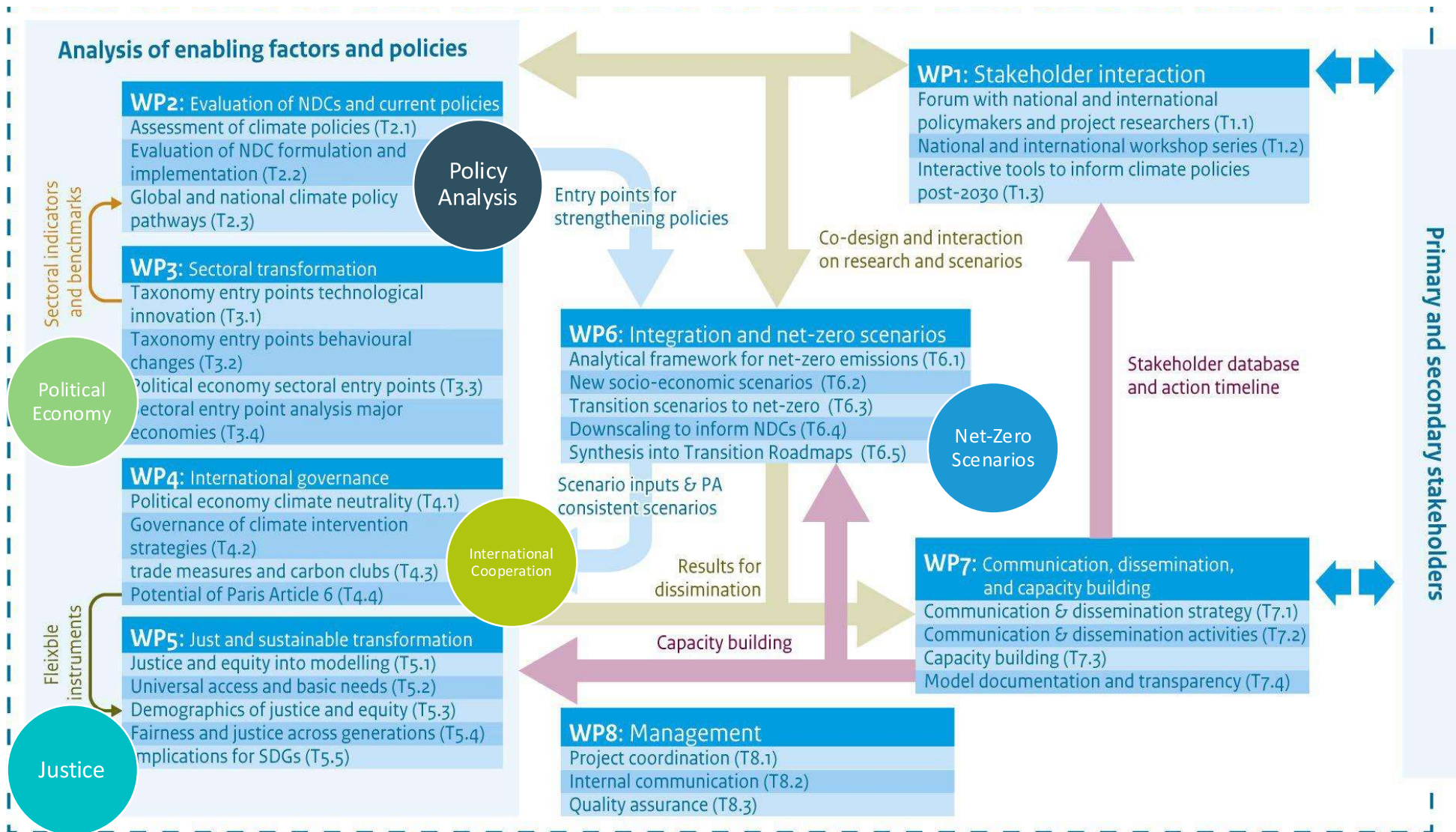


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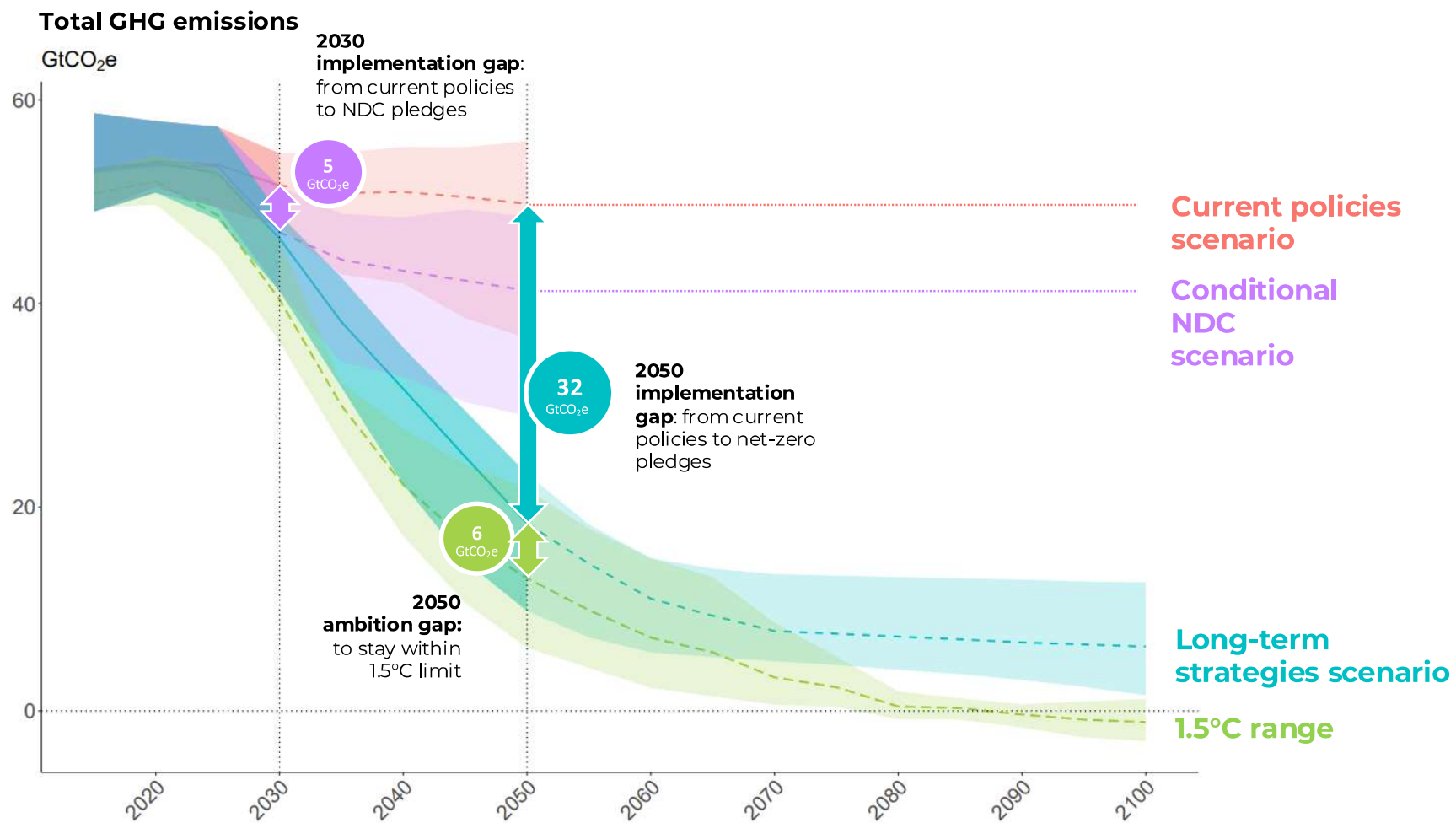


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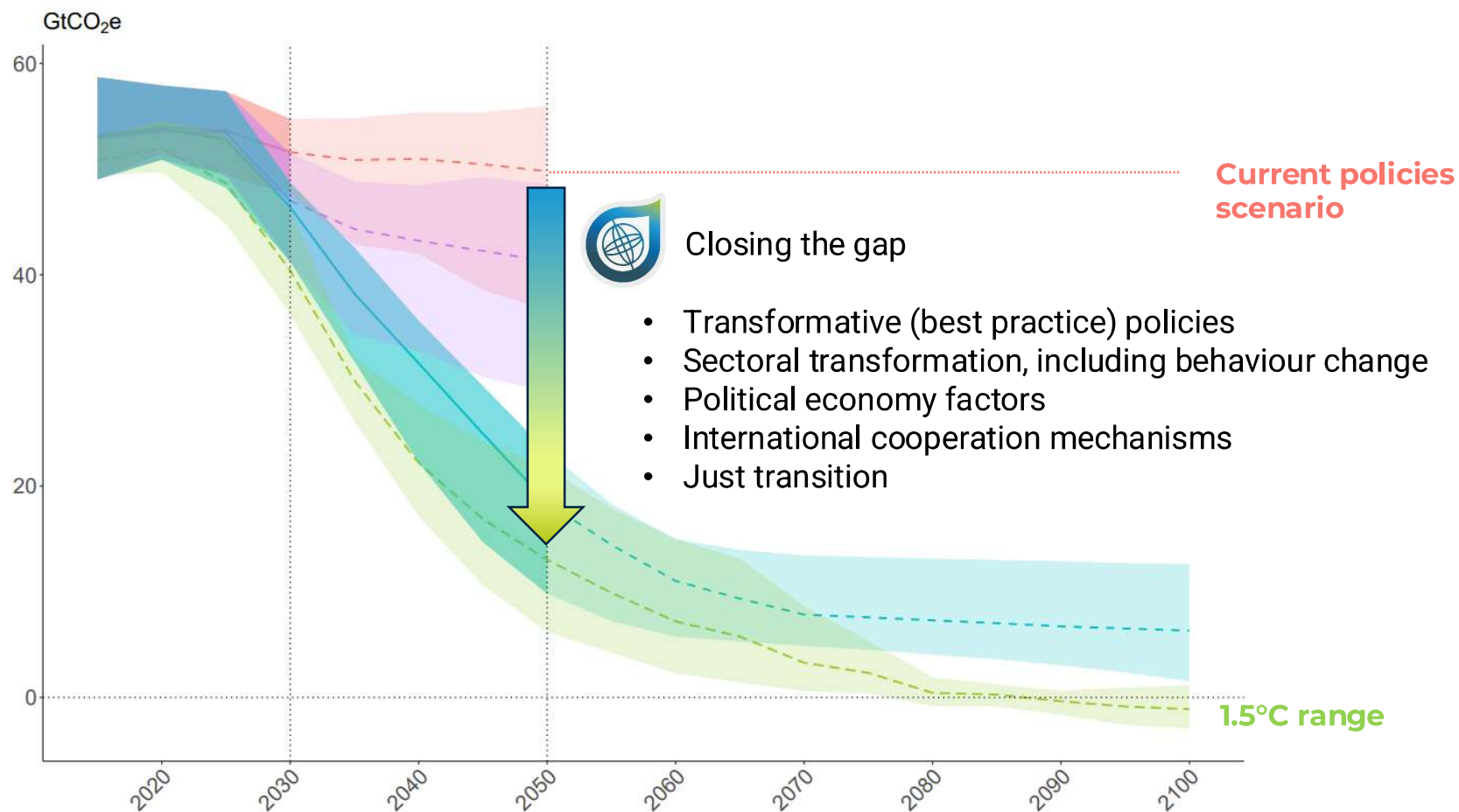


# Climate policy scenarios

- **Current policies scenario:** assuming all climate policies that are already implemented (in law), with ambition levels remaining constant after that.
- **NDC scenario:** fully implementing all NDCs to 2030, with ambition levels remaining constant after that.
- **NDC-LTS scenario:** fully implementing NDCs to 2030 and the announced net-zero pledges around/after mid-century.
- **1.5°C scenario:** models calculate global cost-optimal ways of meeting the Paris Agreement temperature goals by 2100.



## Total GHG emissions



# Annual net-zero reports



Annual Net-Zero Report 2025  
will be published beginning of November 2025  
in preparation for COP30,  
in Belém, Brazil

<https://www.elevate-climate.org/annual-net-zero-report>

# Call: Expression of Interest

Developing New Climate Change Mitigation Pathways  
Based on Development-Focused Socio-Economic Projections

NEW   
PATHWAYS



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# V ELEVATE International Stakeholder Workshop

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## Welcome

### Programme

**10:30-11:00** Registration and Welcome Coffee

**11:00-13:00** Advancing just and ambitious national commitments:  
evaluation of 2035 NDCs and expectations for future submissions

**13:00-13:30** Lunch

**13:30-15:30** Co-Creating Paris-Aligned Pathways: A Stakeholder  
Dialogue on Justice and Development

**15:30-16:00** Networking Coffee



## **Session 1**

# **Advancing just and ambitious national commitments: evaluation of 2035 NDCs and expectations for future submissions**

# Instrumentalization of energy autarchy for climate goals: a case for global cooperation

Lara Aleluia Reis and Matteo Calcaterra \*RFF-CMCC EIEE

V workshop in Bonn, 20 June 2025, Bonn

# Current geopolitical setting

**Geopolitical tensions** are pushing countries to **secure** their **energy** supply against potential disruptions from foreign entities:

- Russian-ukrainian conflict
- Tensions in the middle east (exporting region)



⇒ Increasing **self-sufficiency** is seen as a **strategic** move to enhance national **security** (Dieter & Biedermann 2022)

# Climate policy and energy security

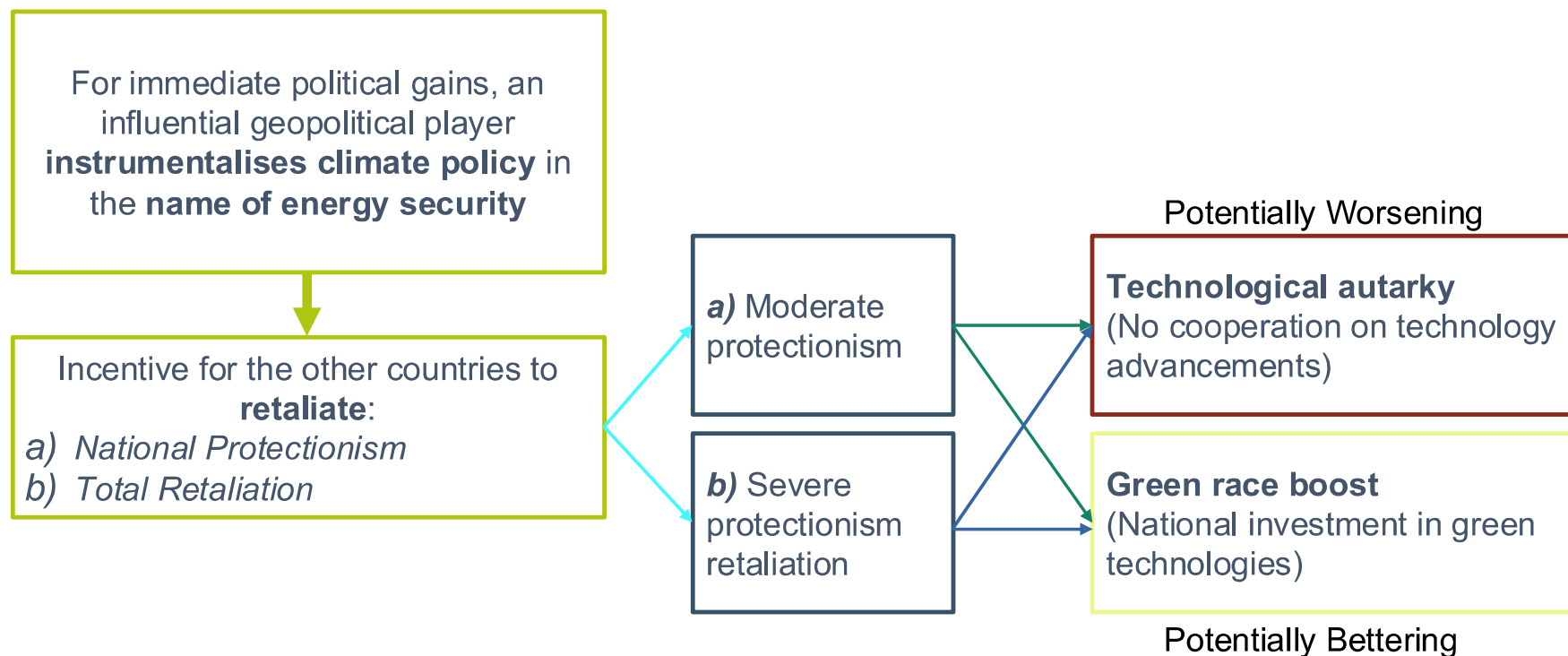
To **analyse jointly** the **long-term** development of the **economy, climate, and energy systems**, we employ an ensemble of 6 **detailed-process IAMs**.

These models are particularly valuable due to the **strong interconnection between climate change and energy security**:

- Policies on energy security are linked with climate change:
  - Empirical correlation between higher share of low-carbon energy and reduced energy imports (Cevik 2022)
  - Climate policy can reduce energy security concerns, due to (i) higher diversity of energy options, (ii) lower dependence on fossil fuel imports (Jewell et al. 2013)

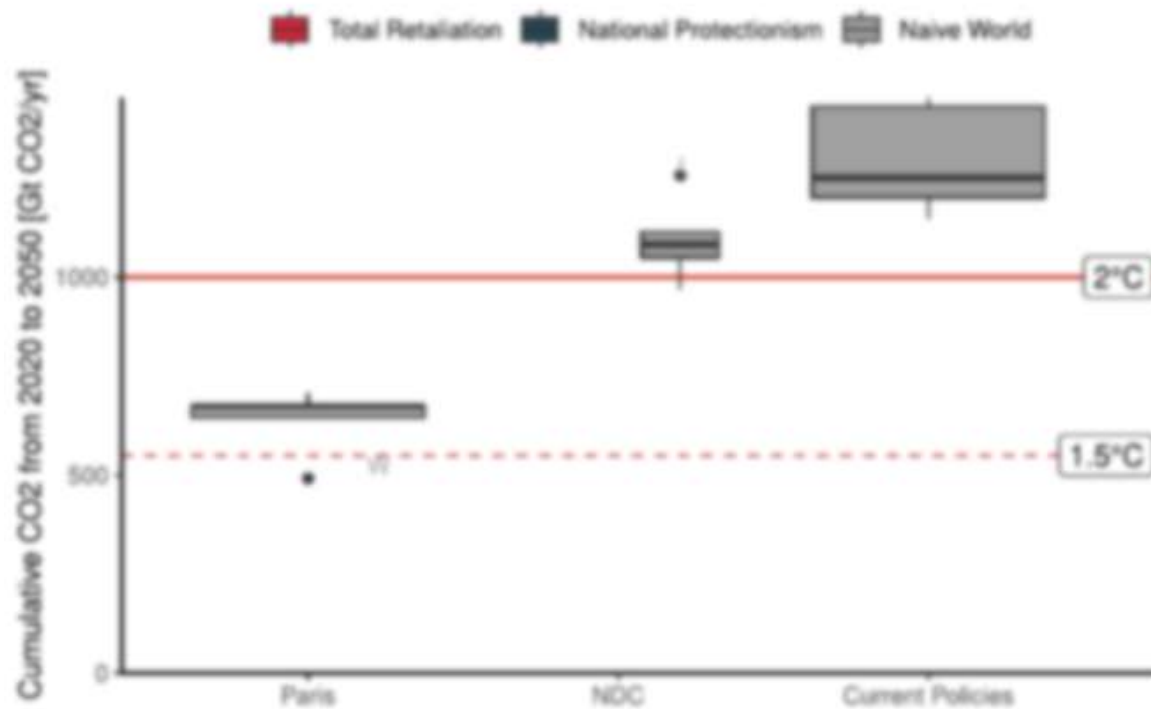
However, **energy independence *per se* is not guaranteed to solve climate problems** (Jewell et al. 2016)

# Main scenarios (NDC) – narrative



# Results!

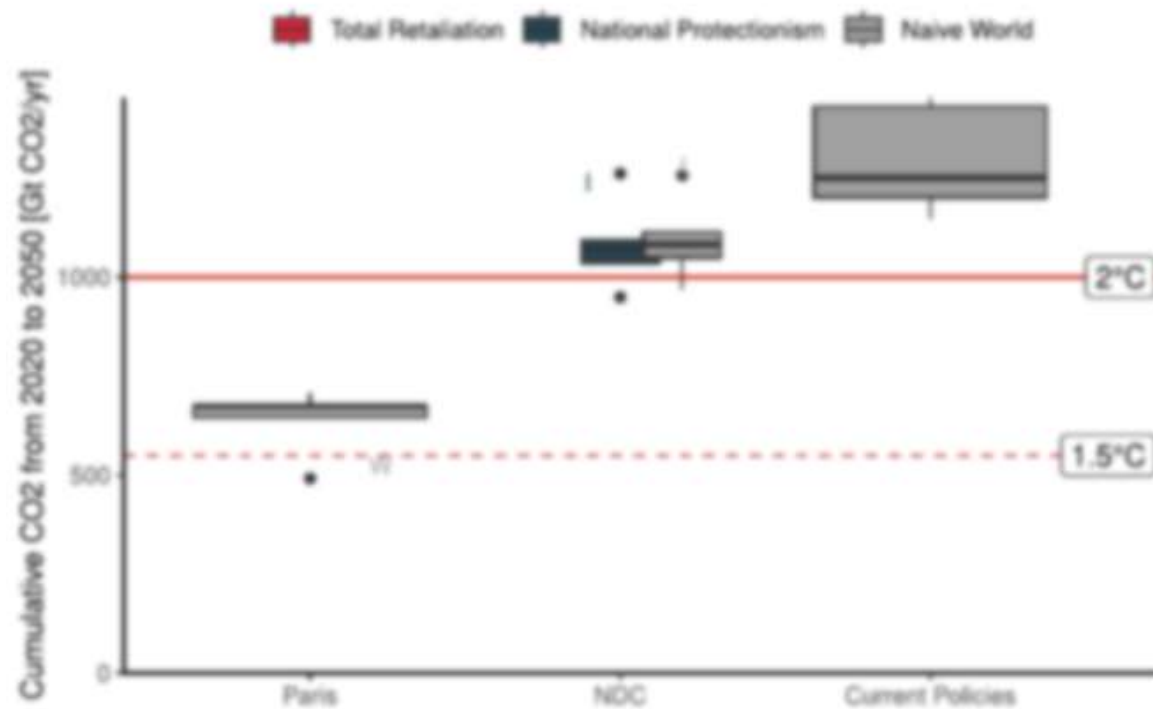
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(Full paper  
coming soon)

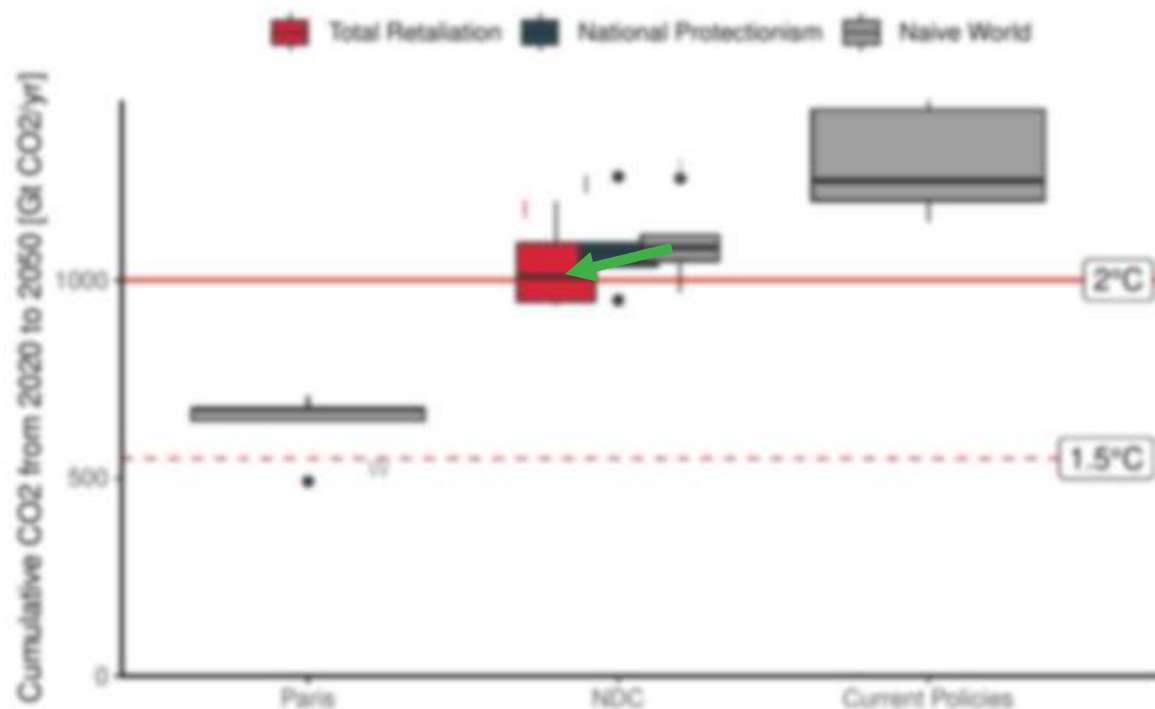
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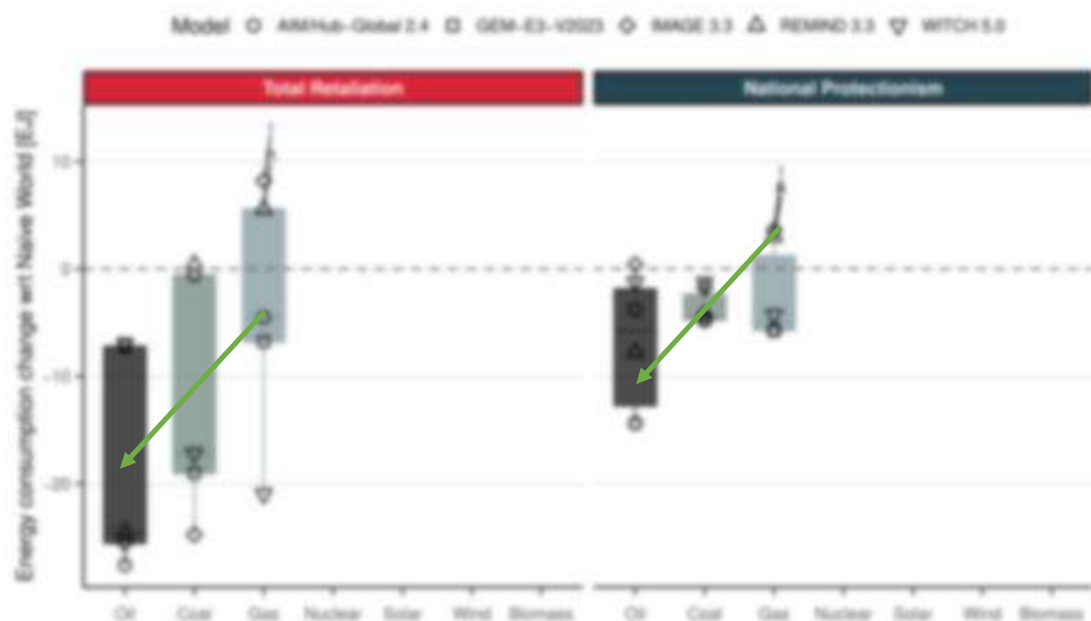


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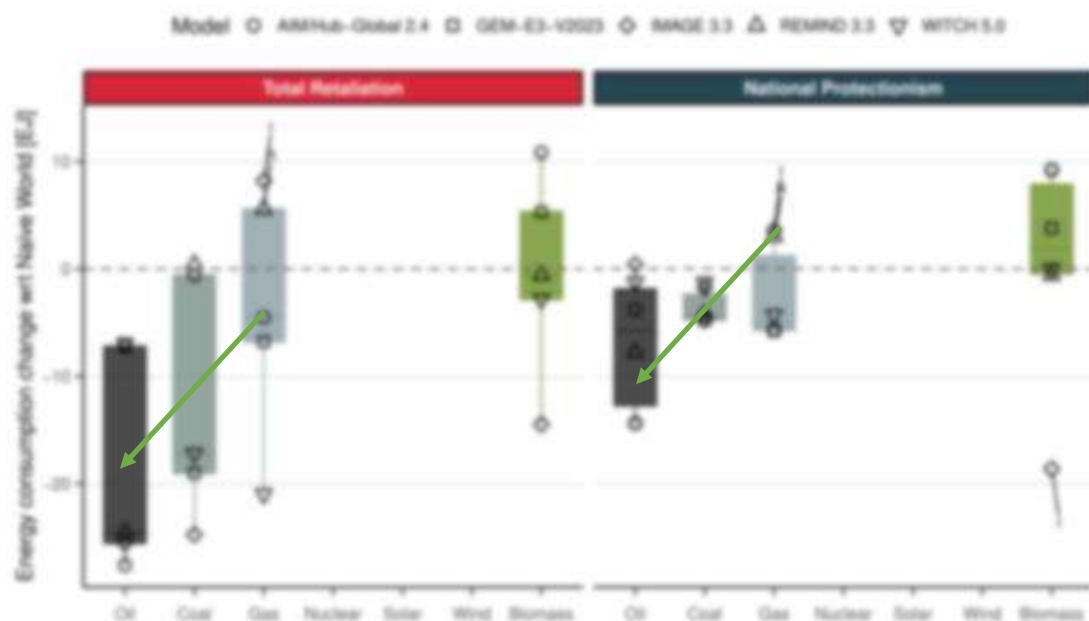
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- Total retaliation sees a bigger reduction effect
- Emissions remain above the 1000Gt CO2 by mid century
- Far away from Paris compliant mid-century budgets

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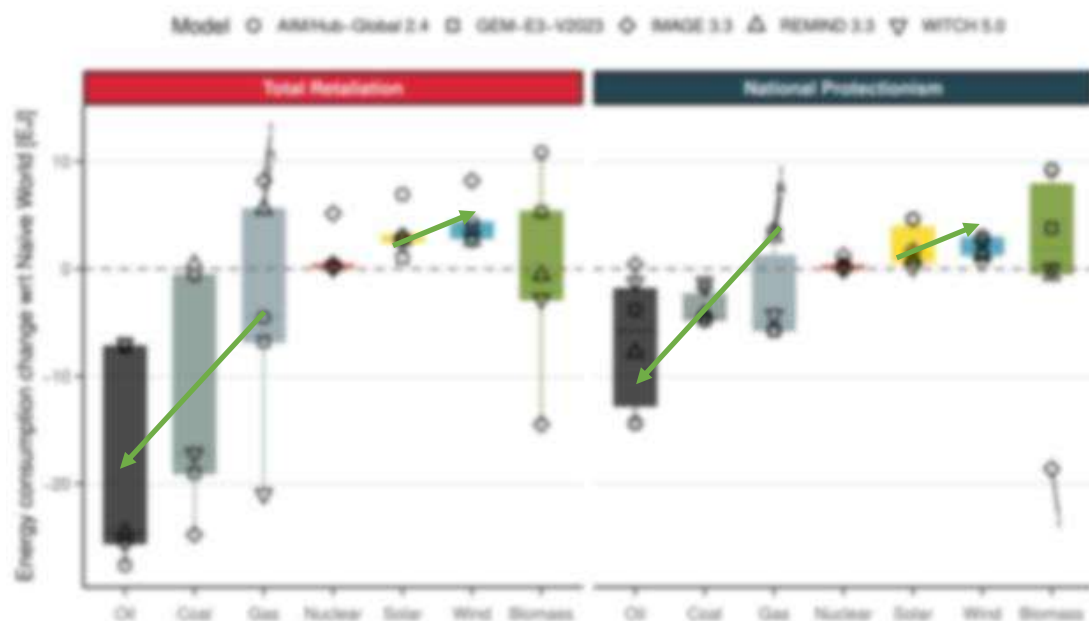
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- Fosters energy renewable use

## Nationalism is Costly: Who are the biggest losers?







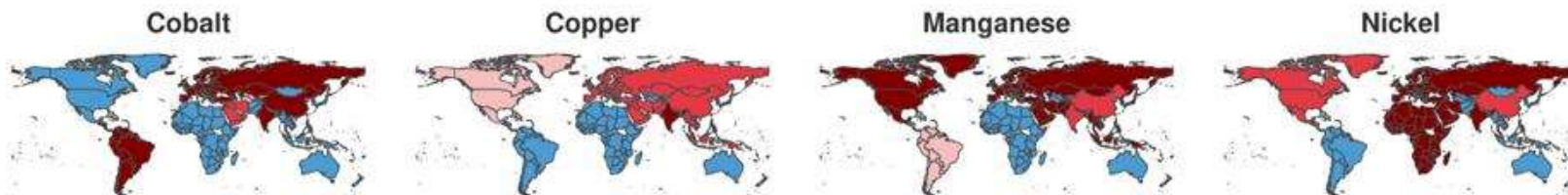
- Generally, all regions lose
- In Retaliation even countries with very low **NDC** targets, such as India, may bare high losses
- North America and **major exporters** bear the highest losses

## Can energy autarchy really be achieved?

### Cumulative Material Demand Over Reserves

Material independence

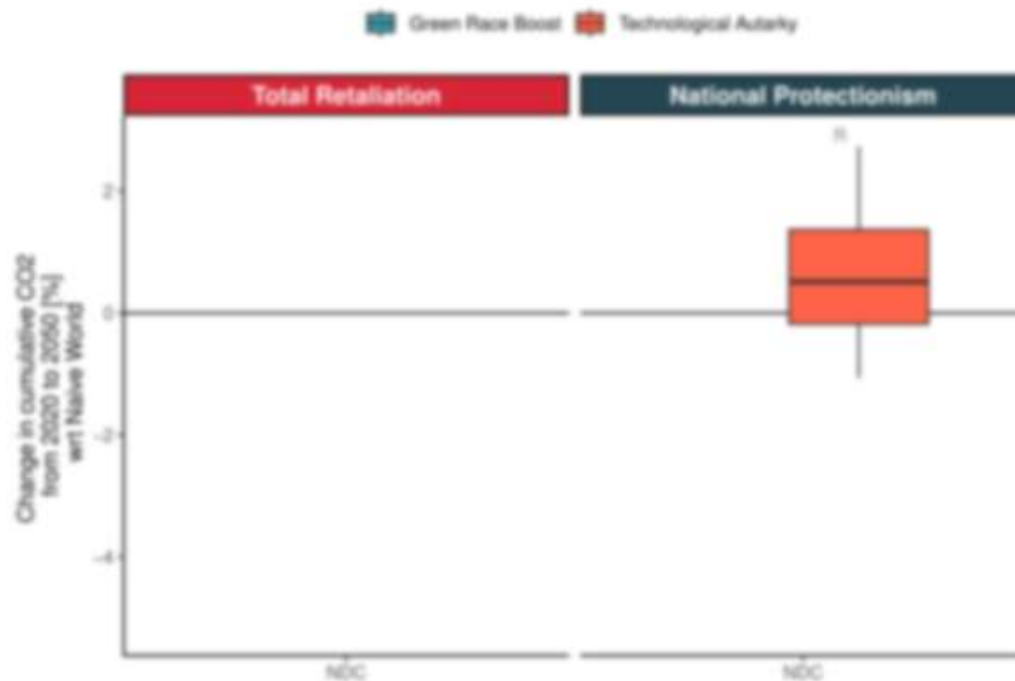
Ratio Category  Independent  At Risk  Dependent  Highly dependent



- World reserves are never exhausted for any of these Materials
- However, except Australia, no single region alone has transition materials independence

**Can we turn this situation around?**  
**(scenario variants)**

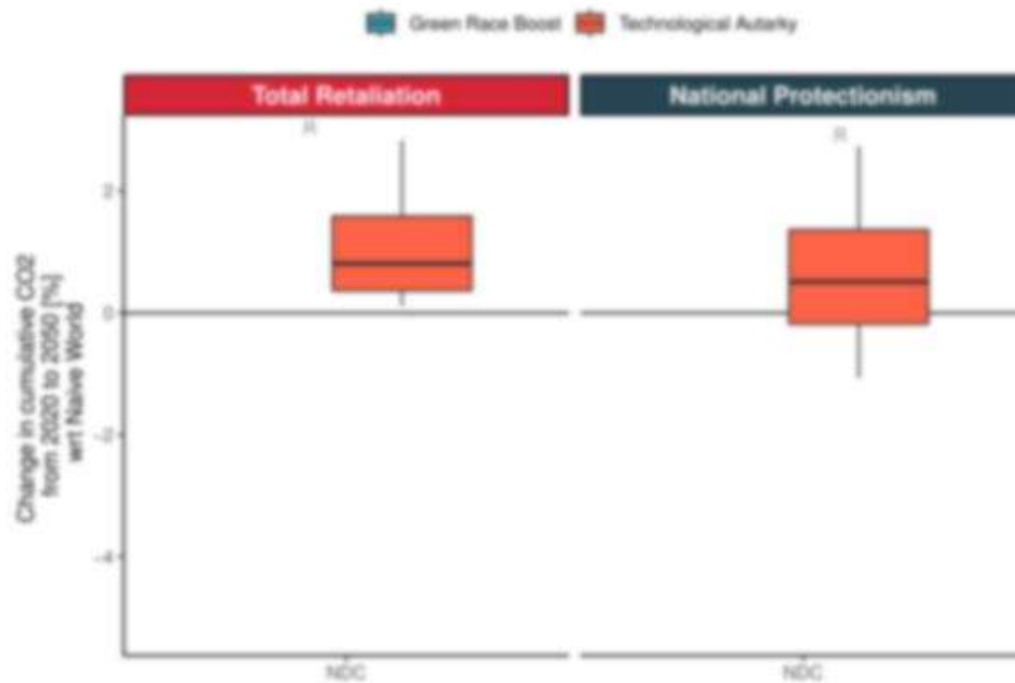
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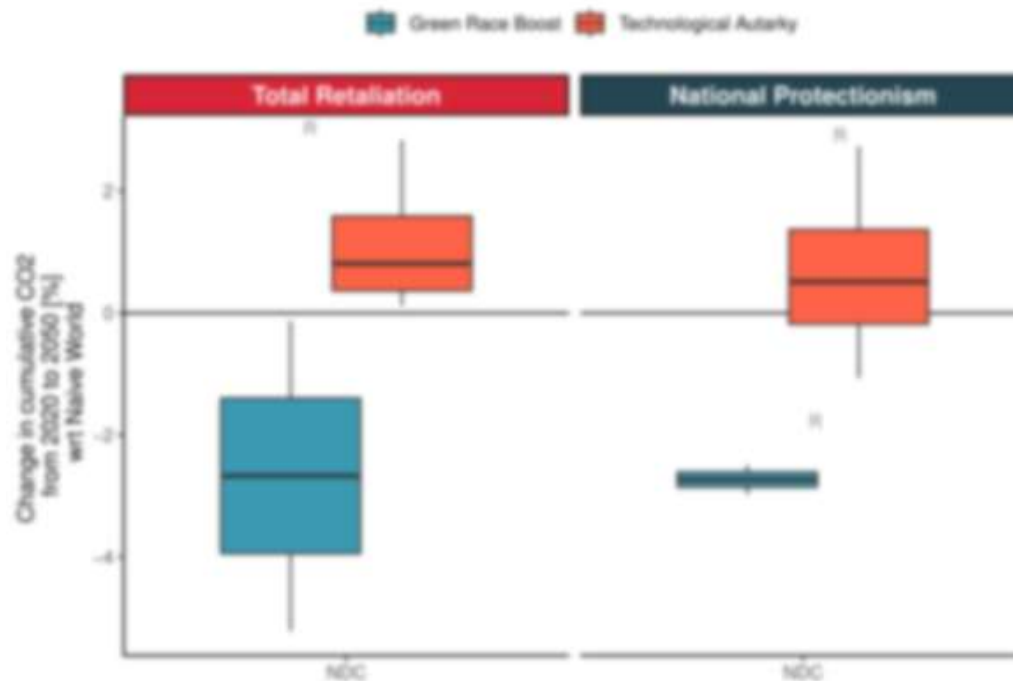


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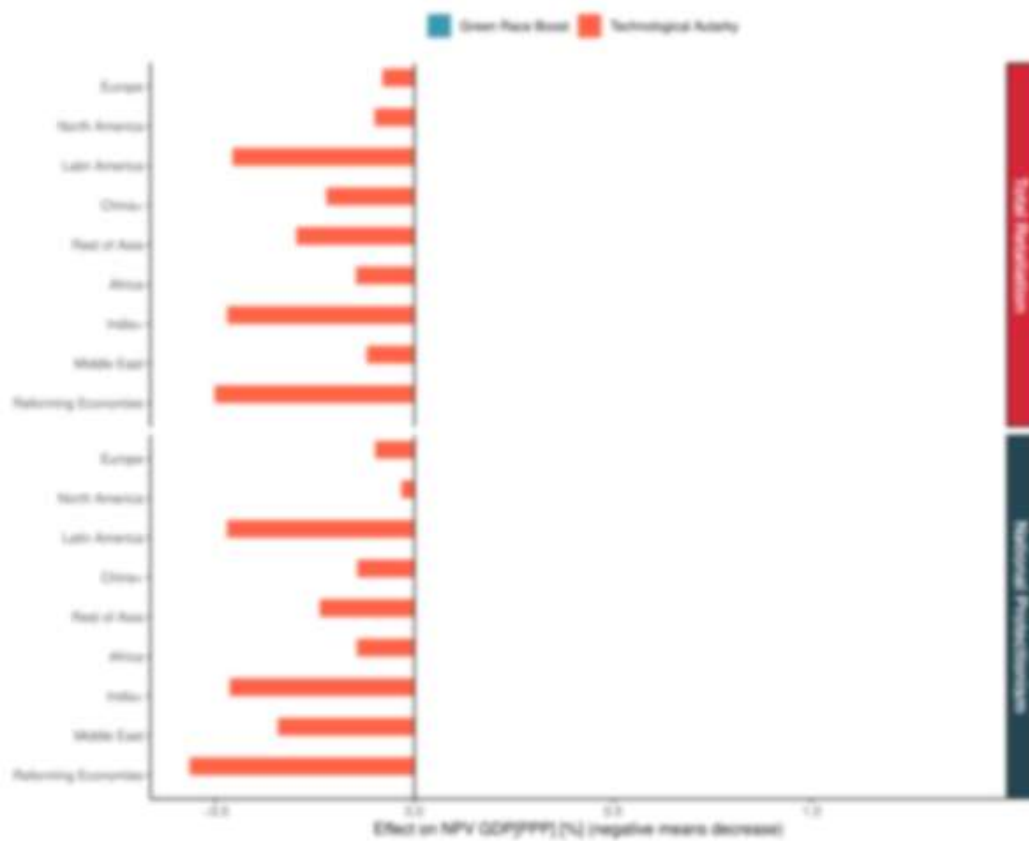
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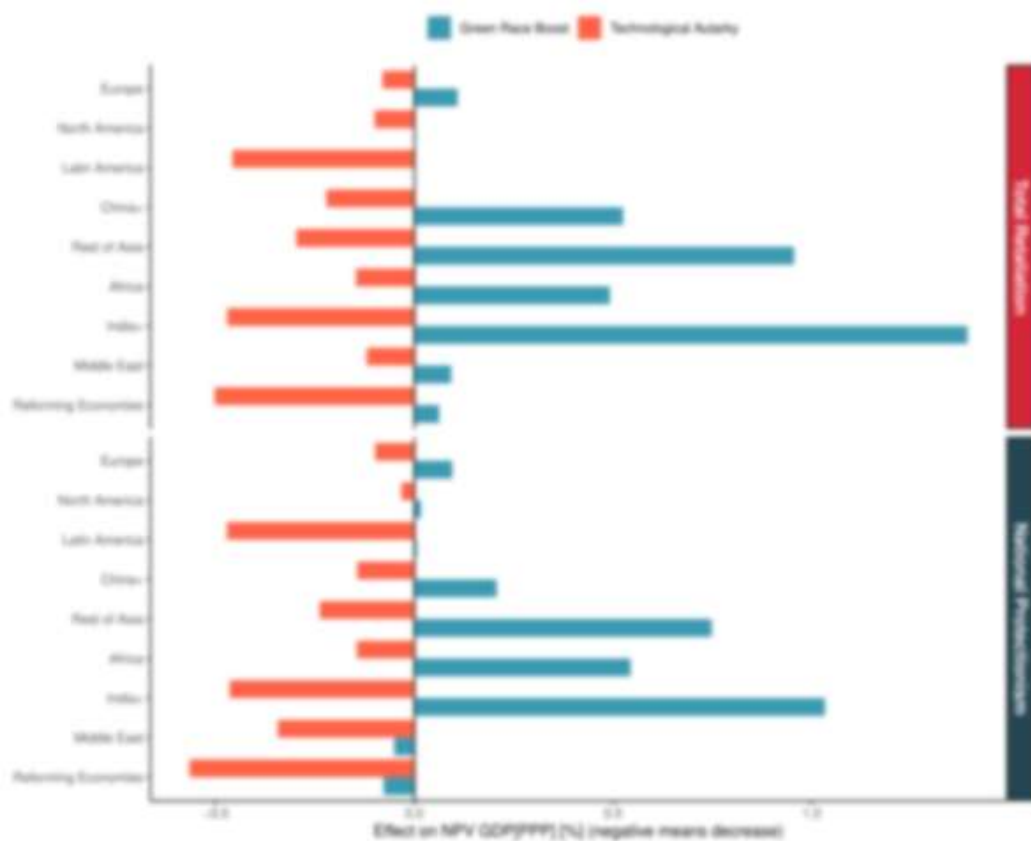
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  - Green race decreases emissions
  - approx. 3% reduction

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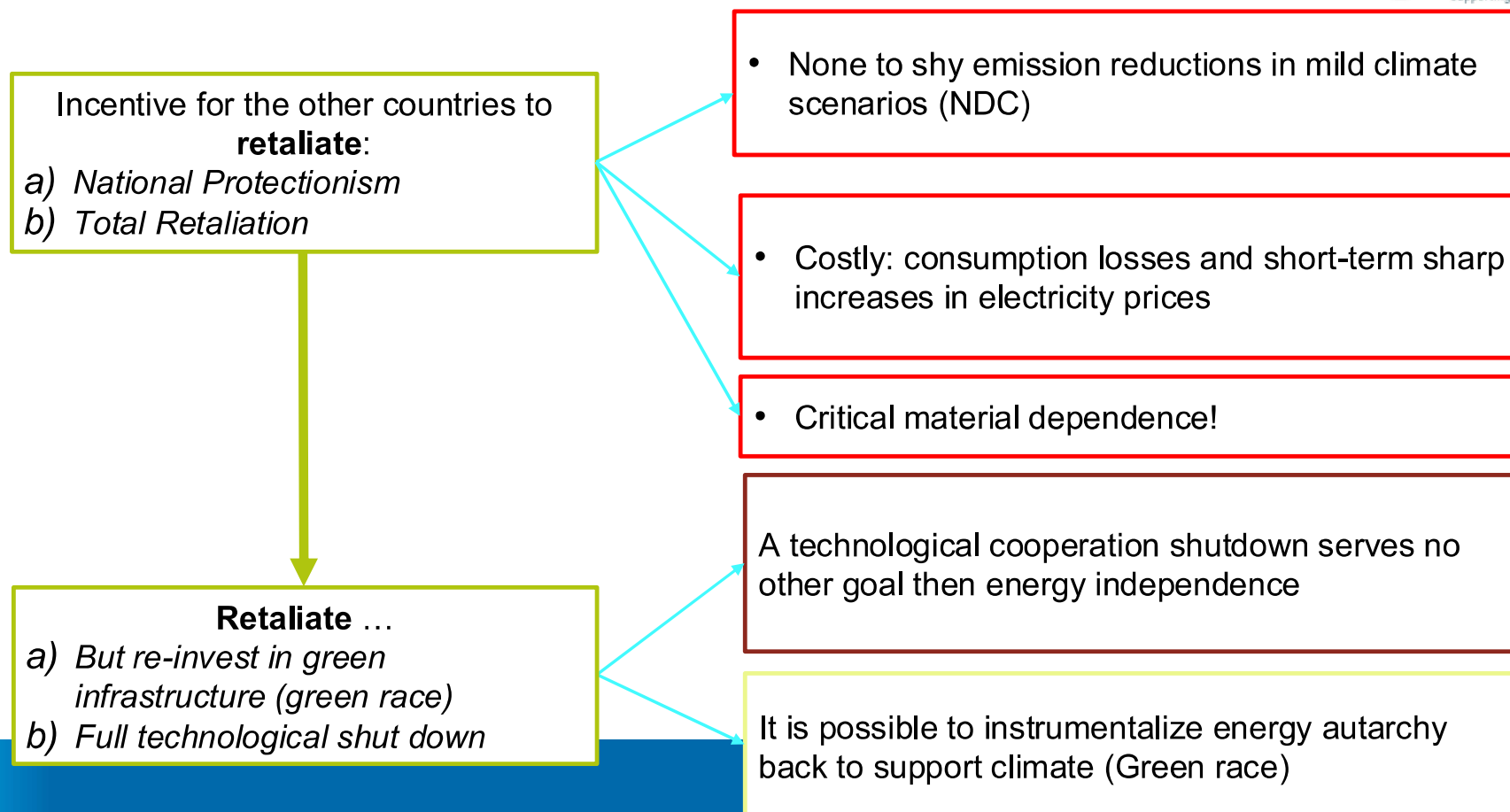
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- Technological autarky is detrimental for all
- Big fossil exporters lose under national protectionism, no matter what variant may be followed

## Conclusions:



Thanks!



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# Analysis of the emissions impact and ambition of the new NDCs

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June 2025



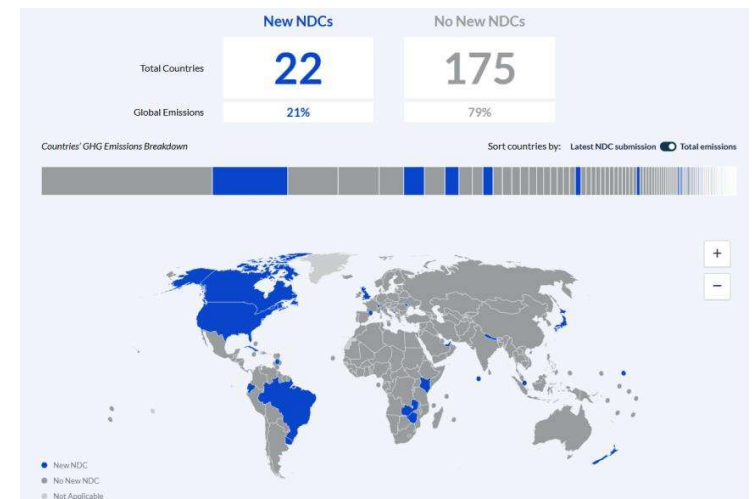
# Introduction

## > Context:

- In 2025 countries will submit new NDC targets
  - So far only 22 new NDC submissions, 21% of global GHG emissions
- NDC analysis with the IMAGE model (regularly updated in 2025)
  - Extended to 2035 - include current policies, new NDC and net-zero targets and their impact

## > Research questions:

1. What is the impact of the new NDCs on the 2030 and 2035 global & national GHG emissions?
2. How ambitious are the new & current NDCs following different criteria?







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## GHG impact of NDCs:

*What is the impact of the new NDCs on the 2030 and 2035 global and national GHG emissions?*



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# Methodology of GHG impact

- Existing method\*
  - Major choices: greenhouse gas and sector coverage, land use accounting, type of targets (e.g., energy supply targets)
  - Address issue of difference in historical GHG emissions of national inventories vs. models (Grassi)
  - Input from Climate Watch and countries' experts

\* den Elzen, M.G.J., Dafnomilis, I., Forsell, N., Fragkos, P., Fragkiadakis, K., Höhne, N., ... & Sperling, F. (2022). Updated nationally determined contributions collectively raise ambition levels but need strengthening further to keep Paris goals within reach. *Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change*, 27(5), 33.





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Updated website  
[www.pbl.nl/ndc](http://www.pbl.nl/ndc)

RESULTS

NDCs

PLEDGES

PROGRESS

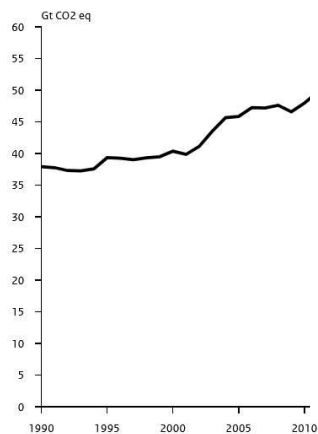
TOOL

## PBL Climate Pledge NDC tool

The Paris Agreement aims to limit global mean temperature increase to well below 2 °C. To achieve this, more than 190 countries have agreed to limit their greenhouse gas emissions. A country's climate pledge is a commitment to limit its greenhouse gas emissions.

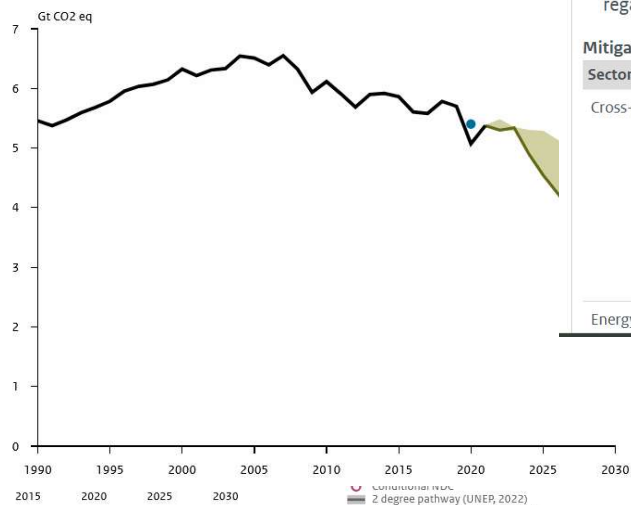
### Global

Share of global emissions in 2019: **100%**



### United States

Share of global emissions in 2019: **10.7 %**



### Details of United States

#### Unconditional pledge(s) 2020

- None

#### Conditional pledge(s) 2020

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 17% below 2005 levels, by 2020

#### Unconditional NDC(s)

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to between 26% and 28% below 2005 levels by 2025

#### Update: Unconditional NDC(s)

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to between 50% and 52% below 2005 levels by 2030

#### Result(s)

- The United States (US) is likely to miss but could meet its NDC targets based on the lower end of the current policy range.
- Emissions under current policies in the US are projected to decrease in the period towards 2030, but there is uncertainty regarding the rate of decline.

#### Mitigation measure(s) with highest impact

Sector	Policies	Description
Cross-cutting	Inflation Reduction Act (2022)	This act provides tax credits, grants, and loans (between USD 800bn and USD 1.2tn) to develop and deploy clean energy technologies and investments that are critical for decarbonising the economy. Renewable energy, energy storage, electric vehicles, energy efficiency upgrades, advanced manufacturing, and large-scale zero-emissions demonstration projects are investment foci of the act.
	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (or Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) (2021)	This act comprises investments in a wide range of areas (totalling USD 1.2tn) that can indirectly enable the transition to a low-carbon economy, including the development of EV charging infrastructure, upgrading the power grid, and improving energy efficiency and electrification in buildings.
Energy	Methane waste prevention rule (2016)	This policy sets out specific standards for oil and gas production to reduce CH4 emissions by



## 2030 & 2035 emissions reduction targets - G20 economies

- > Brazil: large range in emission reductions. Also launched seven sectoral mitigation plans
- > UK: included a Clean Power Action plan, to achieve clean electricity by 2030
- > US: when the Paris withdrawal takes effect (January 27, 2026), the NDC will no longer be operative

Country	Reference year	2030 Emissions Reduction Target	2035 Emissions Reduction Target	Net-Zero Target Year
Brazil	2005	53.1%	59-66%	2050
Canada	2005	40-45%	45-50%	2050
Japan	2013	46%	60%	2050
United Kingdom	1990	68%	81%	2050
United States of America	2005	50-52%	61-66%	2050

Date: June 2025

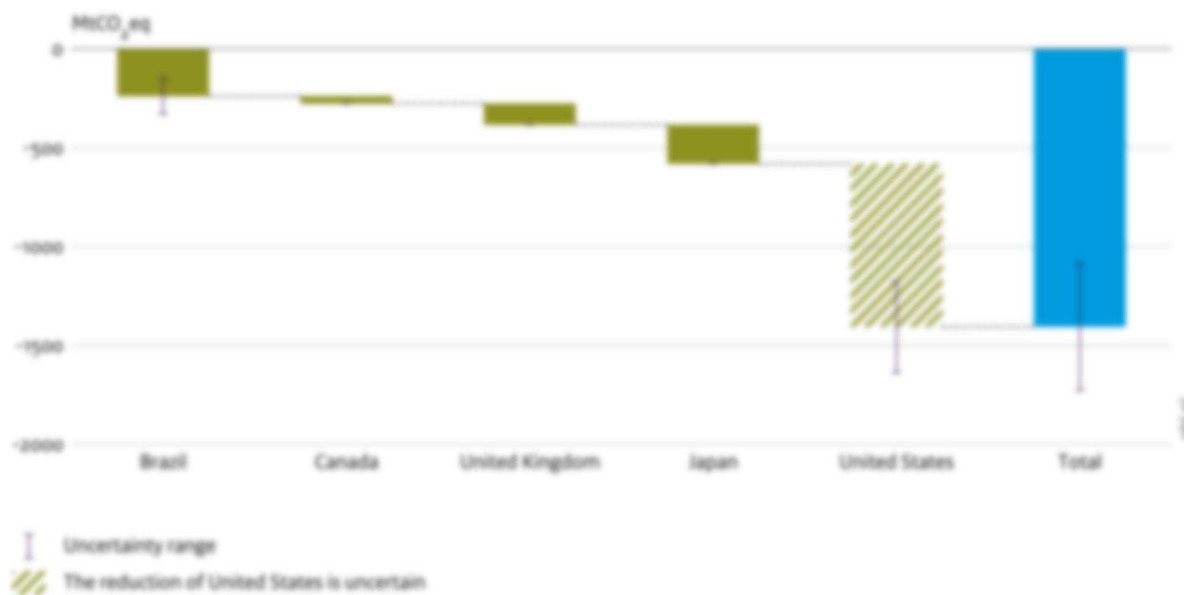




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## Impact of NDCs on 2035 global emissions: 1.4 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e - highly dependent on US

Change in emissions of new NDCs, 2030 - 2035



Source: PBL 2025

- > For countries with no new NDC submission, emissions are held constant at 2030 NDC levels
- > Large uncertainties due to range: 1.4 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e [1.1;1.7] GtCO<sub>2</sub>e
- > Without the contribution of the US, the additional emission reductions considerably drop





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## Ambition of NDCs:

*How ambitious are the new NDCs? Are the new targets aligned with net-zero targets?*



# Methodology of NDC ambition assessment

Comparison with linear pathways to net-zero targets, i.e. the alignment with net-zero targets

Comparison with 1.5 and 2°C-aligned least costs pathways (IPCC AR6 scenario database)

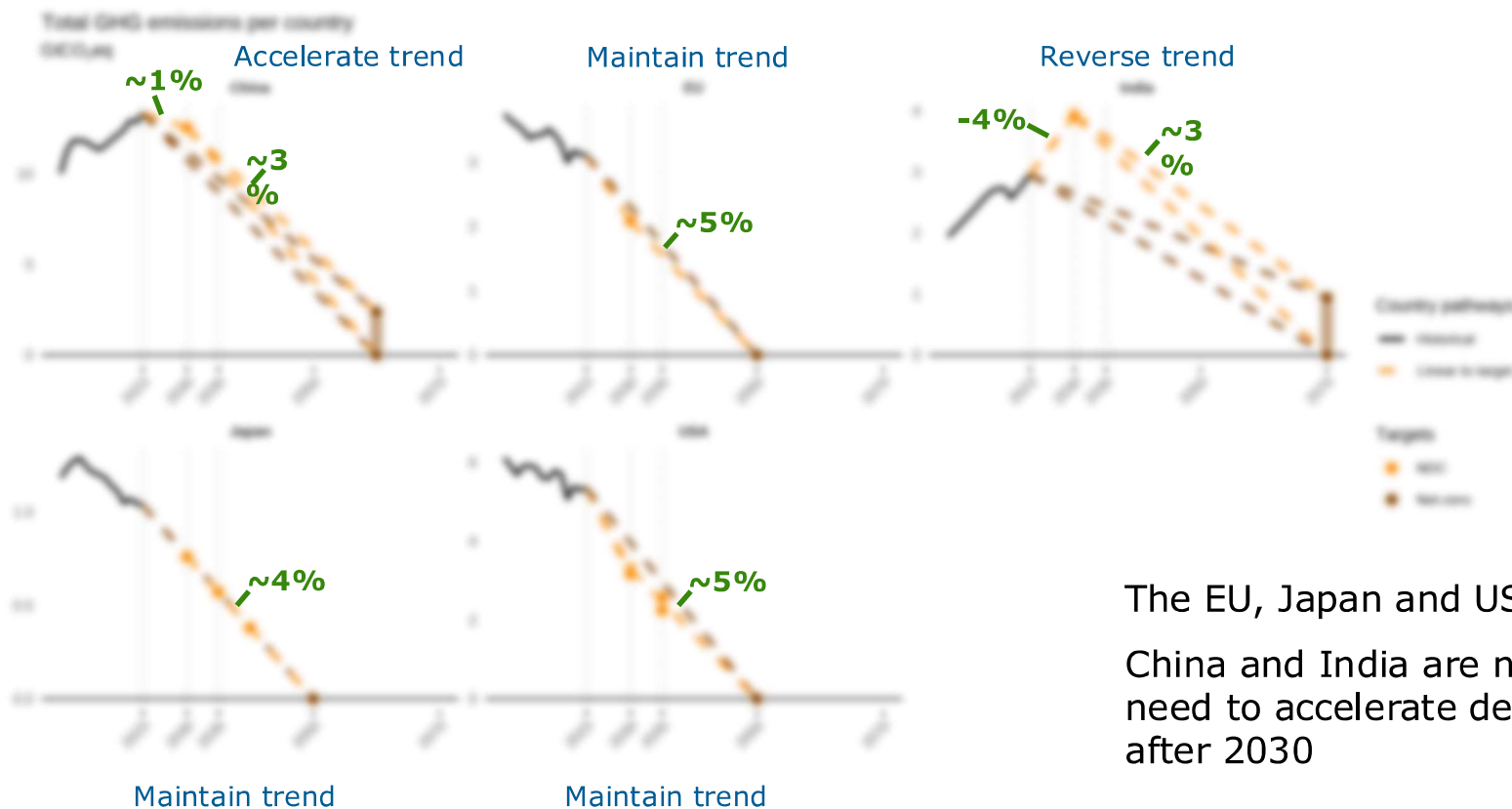
Comparison with national GHG indicators (historical levels, timing and level of peaking)





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## (1) Alignment with net-zero targets



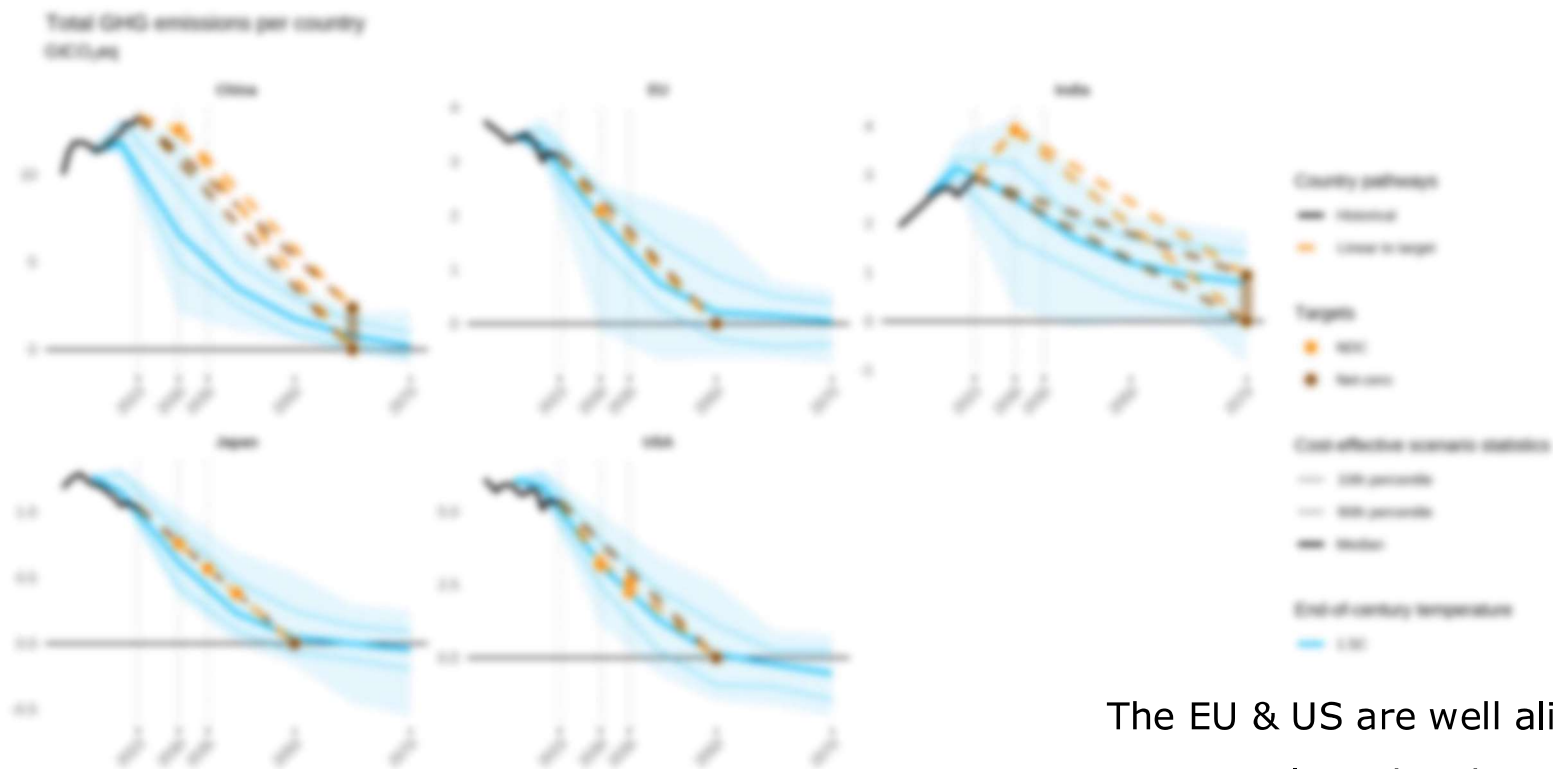
The EU, Japan and US are well aligned  
China and India are not aligned and  
need to accelerate decarbonization  
after 2030





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## (2) Comparison with 1.5 & 2°C-aligned least costs pathways



Hooijschuur, E. et al. (2025). Analysis of cost-effective reduction pathways for major emitting countries to achieve the Paris Agreement climate goal. *Global Environmental Change Advances*, 4, 100014.

The EU & US are well aligned with 1.5C

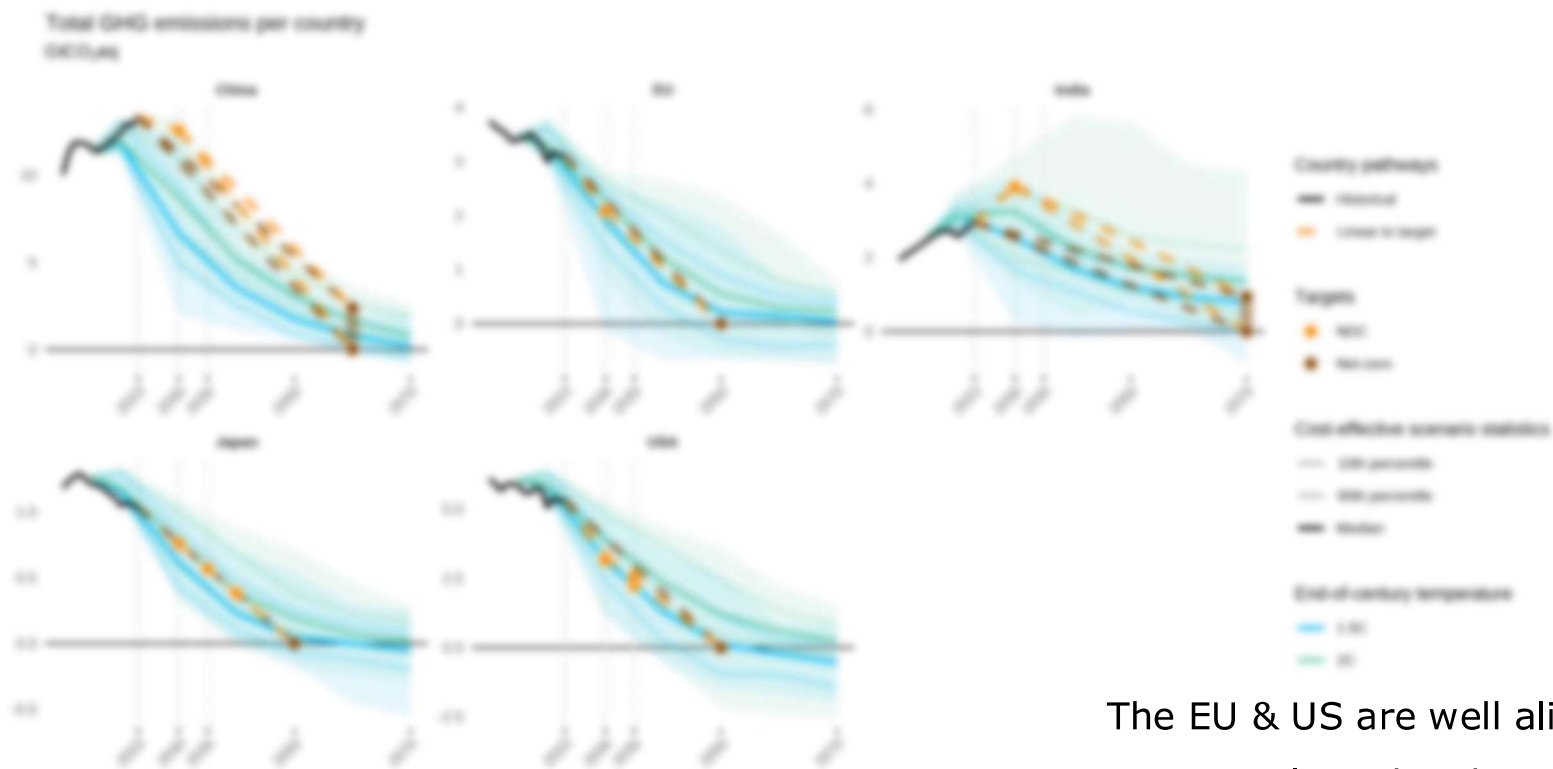
Japan is aligned with 2C

China & India are not aligned with 1.5/2C



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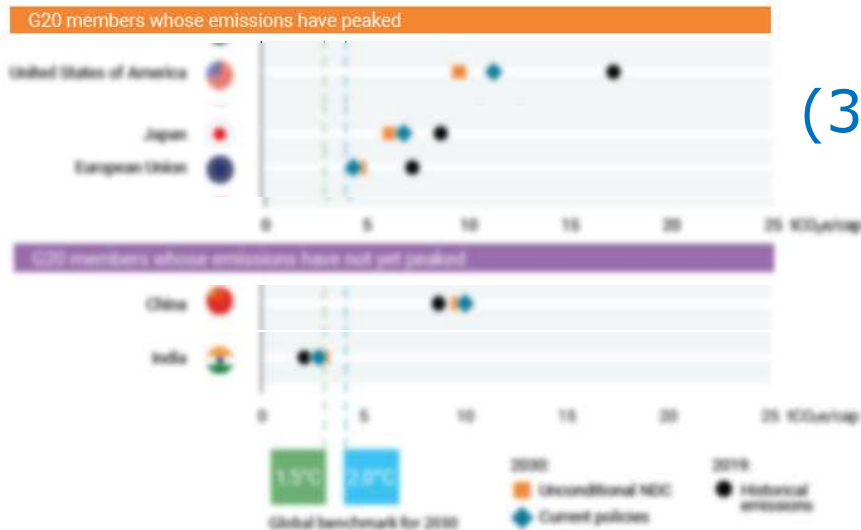


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### (3) Comparison with national indicators

- ❑ Per capita emissions of China NDC 2030 reaches 50% above G20 average, ~2xEU, and ~US
- ❑ The EU reduces its per capita emissions by 45% between 2015 and 2030, 35% below G20 average
- ❑ India per capita emissions increases by 40% between 2015 and 2030, still ~60% below G20 average
- ❑ The EU is likely to meet its NDC target, whereas Japan and US are likely to miss it.
- ❑ China and India have short time from peak to net-zero. China and India were on track to meet their NDC target (but already at time of submission)

Source: UNEP Emissions Gap report (2024)



	Peak year	Net-zero target year	Years from peak to net-zero	Likely to achieve NDC under current policies?
European Union	≤1990	2050	≥60	More likely
Japan	2013	2050	37	Less likely
United States of America	2007	2050	43	Less likely
China	<2030	<2060	38	More likely
India	>2030	2070	<40	More likely



## How ambitious are the major emitters' NDC targets?

- ❑ **China** needs to increase decarbonization rate. The GHG coverage of the net-zero target is unclear (GHG?). In the past, China's efforts to raise ambition have only leveled off its emissions growth.
- ❑ **EU** needs to maintain decarbonization rate. The EU has raised its ambition, which has been followed by sufficient policy adoption.
- ❑ **USA** and **Japan** need to maintain decarbonization rate. They have raised their ambition, but sufficient policy adoption is needed to fully meet their NDC.
- ❑ **India** needs to reverse decarbonization rate. The GHG coverage of the net-zero target is unclear. India's low per capita emissions and low historical responsibility allow for emissions growth.





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## Methodology of NDC ambition assessment: the equity lens

Comparison with linear pathways to net-zero targets, i.e. alignment with net-zero targets

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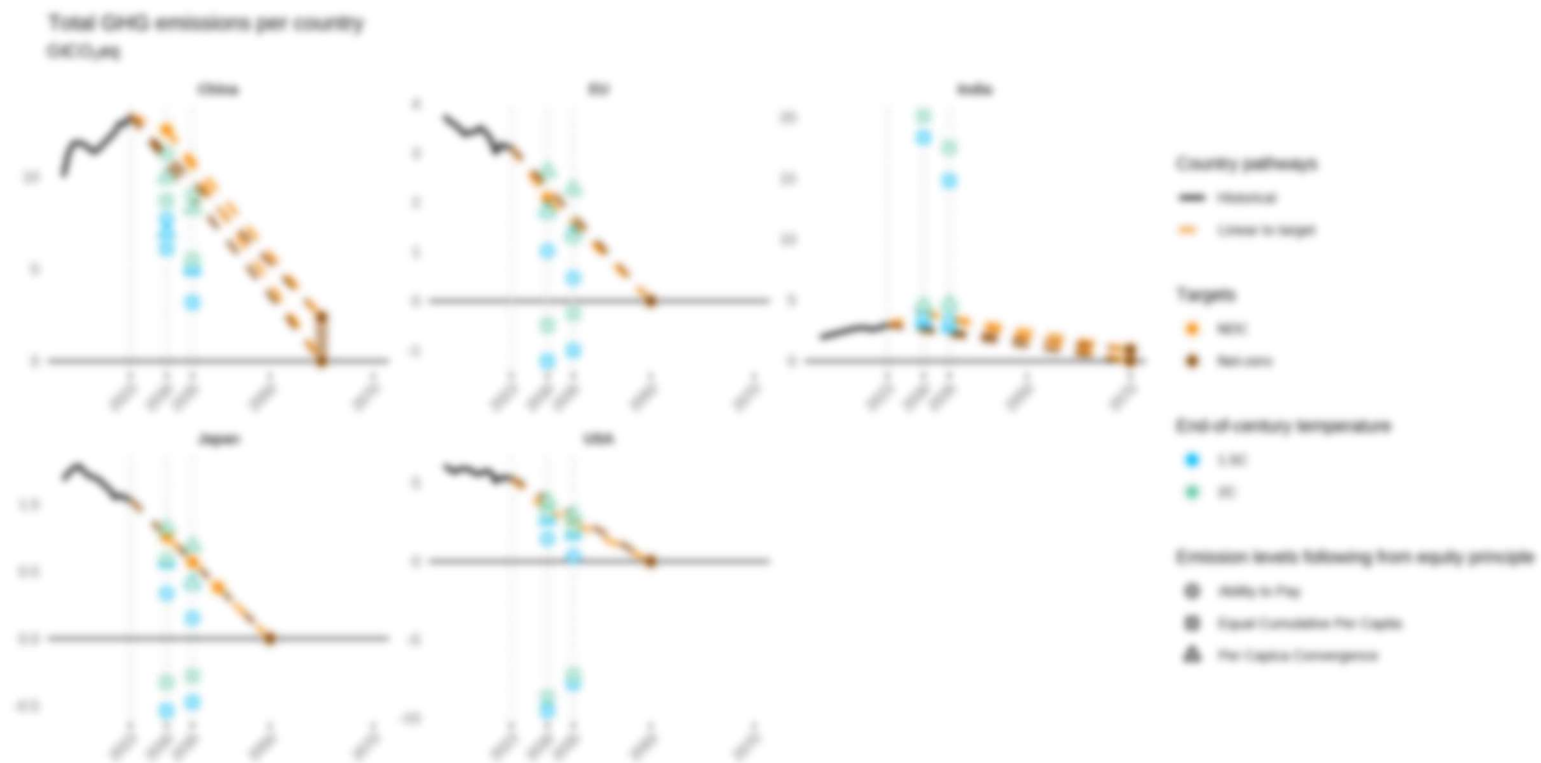
Comparison with 1.5 and 2°C-aligned equity outcomes (under different fairness principles)





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## Comparison with 1.5 and 2°C-aligned equity outcomes



Source: <https://www.carbonbudgetexplorer.eu/>

Mark Dekker, Andries Hof, Yann Robiou du Pont et al. Navigating the black box of fair national emissions targets (2025), Nature Climate Change [https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.13640303].



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## The Good Practice Policies Scenario

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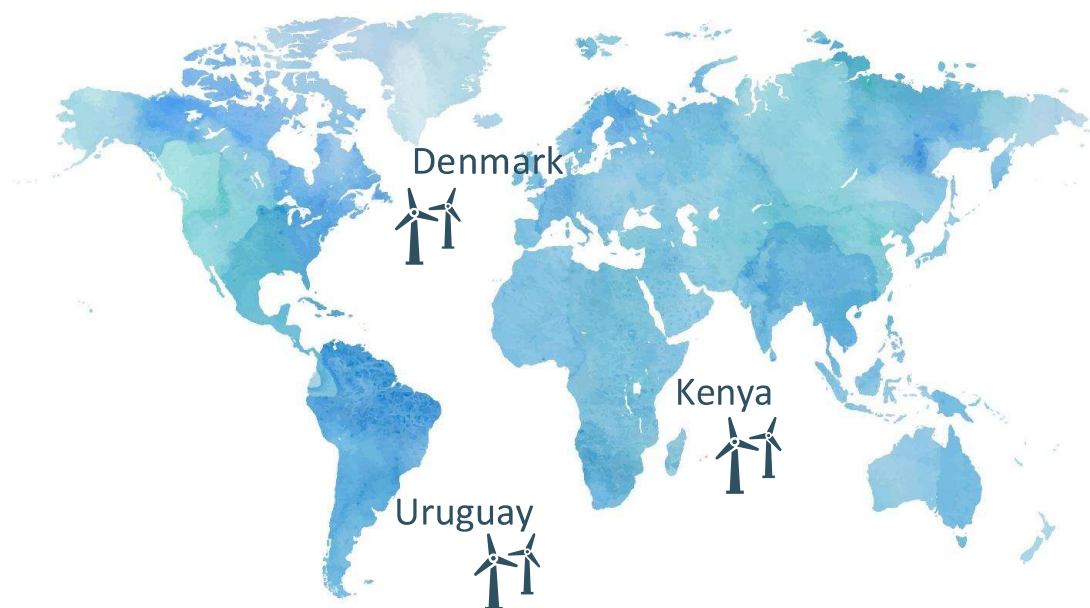
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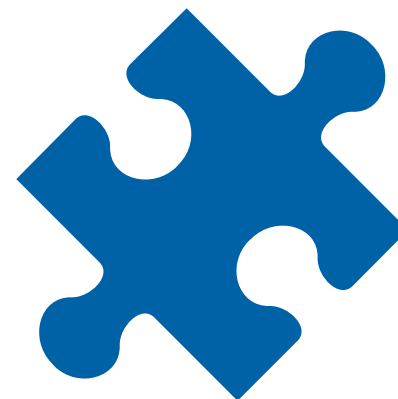


# Good practice policies around the world



## Ambitious goals...

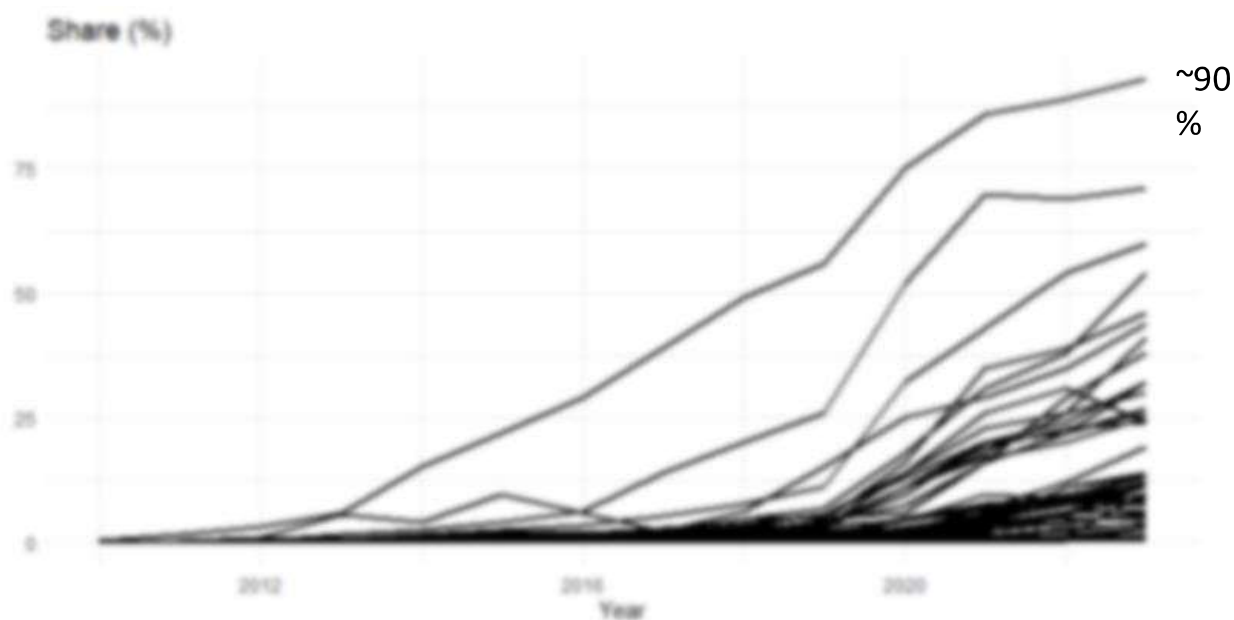
- What if good practice policies could be implemented in all countries?
- Would this be sufficient to reach national and global climate goals?
- Which successful policies can we learn from?
- New approach based on historical analysis



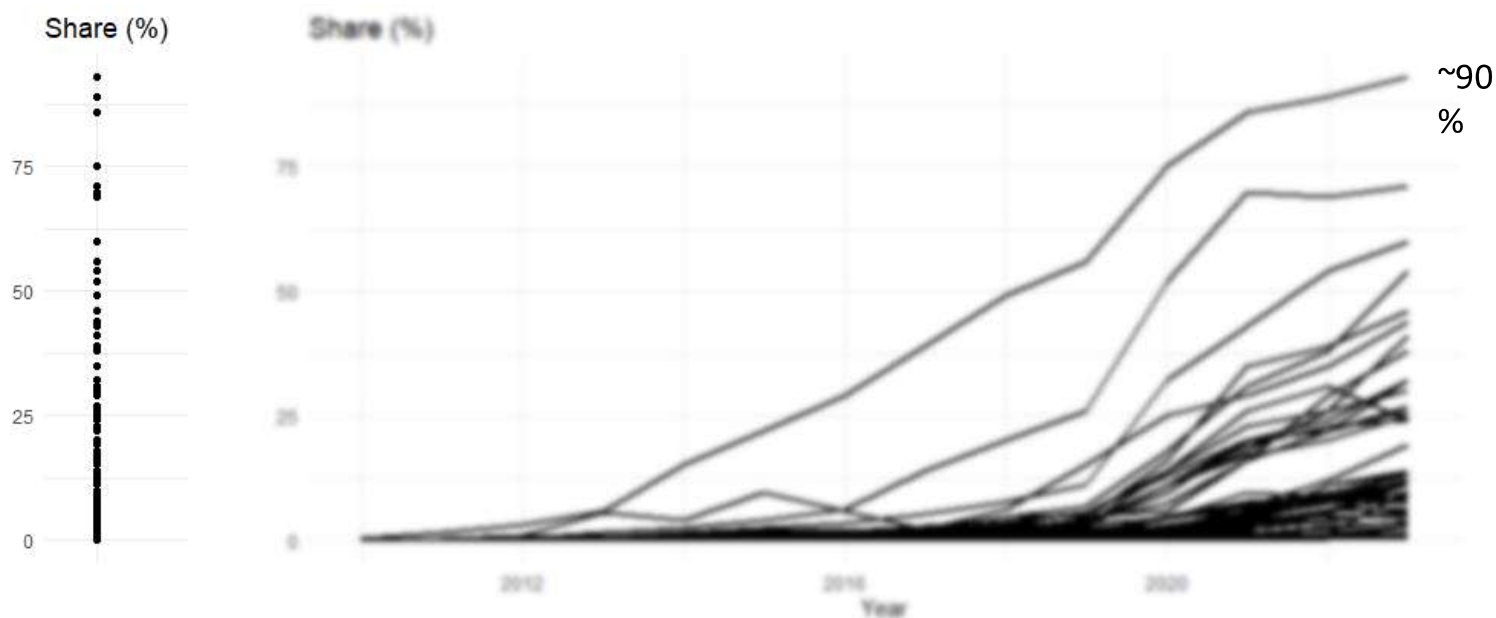
## Step 1: Historical analysis

- What **examples** of **good performance** are available?
- How **deep** and how **fast** could improvement go?
- Are they dependent on **context** (e.g. **limiting** or **enabling** factors, **regional** characteristics, etc.)?
- Electric vehicles, electricity from wind and solar, reduction in emissions from venting and flaring, management of manure from the livestock sector, etc ...

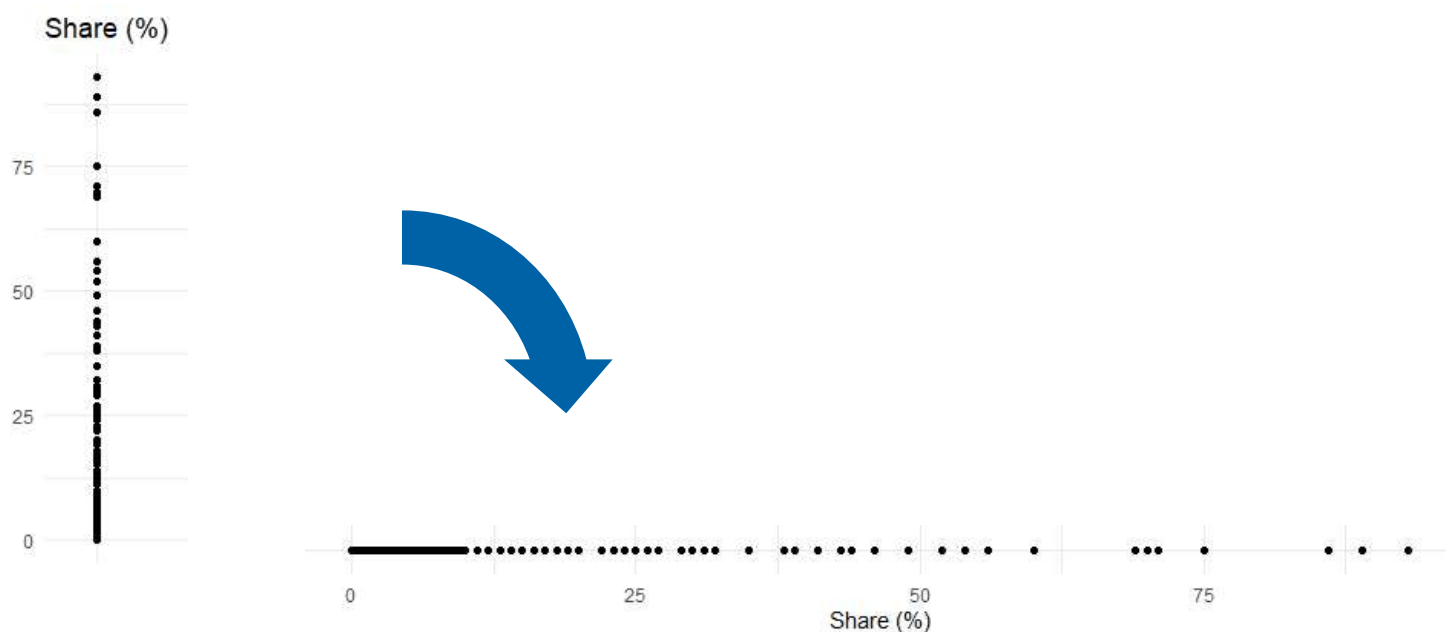
# Share of electric vehicles in sales: how deep can improvement go?



# Share of electric vehicles in sales: how fast analysed in relation to how deep

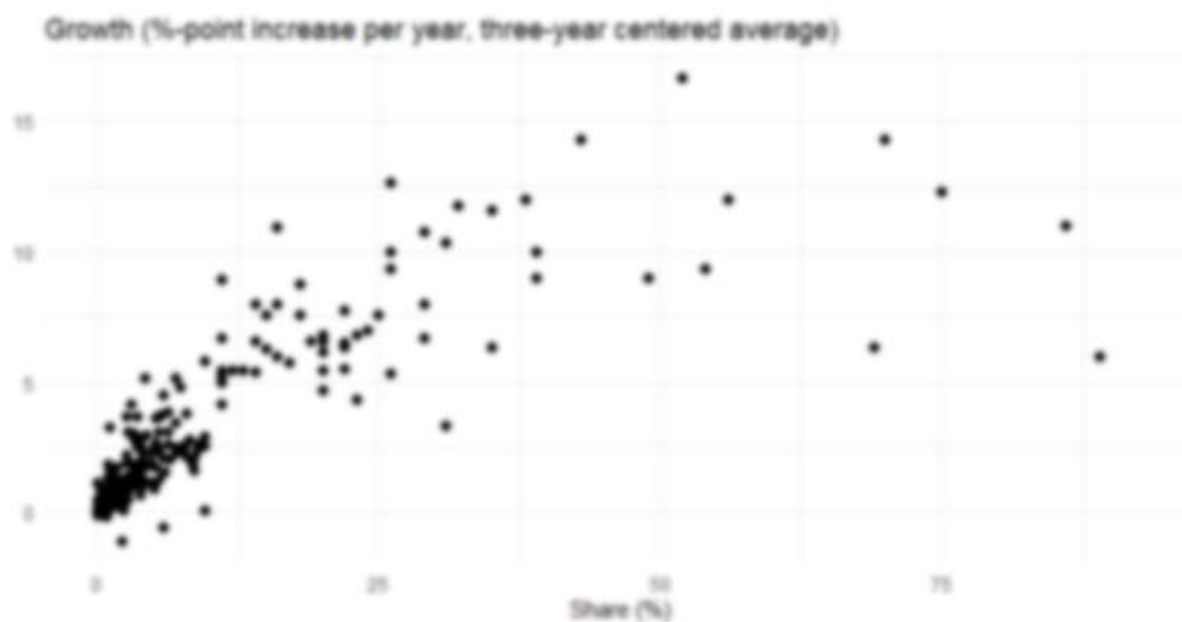


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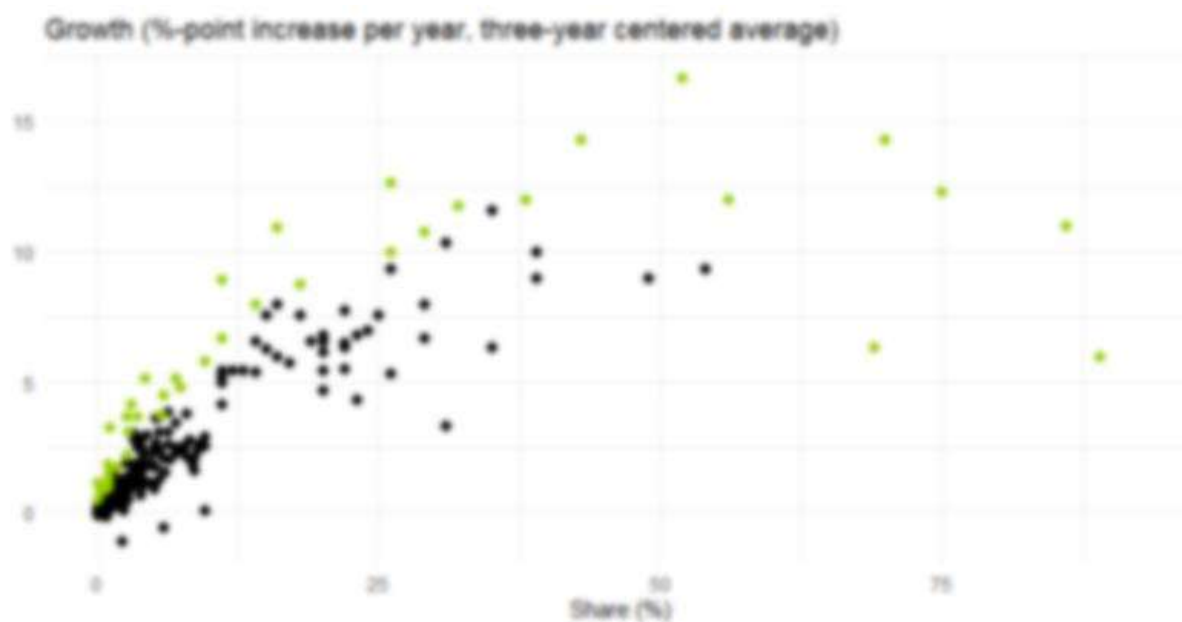




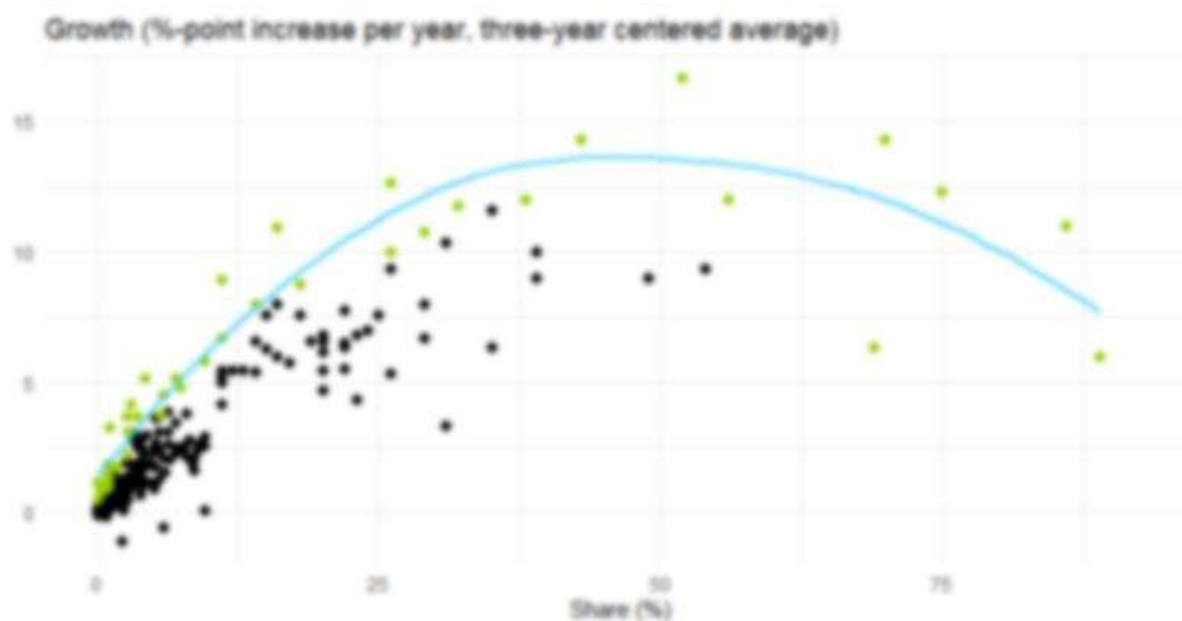
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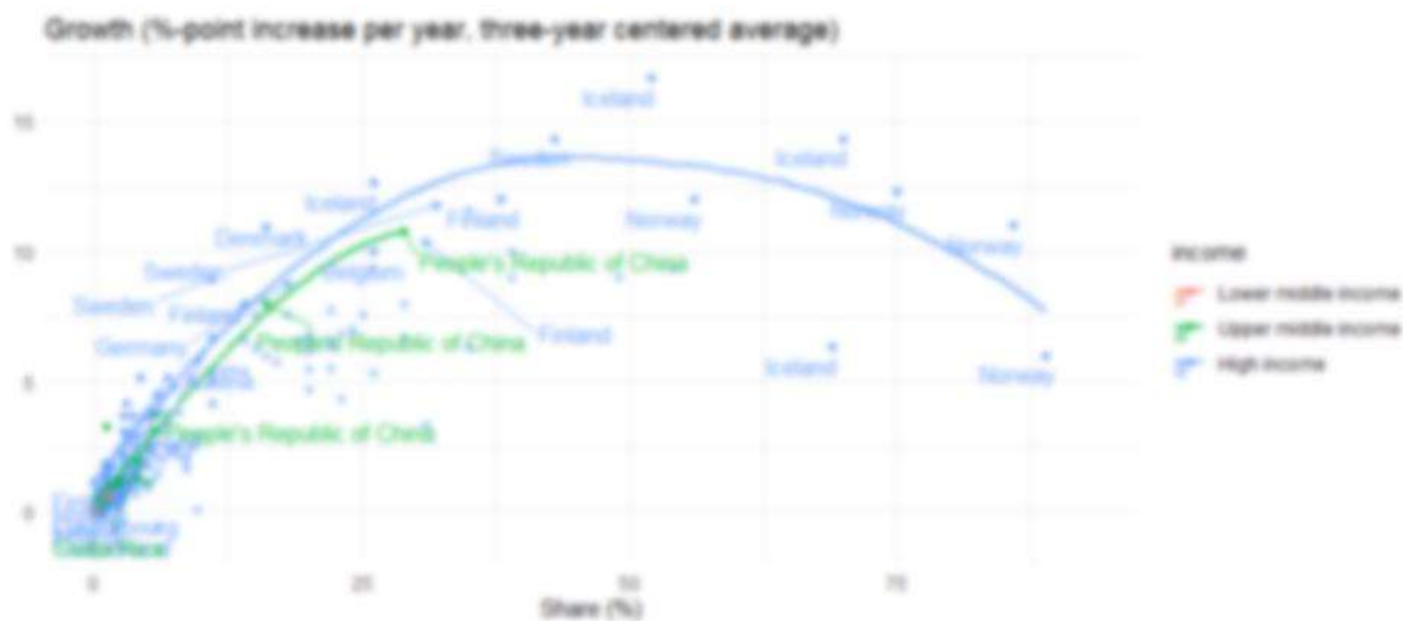
# Share of electric vehicles in sales: highest growth rates per share selected as good practice



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# Increase in sales share of electric vehicles: per income group



## Step 2: Review of good performance

Given the analysis of historical performances:

1. Map the **policies** that are connected to observed good performances by countries
2. **Review** with experts and stakeholders
  - Questionnaire

## Step 3: Scenario development

- 2025-2028: current policies
- 2028-2050: implement good practice policies trajectories
  - At good practice speed towards good practice depth
- 2050-2100:
  - a) Towards long-term strategies (net-zero)
  - b) Towards Paris (1.5 °C)

# The “Good Practice Policies” Scenario



Can good practice policies bridge the gap to:

- 2035 NDCs
- 2050 LTS
- Paris climate goals



- Not prediction, indication of potential benefit
- Although we try to capture transferability, policies and progress might not be transferable

# Do you have any first reflections?

- Questions?
- Comments?
- How would you use results?

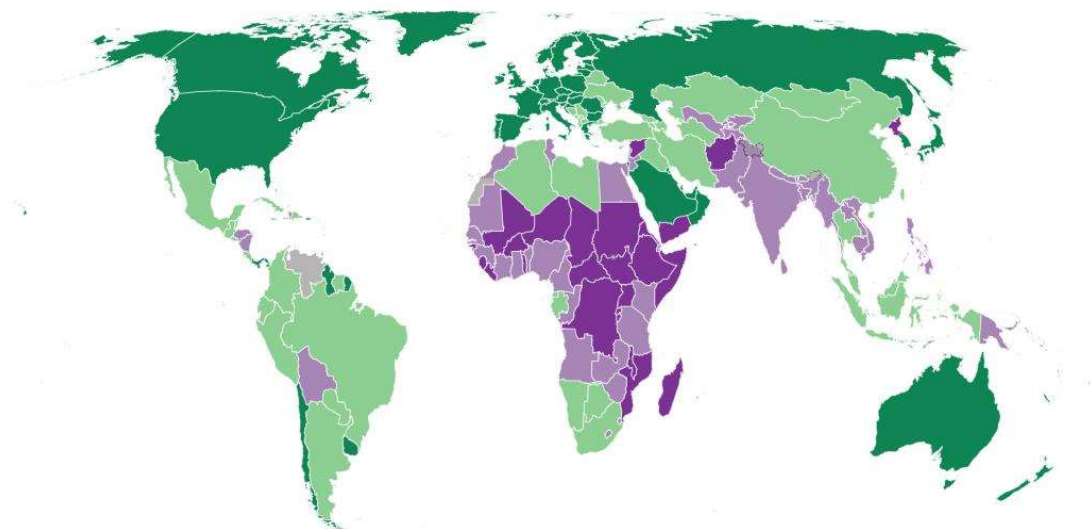






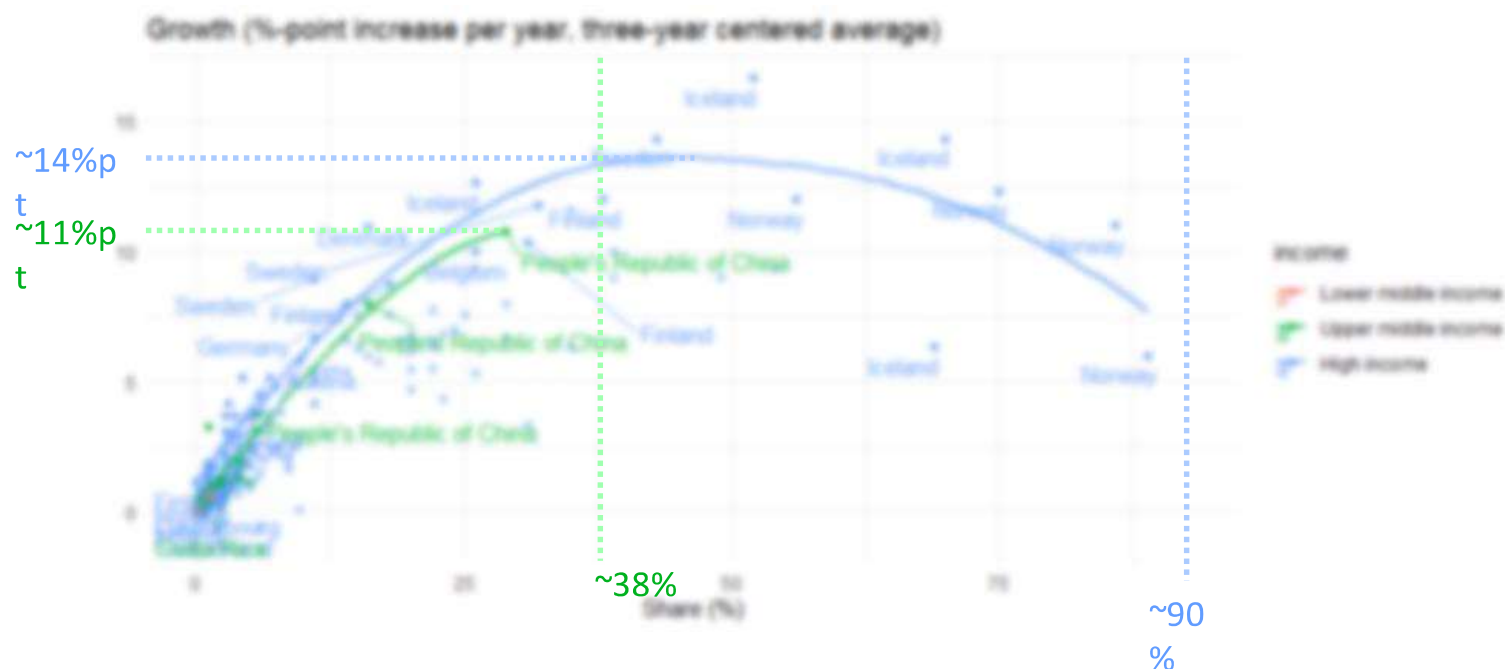
# World bank income group classification

■ Low income ■ Lower middle income ■ Upper middle income ■ High income



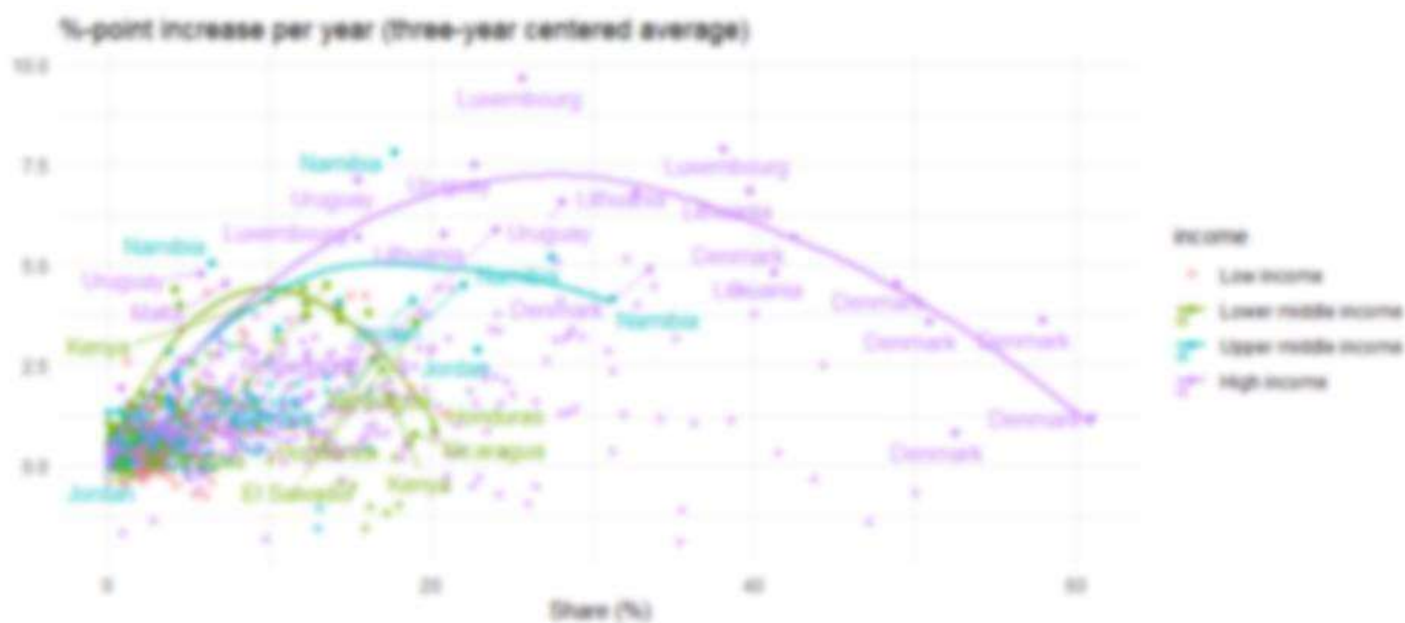
Source: [World Bank Group](#)

# Is your country able to follow the trajectory of the example countries for electric vehicles?

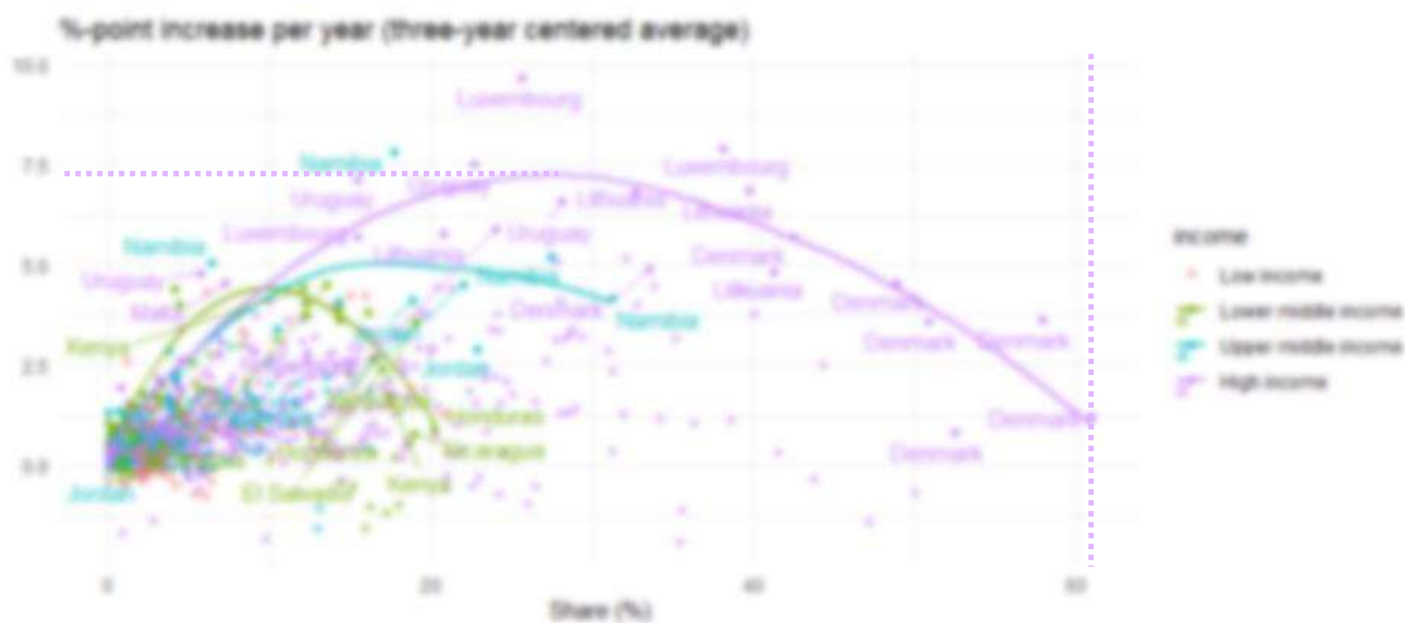




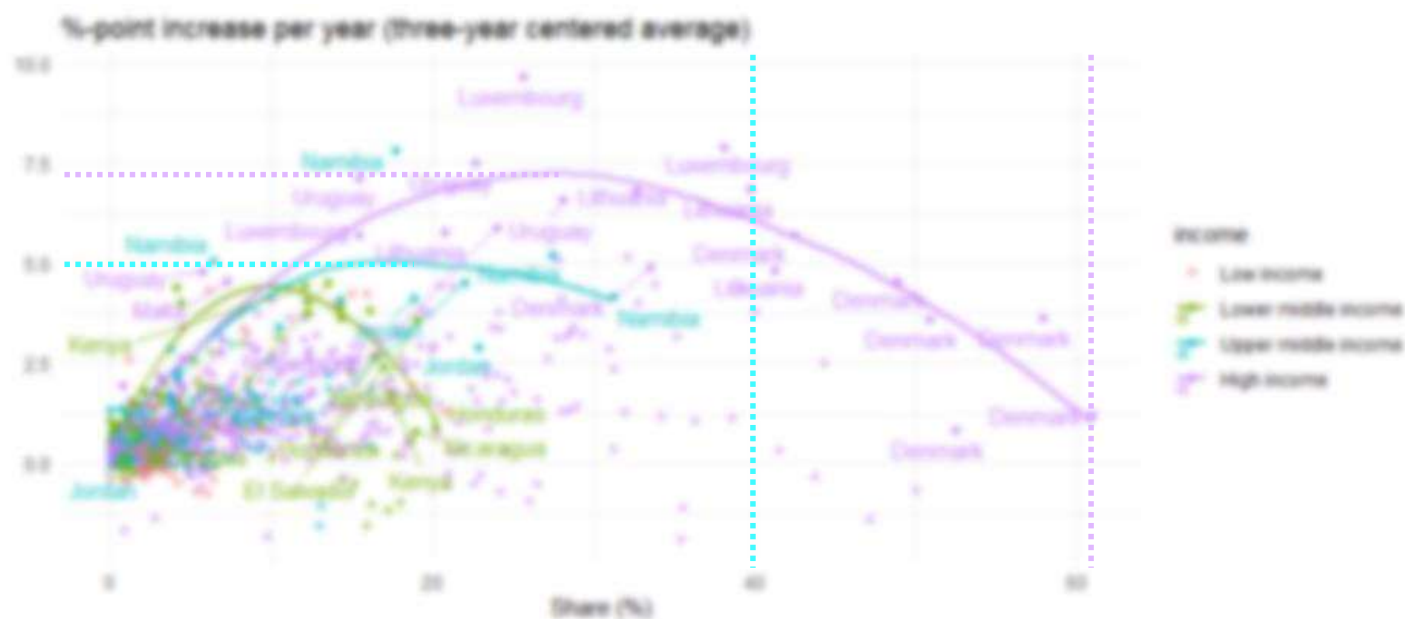
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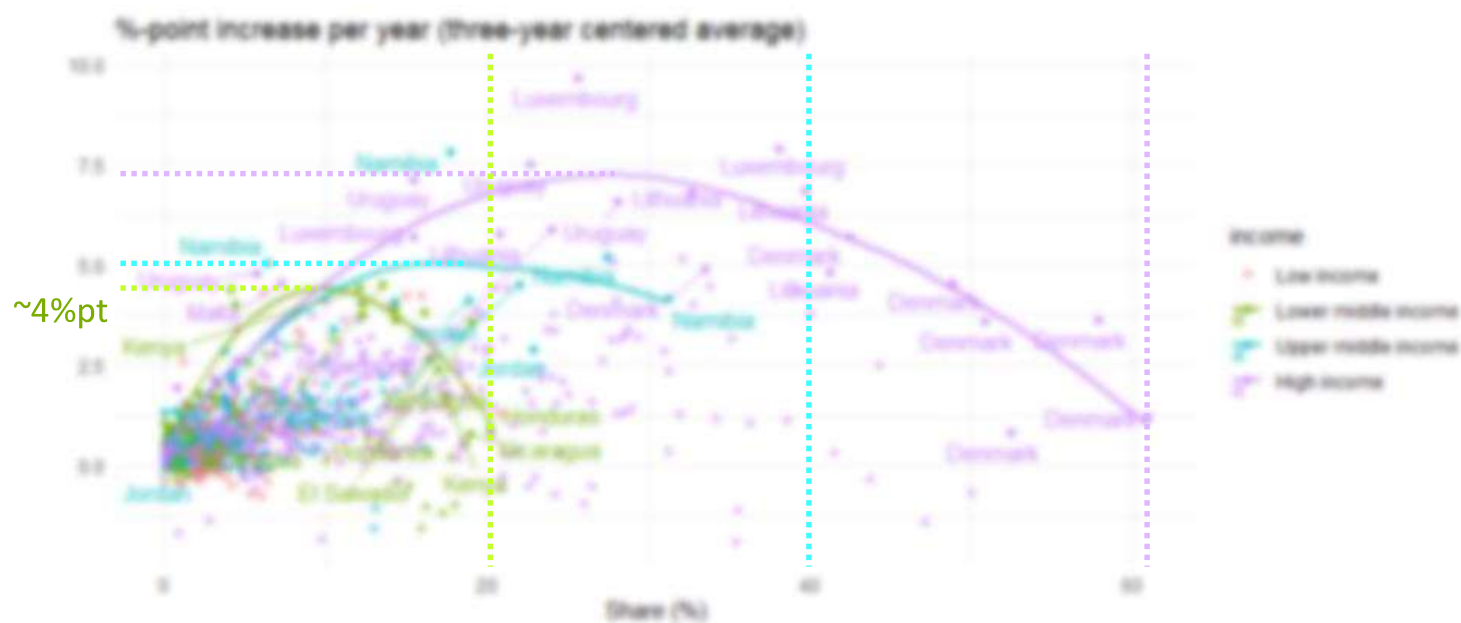
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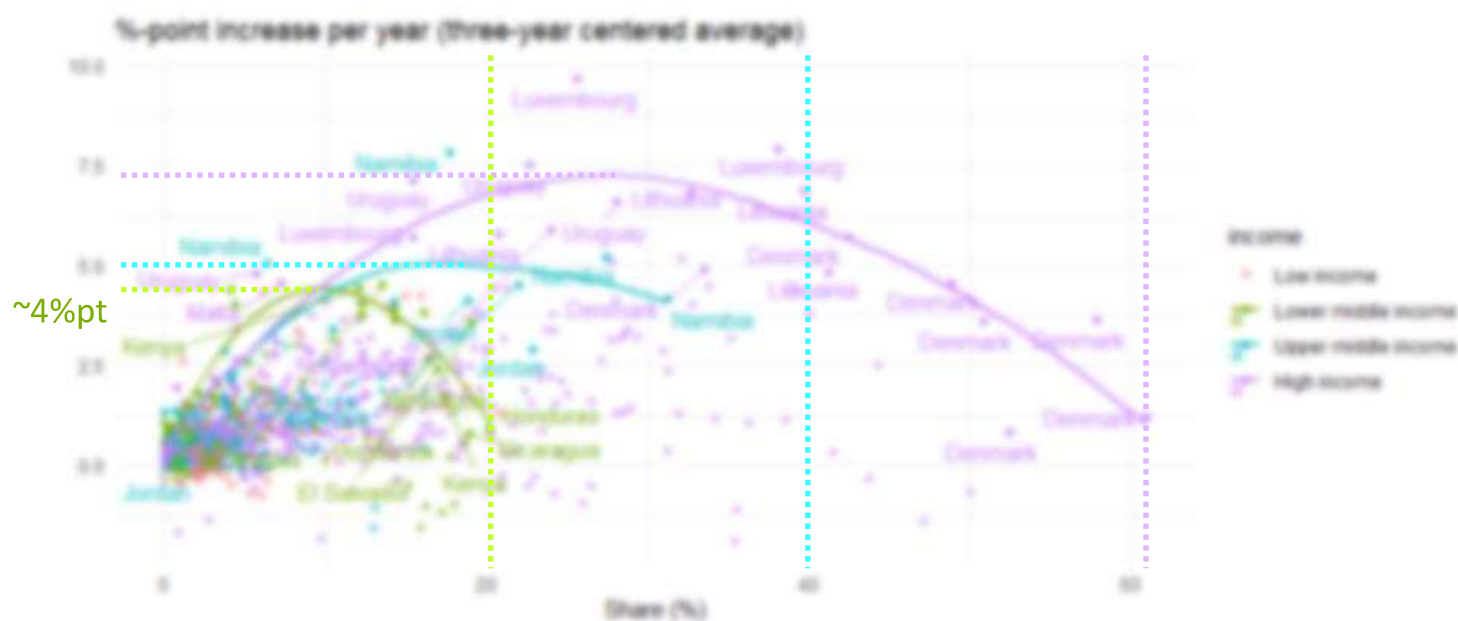


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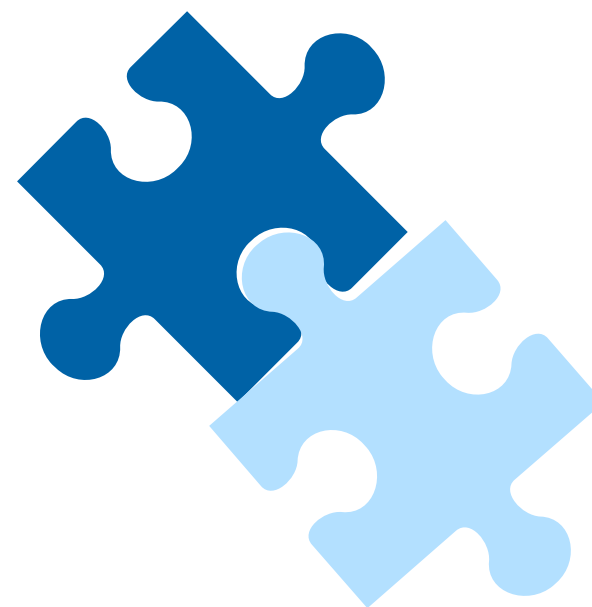


# Is your country able to follow the trajectory of the example countries?



# Thank you

Stay tuned for the full questionnaire!





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### Contribution of this study



- Quantitative approach in determining good practice
- Model Intercomparison Project
- Comparing potential to reach national and global targets
- Analysing remaining emissions

# Panel Discussion

## Insights from ELEVATE Stakeholders



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**Andrea Santos**, COPPE/UFJ Brazil

**Moderates: Elmar Kriegler**, PIK

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 10:30 – 16:00 CEST

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**Lunch Break**  
**Workshop will resume at 13:30**



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## **Session 2**

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# Co-Creating Paris-Aligned Pathways: A Stakeholder Dialogue on Justice and Development

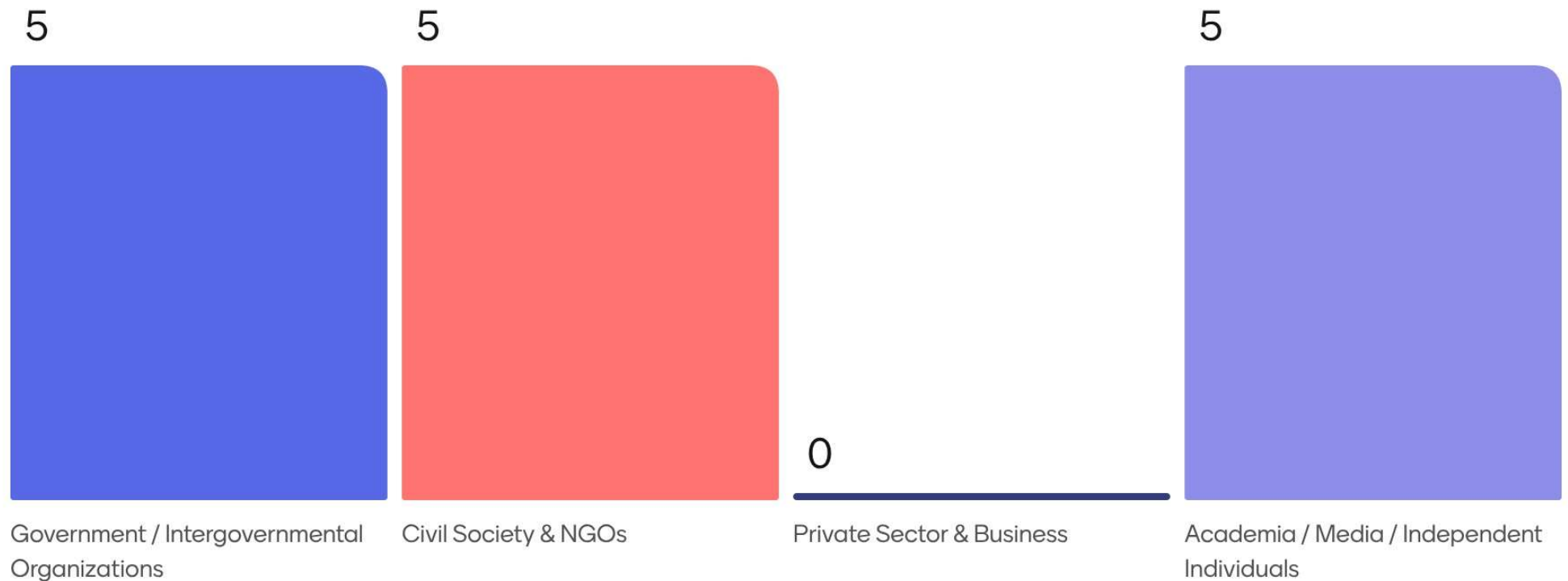
Stakeholder meeting| Bonn, June 20

Presented by Elina Brutschin on behalf of ELEVATE and  
IIASA colleagues

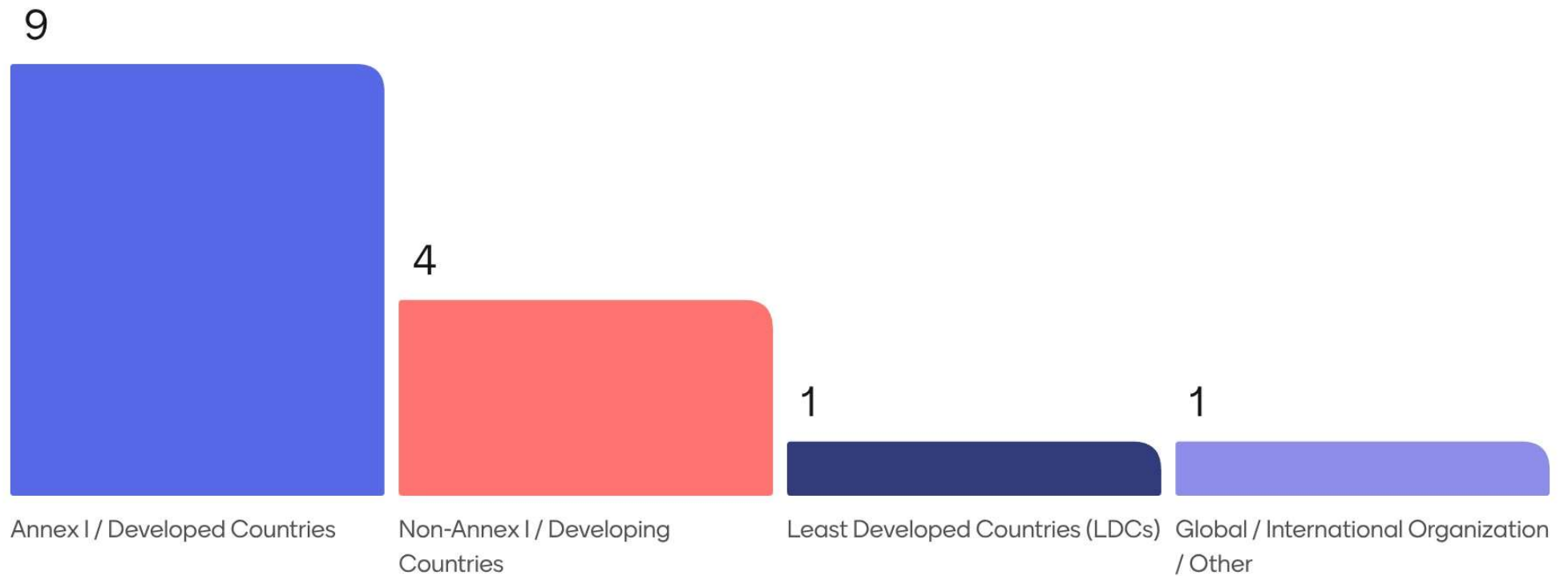
# Instructions



Please indicate the stakeholder group you see yourself belonging to:



Which UNFCCC negotiating group best represents your country or organization?



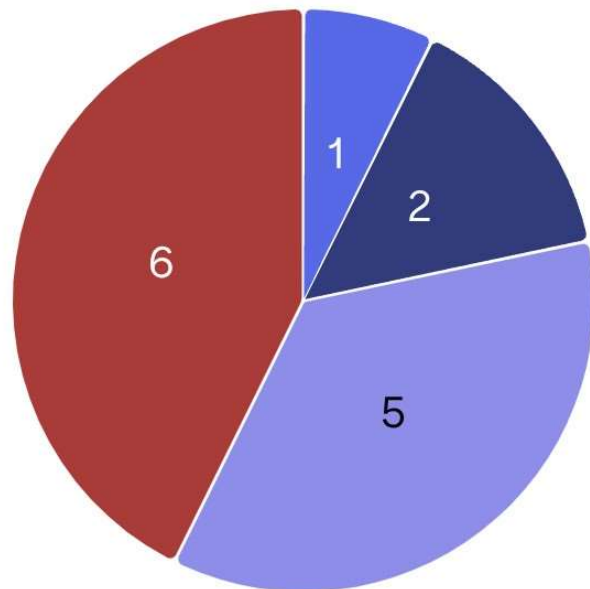
Group discussion (5 min):

Please introduce yourself, the reason why you are in Bonn and share a unique fact about your hometown or place of origin...

Which aspects of justice are currently overlooked in climate policy and science discussions?

indigenous knowledge freedom of speech  
corruption endogenous capacity  
intergenerational **national existence**  
**historical responsibility**  
truthseeking **health** **indigenous people**  
technology transfer intergenerational  
regional contexts gender equality  
intergenerational aspects

Which justice dimensions do you think should be prioritized in the development of mitigation strategies?



- 1 Intergenerational
- 0 Intragenerational
- 2 Interspecies justice (no harm to nature and non-human species)
- 5 All equally important
- 6 Mostly intergenerational and intragenerational
- 0 Other

Group discussion (5 min):  
Please briefly discuss the submitted answers



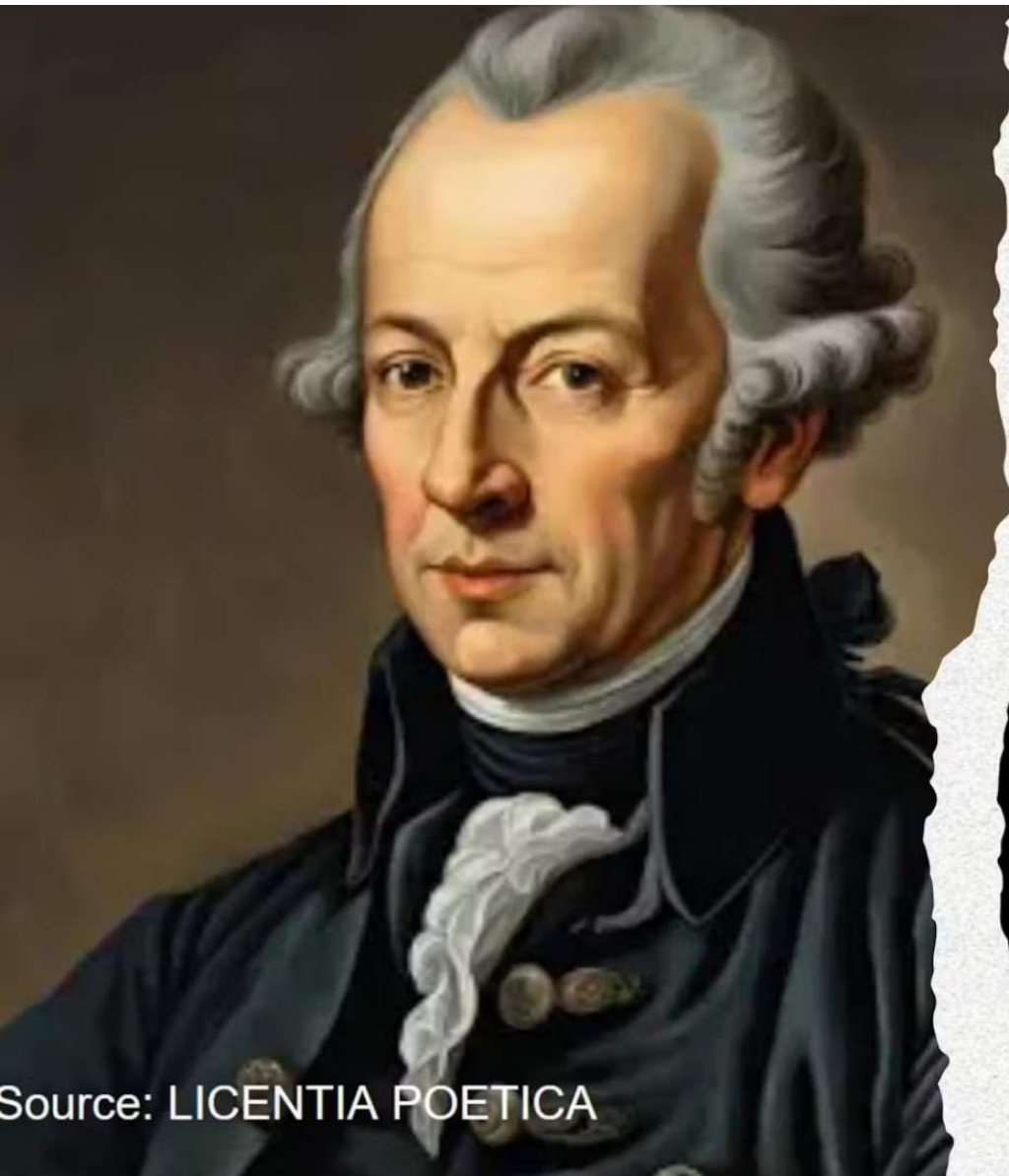


# Introduction to climate mitigation scenarios and the efforts to incorporate more justice considerations into integrated assessment models (JustMIP)



# Key terminology

<b>Forecast</b>	Based on <b>extrapolation</b> of past trends (e.g., energy prices)	Predictive, trend-driven
<b>Projection/Scenario</b>	Explores <b>possible futures</b> under consistent assumptions	<b>Exploratory</b> , assumption-driven
<b>Pathway</b>	A <b>narrative scenario</b> aimed at achieving a certain <b>goal</b> (e.g., net zero)	Prescriptive, goal-oriented



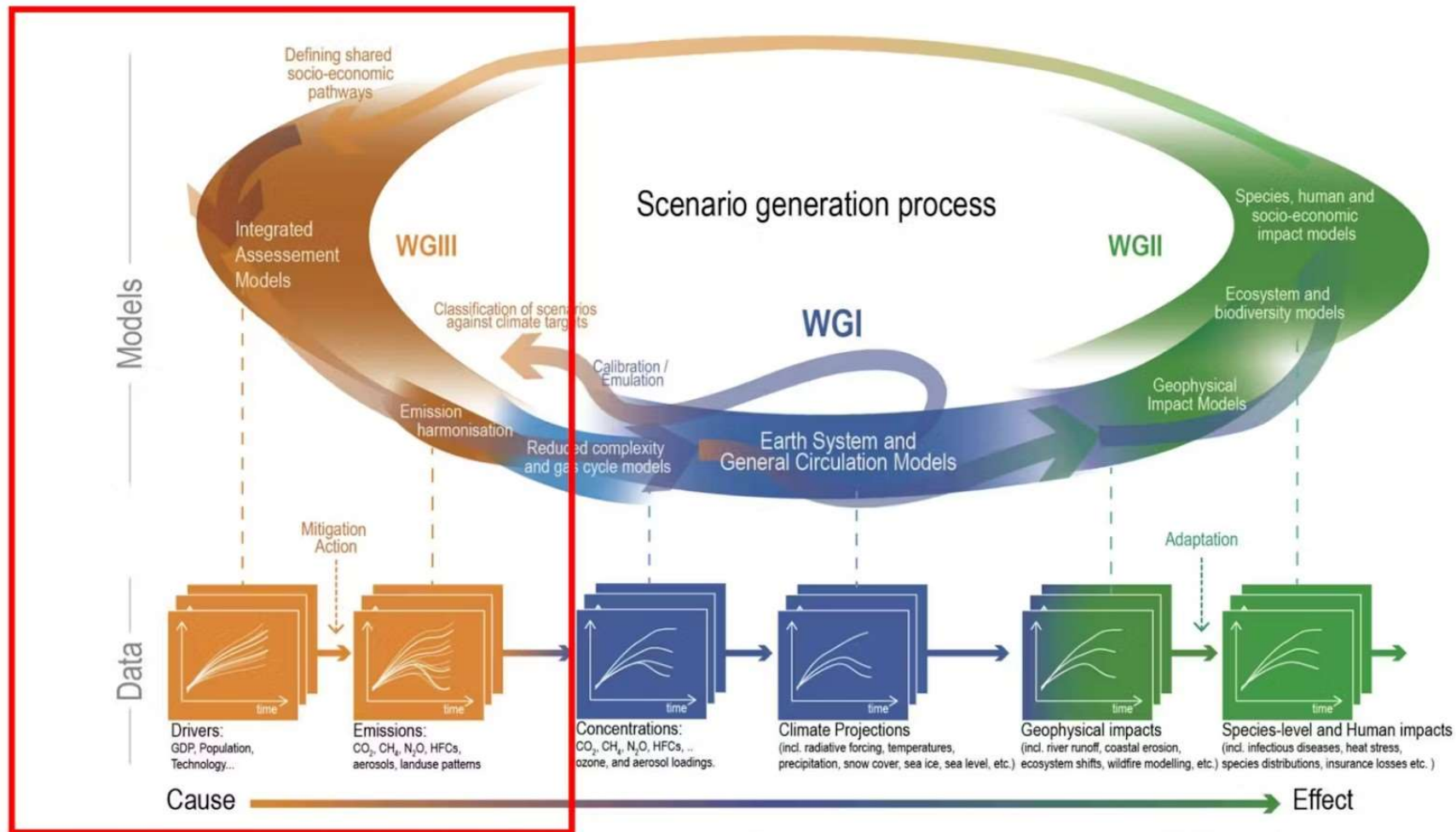
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## What is a possible future?

*“The idea that something which has hitherto been unsuccessful will therefore never be successful does not justify anyone in abandoning even a pragmatic or technical aim. This applies even more to moral aims, which, so long as it is not demonstrably impossible to fulfil them, amount to duties.”*

**Immanuel Kant**, *On the Common Saying: “This May Be True in Theory, but It Does Not Apply in Practice”* (1793)

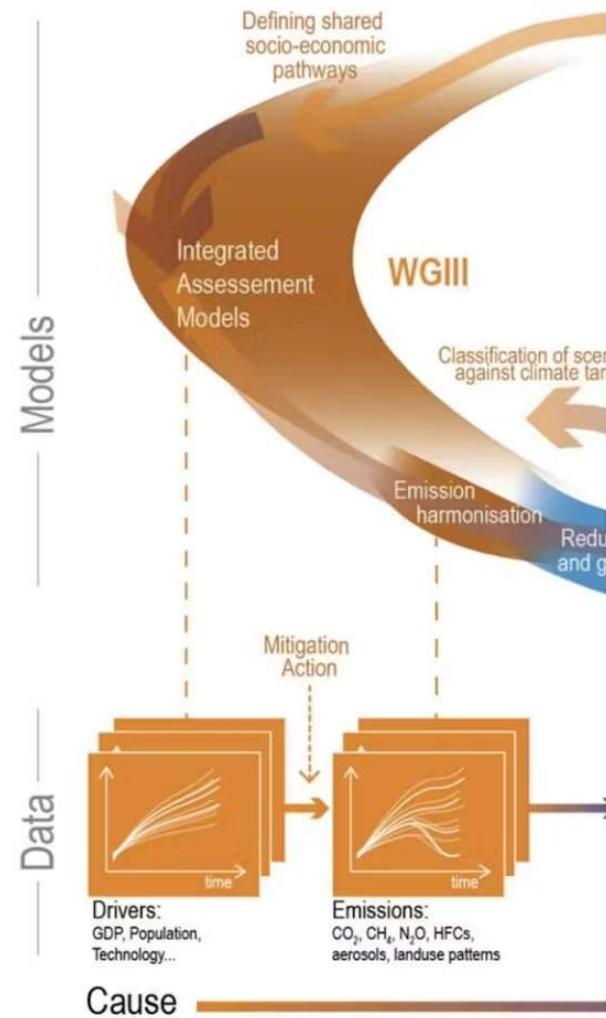
# Model landscape



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# Focus IAMs



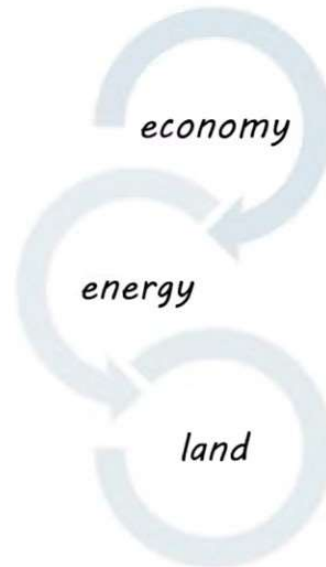
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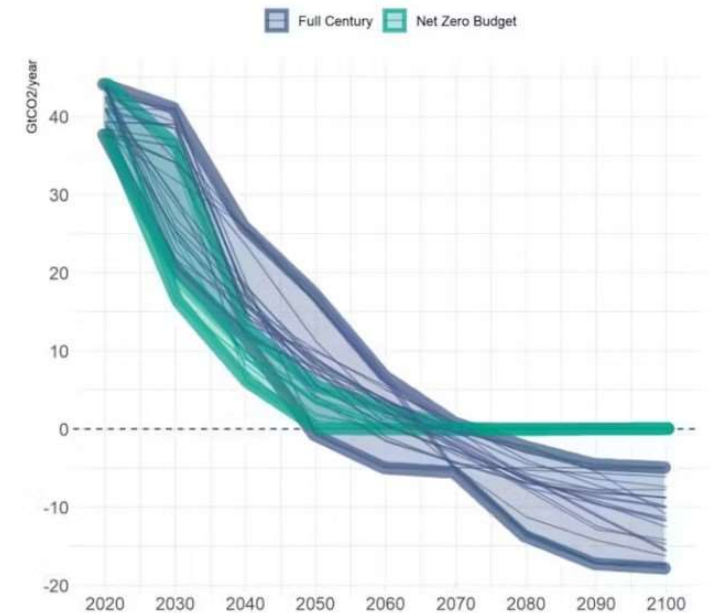


## Integrated Assessment Models

Input data



## CO2 emissions ranges 600Gt Budget scenarios



Scenario runs

## Explore “what-if” questions:

- What if carbon prices vary by region?
- What if renewable energy is deployed faster than expected?
- What if we ensure that key development goals are met?

# Why do we need more justice considerations?

Mentimeter

So far **limited explicit justice considerations** in IAMs and mostly through financial transfers



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Review

(In)justice in modelled climate futures: A review of integrated assessment modelling critiques through a justice lens

Natalia Rubiano Rivadeneira , Wim Carton

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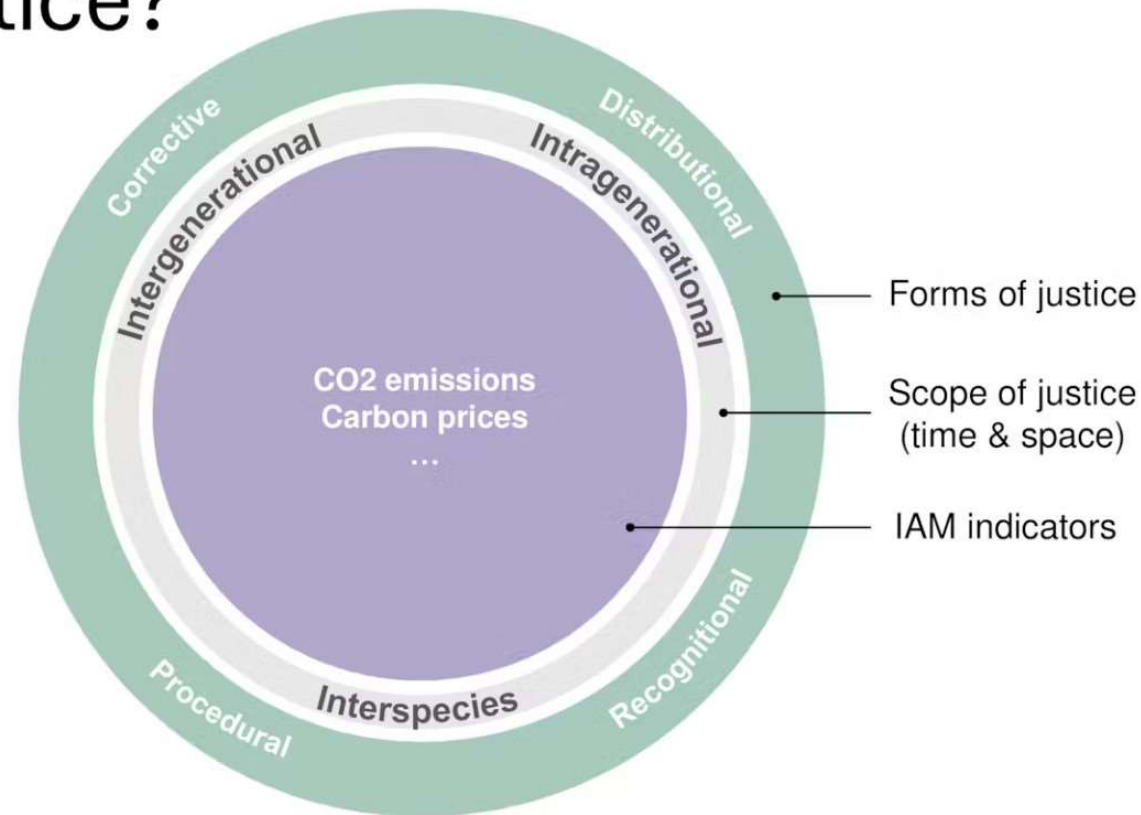
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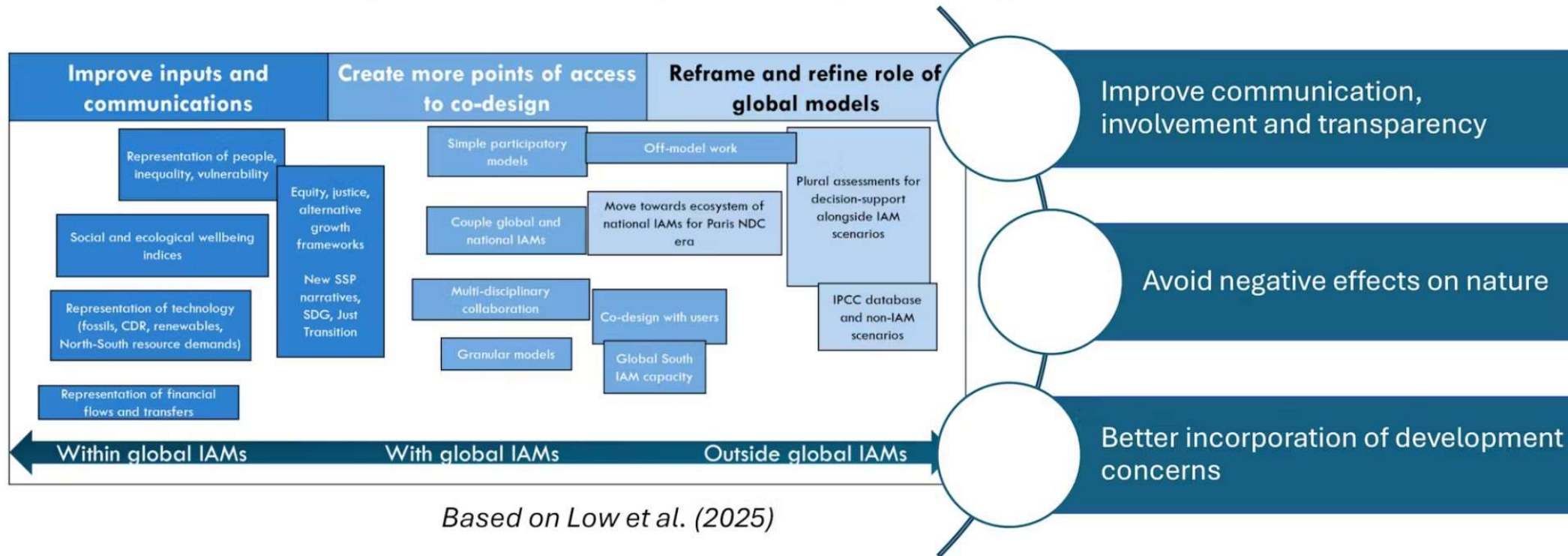
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# What should we explore in the models?

**Main agreement: Create more points of co-creation in the models**



Insights based on 39 expert interviews

# What is JustMIP?

- ✓ a **model intercomparison effort** initiated under the ELEVATE project
- ✓ open to **external partners** (global, national, sub-national models)
- ✓ **protocol will be published for community review in June**
- ✓ first scenario runs planned in fall 2025



# Our goal and key research question



**What are the implications of linking different justice considerations?**

# Key points

- ✓ We have identified which areas should be prioritized (regional differentiation, development and avoiding adverse effects on nature)
- ✓ **Proposed scenarios** will be the first to explore **the combination** of the proposed dimensions
- ✓ The **proposed scenarios are tools to explore interpretations of justice and their implications**, not inherently equitable solutions themselves

## Goals of the subsequent discussions:

- ✓ **Key Assumptions:** Identify critical assumptions and suggest additional sensitivities to explore.
- ✓ **Focus Areas:** Highlight what insights to emphasize and what is most useful.
- ✓ **Clarity & Transparency:** Point out unclear aspects and recommend ways to improve transparency.

# Financing for mitigation and development

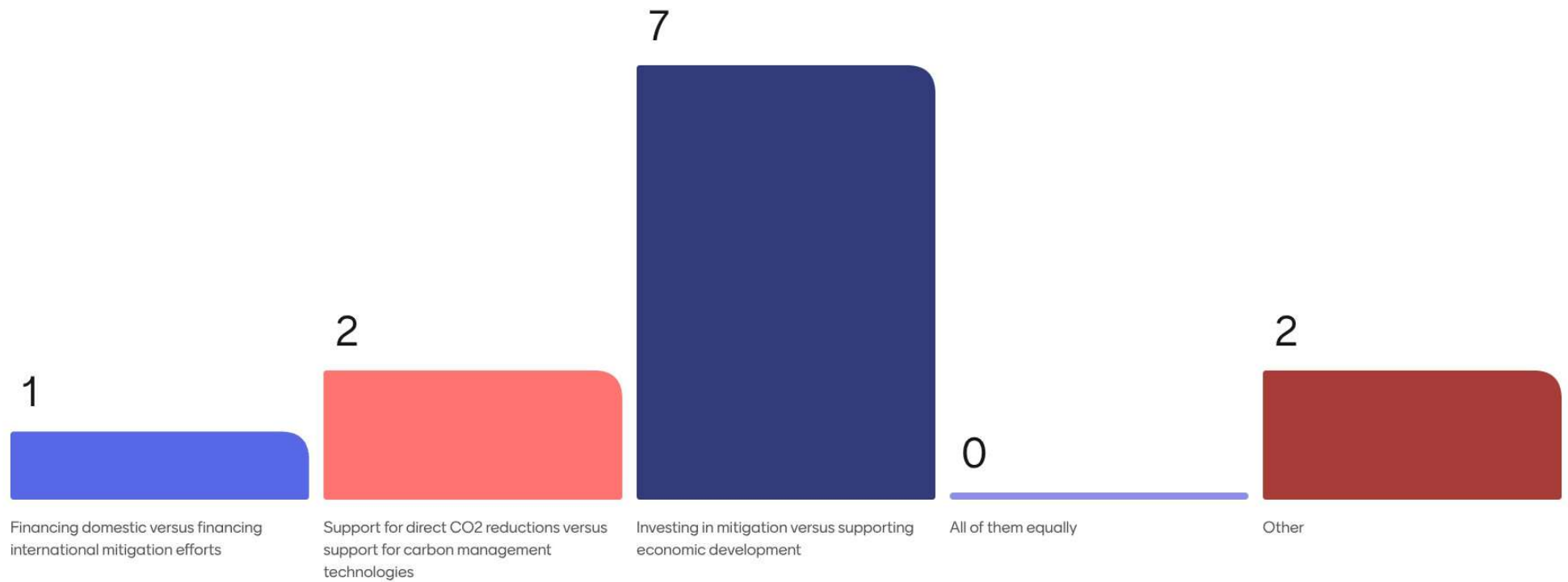




# Financing for mitigation and development

- **Where?** A key trade-off exists between allocating mitigation finance internationally or focusing on domestic efforts.
- **What?** Additionally, decisions must be made about whether funding should prioritize direct CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions, investment in carbon management technologies, or compensation to mitigate adverse economic effects.

Which lines of conflict do you think dominate the current discussions in your country/region?





What other lines of conflict do you currently observe in your country/region in the context of finance for climate and development?

Other issues are deemed of higher importance

Conflict in phasing out of fossil fuels (big oil and gas producer)

Interest in Article 6 instead of direct climate finance

Other priorities, general pushback on climate policies

Role of country is estimated as negligible so not enough focus on climate

Social inequality within the country, disinformation

Using land meant for agriculture for mitigation versus expansions of f farms

Reflection discussion (10 min)

What do you think could be proposed as solutions to some of those conflicts?

Combat entrenched  
interests

How much political or public support do you think there would be for the following *approaches to raising and allocating international climate finance*?

A fixed share of each country's GDP contributed to a global climate mitigation fund, scaled by financial capacity

2.2

A global climate levy on high-emitting sectors (e.g., aviation, shipping, fossil fuels) (polluter pays)

3.1

Contributions based on countries' historical responsibility for cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

2.6

Voluntary contributions by governments, cities, or corporations, incentivized through international recognition or climate credits

2.5

Low support

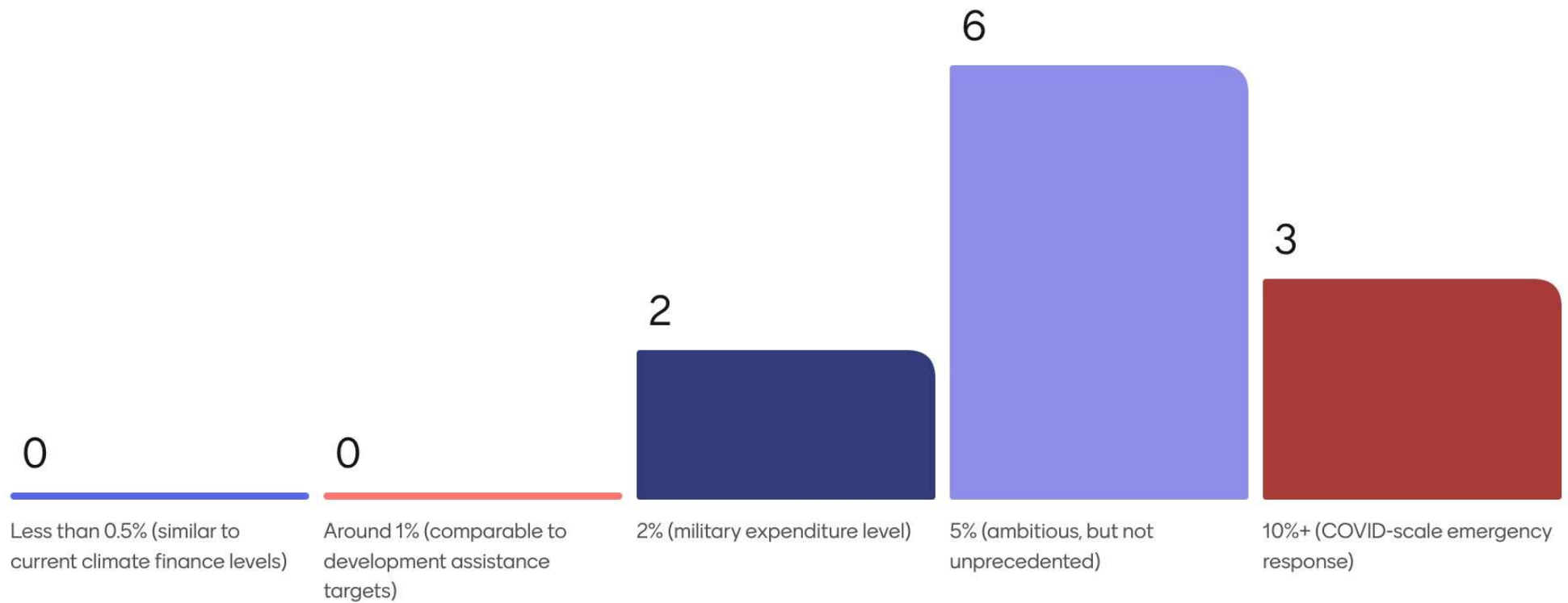
High support



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If a benchmark were to be developed, what share of **global GDP** should be allocated **annually** to support global mitigation efforts?



# Reflections (10 min)



# Energy demand part



# Energy demand related lines of conflicts

- Lifting everyone from poverty implies higher final global energy demand
- Energy demand related emissions reductions** can be achieved through:
  - Efficiency improvements
  - Adoption of clean technologies
- However, **high consumption lifestyles** (e.g. frequent air travel, large homes) continue to place significant material and environmental pressures
- A **complete clean tech transition** in all demand sectors is **not feasible in the near term**
- This raises a critical equity issue:  
**How can we reduce overall individual emission footprints while also addressing inequality in energy service consumption—both within and between countries?**



How much support do you think there would be in your country for policies aimed at reducing energy consumption among the highest-consuming households?

Education and awareness campaigns on sustainable lifestyles (showing the implications of reduced consumption)

3.3

Luxury energy consumption caps (Limits or surcharges on high-emission activities like frequent flying or second homes)

2.7

Incentives for downsizing in exchange for tax benefits in some other areas

2.8

Low support

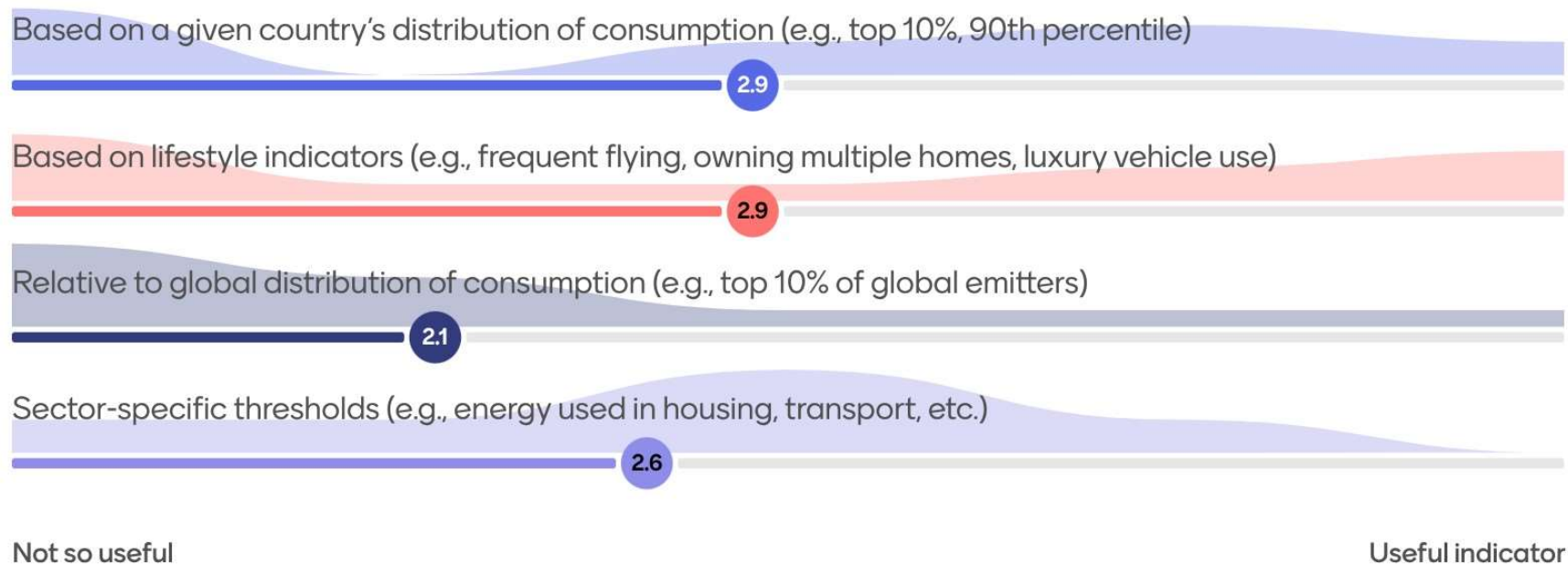
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# What criteria could be used to define luxurious consumption?



Reflection (10 min)



What other issues are important to explore in scenarios?

co-benefits

more nature impacts

land conflicts re energy



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