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Summary slides

Design sprint Czechia – March 21st 2023

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Key Take aways

Based on the discussions during the Czech design sprint

- **The theme of sustainable buildings** has become political and there are concerns among government officials that WLC-regulation will be costly and provide an additional burden to households. It must be made clear what the benefits are and how other countries in the EU have tackled this.
- **Discussion about the sample of buildings and renovations as part of the archetypes** – besides new buildings the Czech consortium considers also including **renovations** in the scope because of a lack of new building cases and a request from the Czech government. Although renovations are more complex and diverse, it can be included, but the representativeness of the new buildings remains important. This can be ensured by:
 - Considering different structures, materials, energy performance levels, sizes and typologies within the sample

Key Take aways

Based on the discussions during the Czech design sprint

- **Expect 4 typologies on new build:**

- Family houses (not mandatory to have the bill of quantity)
- Residential buildings
- Educational buildings
- Administrative buildings (for the last three typologies it is mandatory to have bill of quantities).

- It was discussed how to overcome the challenge of not having the complete bill of quantity on family houses when this is an important typology due to the number of new builds. Starting with project specific data on the envelope (which is available) and using averages for internal building parts is a method also used in some front runner countries.

- **A differentiated communication strategy should be** crafted for different stakeholder groups. The idea came up to create a separate message house for policymakers, data partners and other industry professionals. The Czech team and the WGBC can follow up and inform the consortium about the outcome.

Next steps

Based on the discussions during the Czech design sprint

- Coordinate a communication outreach and ensure the Ramboll Reports are properly referenced* (Czech consortium)
- Reach out to Martin with questions related to the sample and method (Czech consortium)

*<https://c.ramboll.com/reducing-whole-life-carbon>

<https://ramboll.com/media/rgr/embodied-carbon-and-how-to-tackle-it>



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References to national legislation

From EU frontrunning Member States concerning
WLC-regulation



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Links to national WLC regulation

- Netherlands
 - Legal reference construction law
<https://rijksoverheid.bouwbesluit.com/Inhoud/docs/wet/bb2012/hfd5/afd5-2#art5.8>
 - Calculation method <https://milieudatabase.nl/nl/milieuprestatie/bepalingsmethode/>

- France
 - Legal reference > "Bâtiments Neufs" on the top header > RE2020
<https://rt-re-batiment.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/re2020-r320.html>
 - For guidelines, clarifications, applicability and other resources, select "Bâtiments Neufs" on top header > select RE2020 > select "Accompagnement des Acteurs" or FAQ

- Finland
 - Legal reference <https://valtioneuvosto.fi/paatokset/paatos?decisionId=0900908f807d311e> and legislative status
<https://ym.fi/hankesivu?tunnus=YM027:00/2021>
 - Calculation method (2019) - <https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/handle/10024/161796>
 - Overview study - <https://journal-buildingscities.org/articles/10.5334/bc.30/> and data overview ministry <https://ym.fi/vahahiilinen-rakentaminen>

- Denmark
 - Legal reference
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 - Guidance on building regulations - <https://byggningsreglementet.dk/Tekniske-bestemmelser/11/BRV/Bygningers-klimap%C3%A5virkning> and knowledge centre with more information <https://byggeriogklima.dk/>

- Sweden
 - Legal reference - https://www.riksdagen.se/sv/dokument-lagar/dokument/svensk-forfattningssamling/lag-2021787-om-klimatdeklaration-for-byggnader_sfs-2021-787
 - Guidance from the Housing Authority Boverkets <https://www.boverket.se/sv/klimatdeklaration/>

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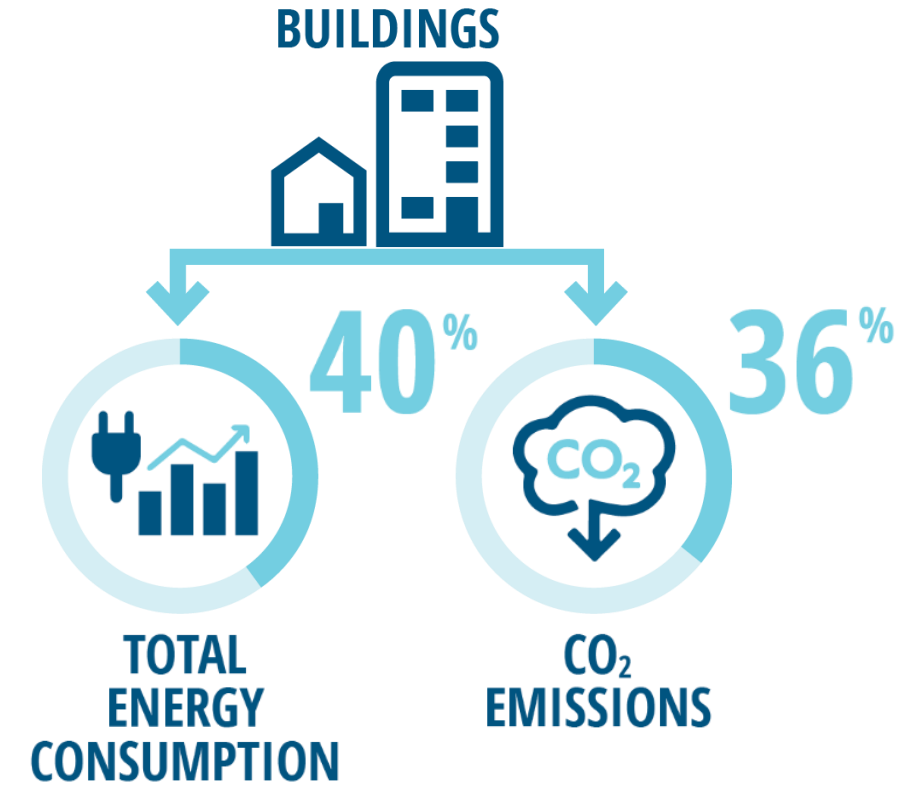
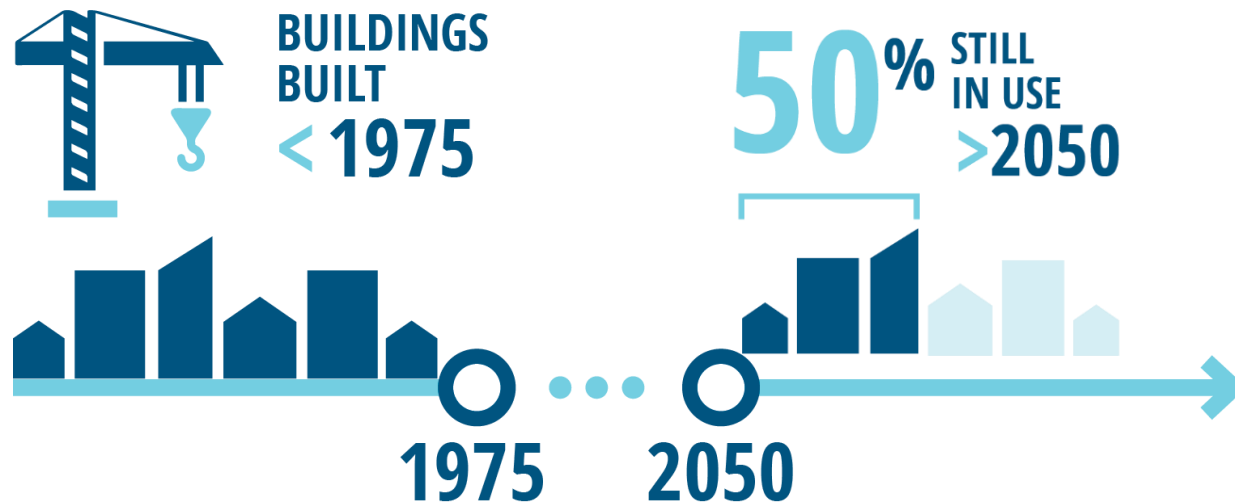
EU Policy Update

EU initiatives on whole life carbon regulation in buildings & good practice from frontrunners

Agenda

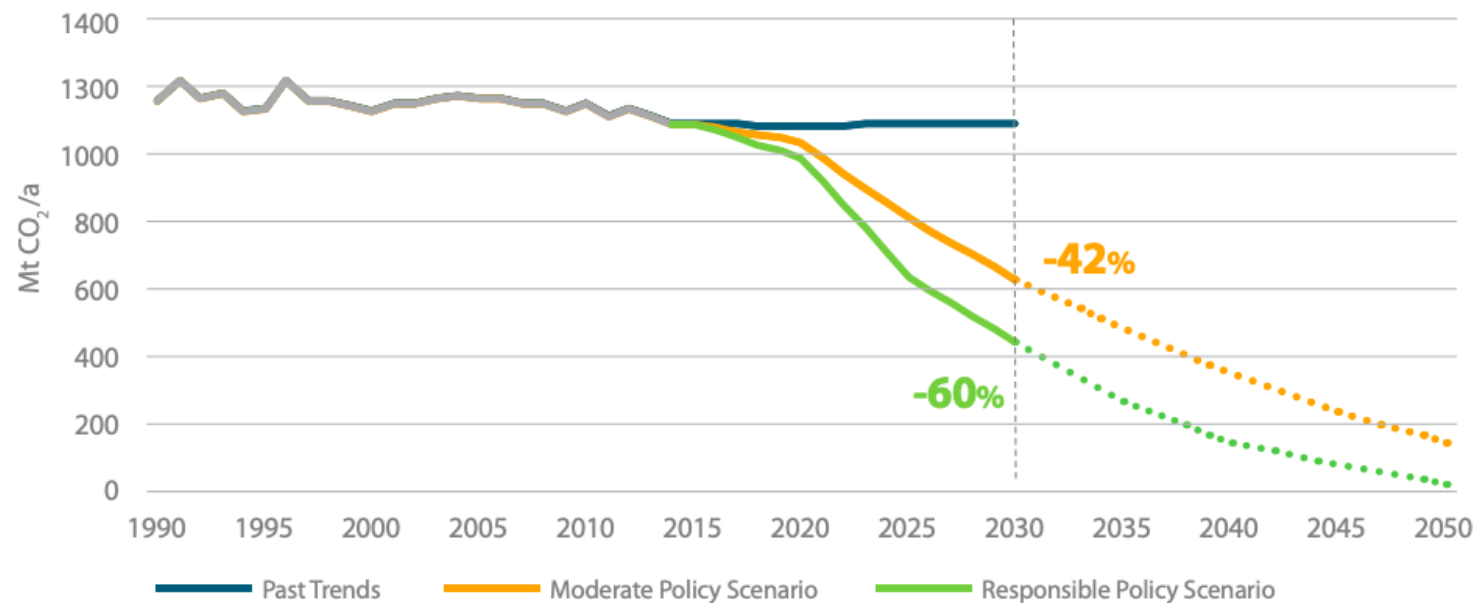
- Why is Whole Life Carbon important?
- EU Policy Update
- Good Practice examples from frontrunning countries
- Conclusions

Relevance of the building stock



- Building sector is responsible for more than one third of the EU's energy related emissions
- Czechia – 34% of emissions*

Relevance of the building stock

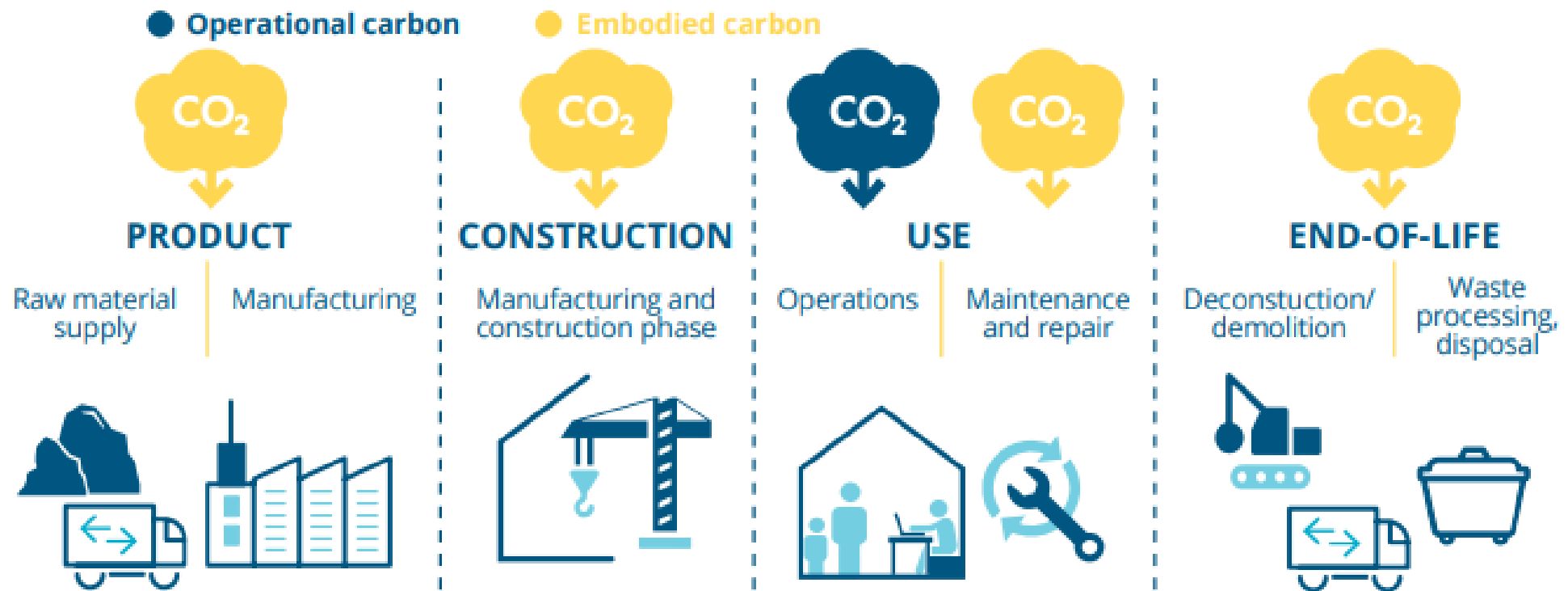


The current deep renovation rate of 0.2%/a needs to grow by at least a factor 10 to 2% and should approach 3% as quickly as possible.

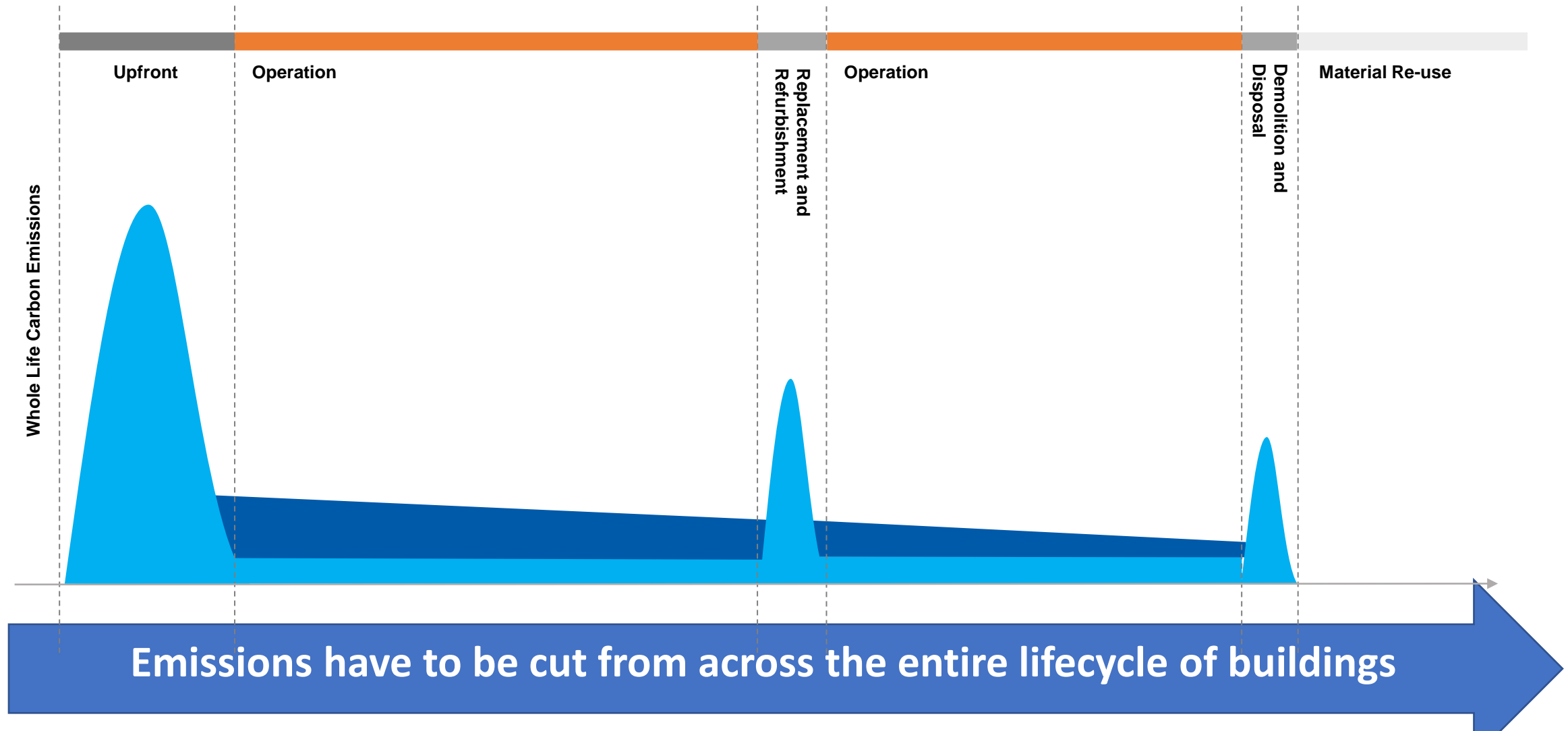
The share of fossil fuels in the energy mix in 2030 has to decrease by 57%.

The renewable heat and electricity share will have to grow to 53% of the final energy demand.

Lifecycle perspective on emissions

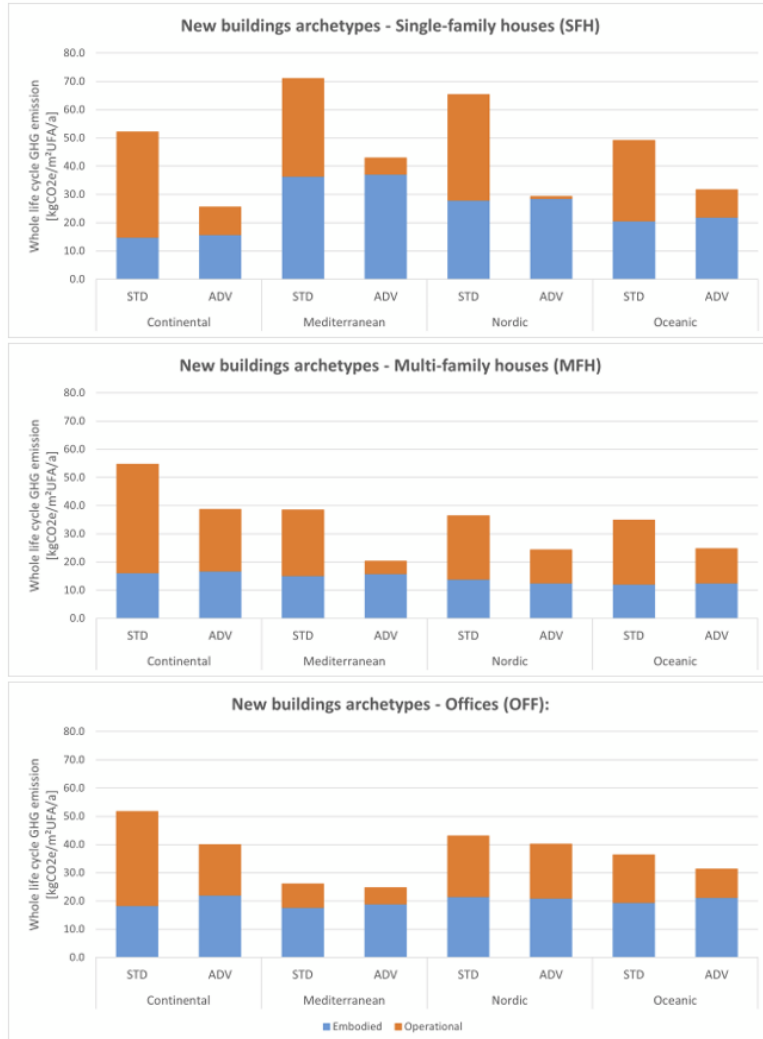


Lifecycle perspective on emissions



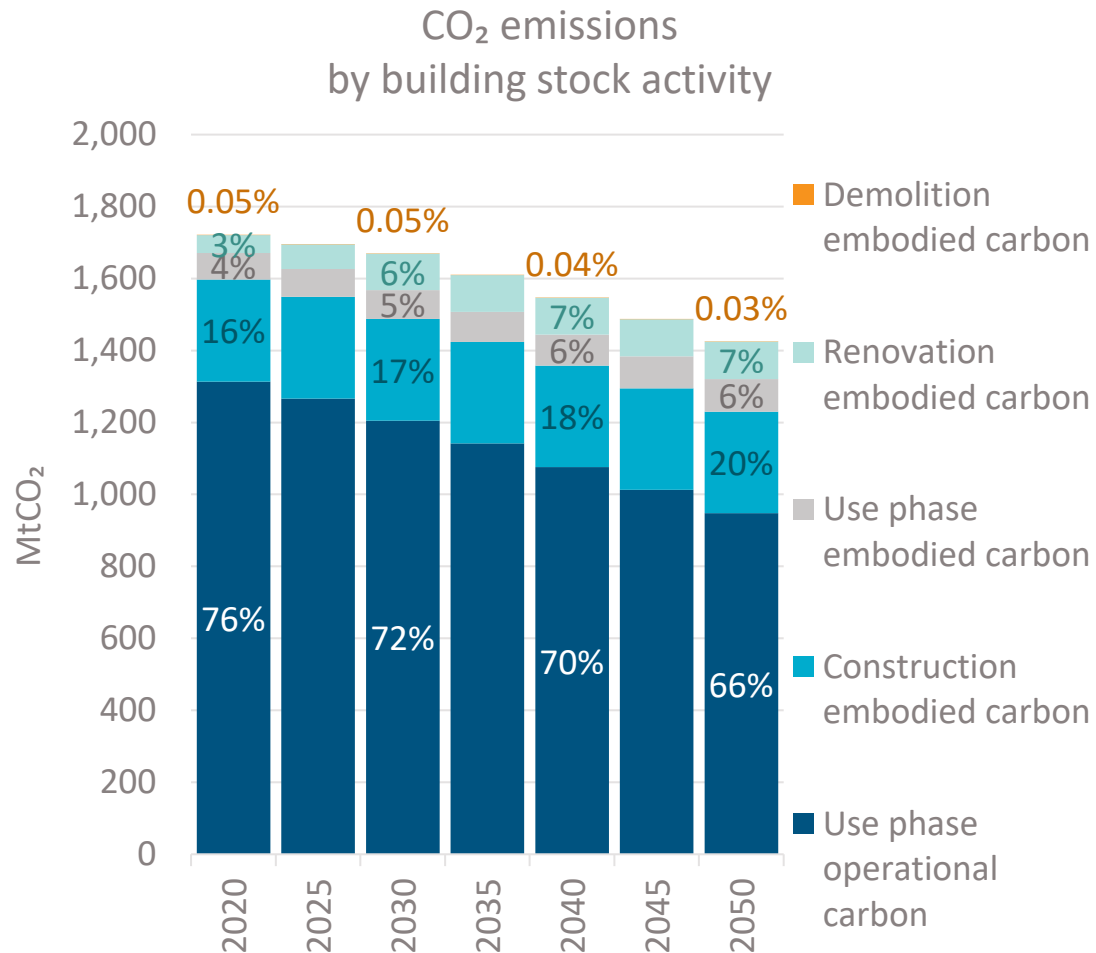
Why focusing exclusively on operational carbon is not enough

Whole life cycle embodied and operational carbon emissions (annualized)



- Example of Single Family Houses:
- **Whole life carbon results vary across the regions but are always best for the advanced energy performance variants (ADV) compared to their standard energy performance counterparts (STD).**
- **Relative embodied carbon (EC) contribution to whole life carbon increases for advanced energy performance variants (ADV) operational carbon (OC) decreases.**
- **However limited increases of absolute embodied carbon (EC) are observed for advanced energy performance variants (ADV) compared to their standard energy performance counterparts (STD)**

Looking ahead – if we don't act



- Whole life carbon emissions decrease by 17%
 - driven by operational emission reductions
 - reduction about 300 MtCO₂ despite the 40% building stock growth
- 28% savings in use phase operational carbon (366 MtCO₂) are driven by building envelope insulation and space heating decarbonisation fuel switch
- Embodied emissions increase relatively
- Current efforts insufficient to achieve net zero

The European Green Deal

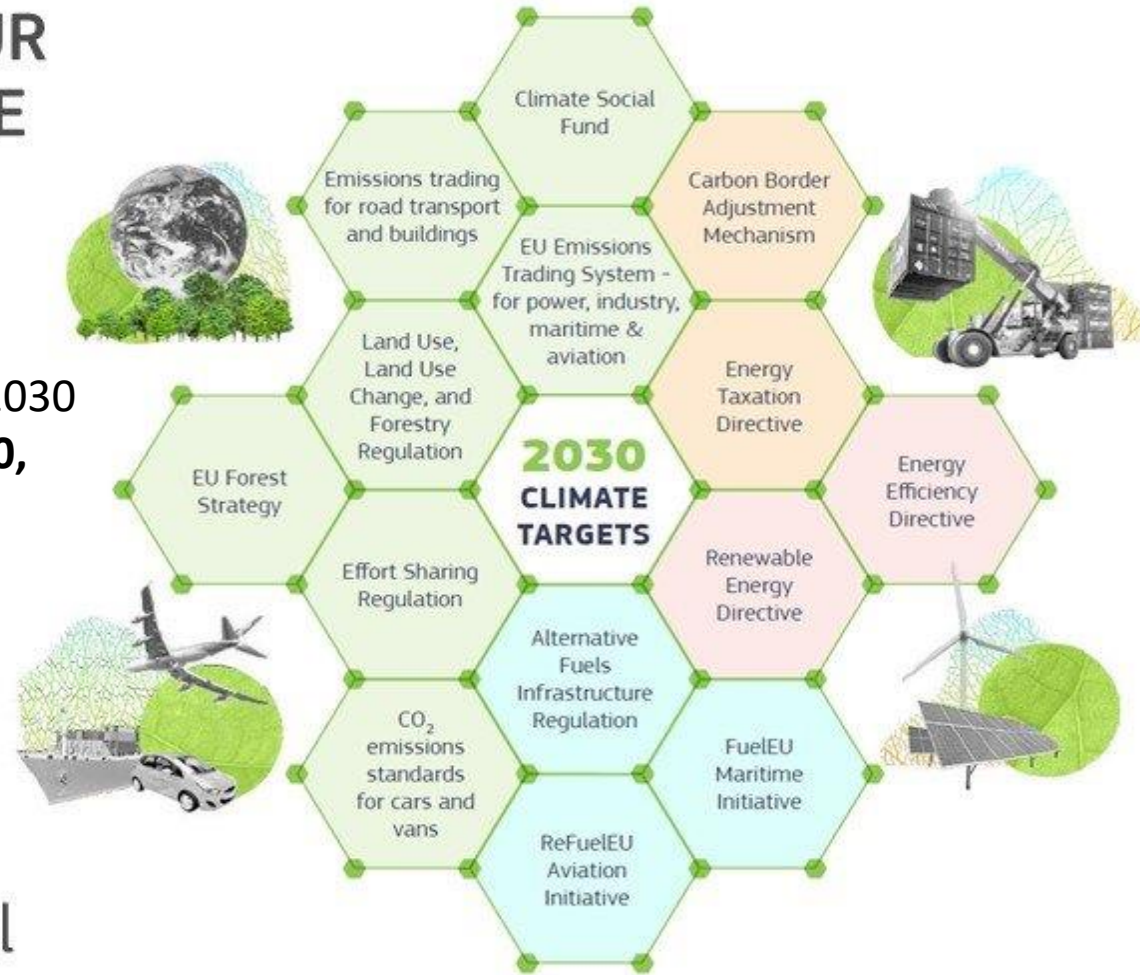
#EUGreenDeal

- Net zero emissions in 2050
- Economic growth decoupled from resource use

EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

REACHING OUR 2030 CLIMATE TARGETS

- 55% emission reduction in 2030
- **Building sector -60% in 2030, compared to 2015**



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From words to action...



Renovation Wave

- 23 intervention points, a clear timeline (2021-2024)
- Review existing framework (EPBD, EED, RED) and new measures (Building Renovation Passport, MEPS, Building digital logbook)
- **Holistic approach:** energy and whole life cycle performance, renewable energy, decarbonisation of heating and cooling, finance, technical assistance
- **Whole life-cycle performance roadmap to reduce carbon emissions from buildings by 2050**
- Reviewing material recovery targets and supporting the internal market for secondary raw materials
- Success will depend on joined-up thinking, strict implementation and contributions from every actor in the value chain.

EU policy initiatives on WLC in buildings

An incremental approach:

1. First step - Requiring assessment and reporting
2. Second step – setting targets and limit values

Level(s) is the basis on which to bring whole life carbon into building policy.



1) Measurement and reporting requirements

- Spread knowledge and build market capacity
- Generation of data
- Soft reduction of whole life carbon

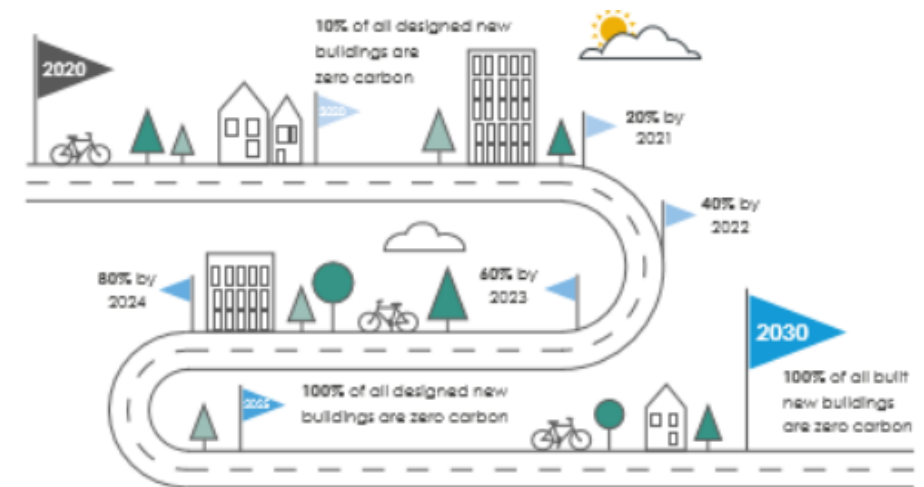
- Already in policy initiatives:
 - **Sustainable Finance Taxonomy** – large (>5000m²) new constructions are required to disclose WLC as of January 2022
 - **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive recast** – WLC disclosure requirements from 2027 onwards
 - **Construction Products Regulation** review – information requirements on the products' environmental footprint

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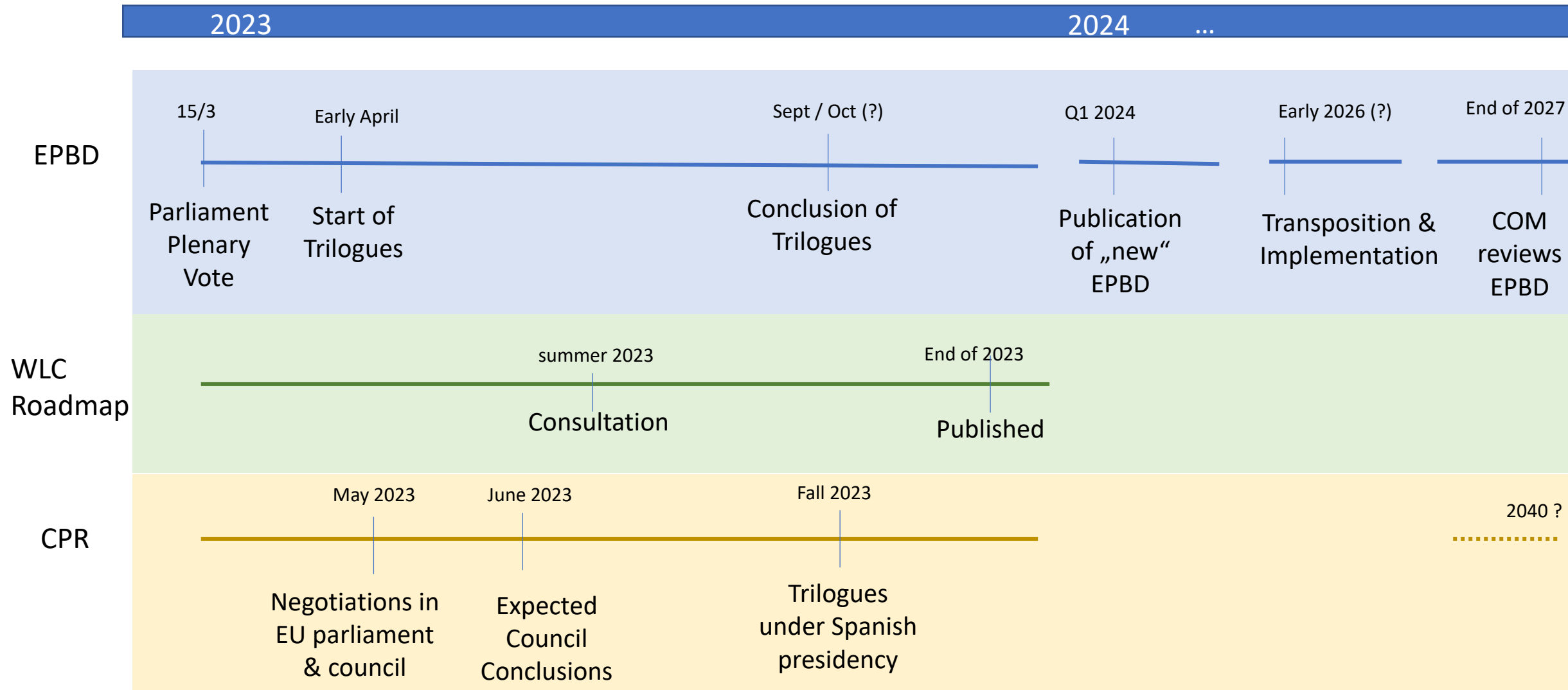
2) Benchmarks and targets

- Already being developed by EU COM (DG ENV, together with DG Grow):
 - Roadmap for reduction of whole life carbon
 - ✓ Quantified targets, with milestones up to 2050
 - ✓ Embodied and operational carbon
 - ✓ Not a list of policy recommendations
- Bringing together expertise and initiatives - inspired by frontrunners – engage across the EU



Reference: LETI CEDG

Process & timeline



EPBD update - WLC

COUNCIL	PARLIAMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New construction to disclose WLC on EPCs as of 1 January 2030 (2027 for buildings over 2000m²) • No provisions for renovations • Annex 3 – calculation methodology with reference to EN15798, Level(s) and CPR 	<p>Lifecycle emissions should progressively be taken into account, in line with a Union methodology to be established by the Commission, starting with new, then renovated buildings, for which Member States should establish whole life-cycle greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.</p>

EPBD update – WLC

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- WLC legislation with limit values in force or agreed
- Reporting obligation in force, limit values to be proposed
- WLC legislation proposed
- Other non-legislative LCA requirements in place (e.g. for public buildings or for public fund applications)



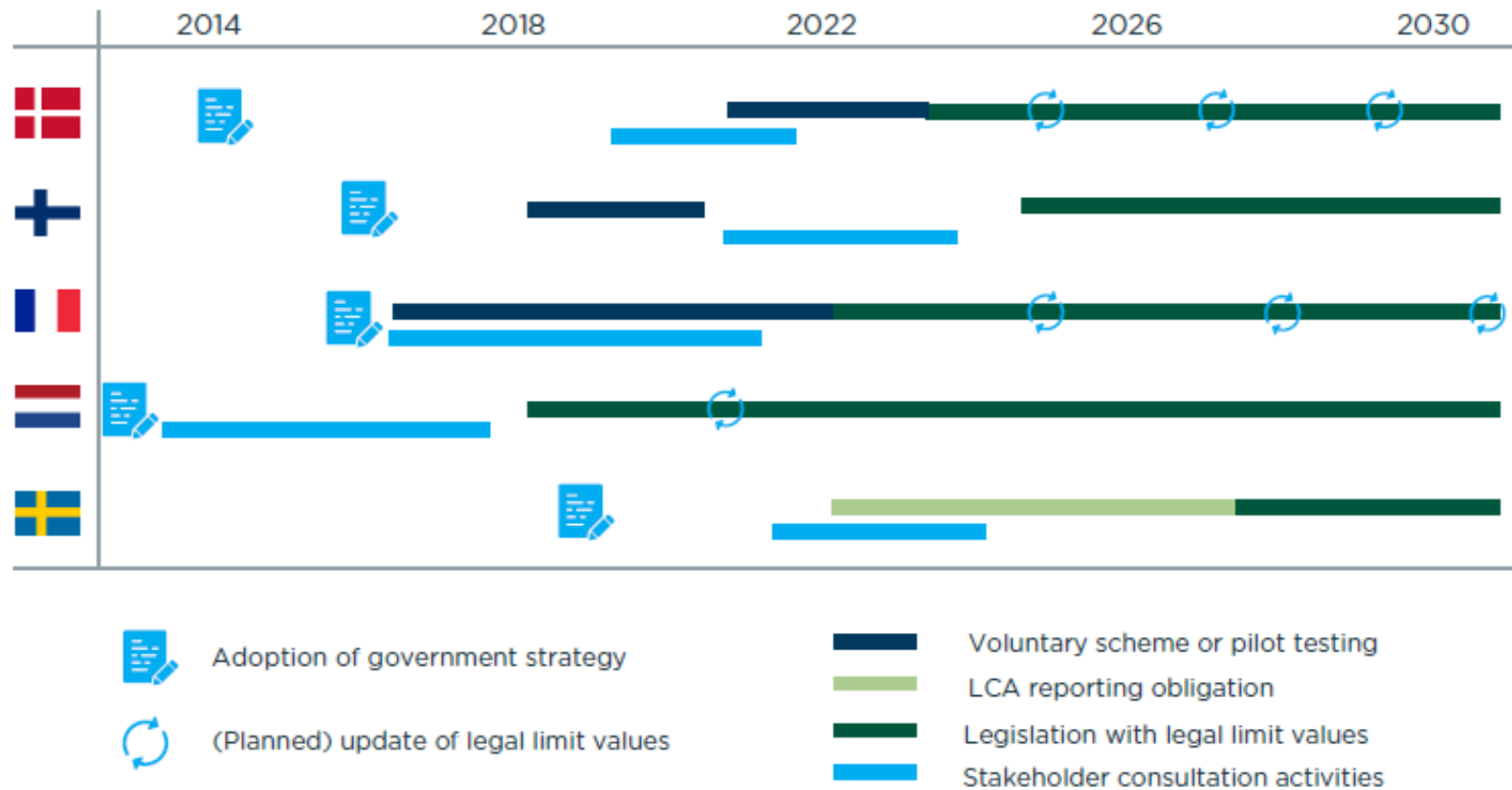
Leading EU Member States

- Netherlands (Documentation 2012; limit value 2018)
- France (2021)
- Sweden (2022 Documentation)
- Norway (2022 Documentation)
- Denmark (2022)
- Finland (2023)
- *Germany, UK, Switzerland (WLC requirements for public buildings)*

Diversity of approaches

Typology	Process	Limit values
 <p>All new buildings Limit values only apply to new buildings above 1000m²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary sustainability class as launch phase with public incentives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory limit values 12 kgCO₂/m²/year for all buildings in scope for 2023-2025
 <p>All new buildings, except single family houses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level(s) pilot phase with small funding support built awareness and capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned mandatory limit values for WLC
 <p>New residential, office and educational buildings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary experiment with the possibility to obtain sustainability certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory limit values, calculated for each building individually Current base values: 640 kgCO₂/m² (SFH), 740 kgCO₂/m² (MFH)
 <p>New residential and office buildings above 100m²</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple years between legal adoption and entry into force 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory limit values expressed as monetary value (environmental shadow price of building materials) 1 EUR/m²/year (residential), 0.8 EUR/m²/year (offices)
 <p>All new buildings with exemptions for some public buildings and private developers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting requirement before the introduction of limit values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory limit values to be developed for 2027

Frontrunner countries: „key ingredients“



Key ingredients:

- Government strategy
- Stakeholder engagement
- Voluntary scheme / pilot testing
- **Gradual implementation of legislation**

FINLAND - Timeline

2017

- CO2 limit values for buildings in low carbon construction roadmap*

2019

- Agreement climate neutrality 2035
- Nordic agreement harmonization LCA approach for buildings

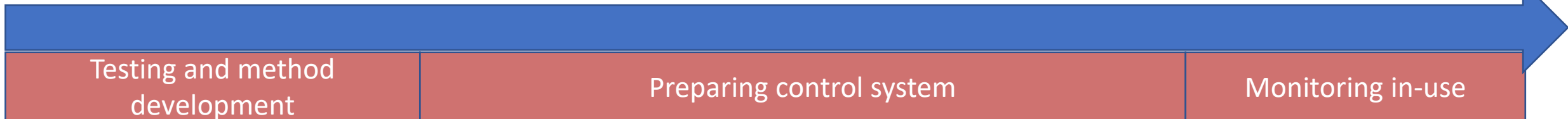
2021-2022

- Legislative preparations**
- Draft Legislative proposal
- Public hearings (1 & 2)

2023

- Land use and Construction Act reform approved

01-2025



Testing and method development

- Control system impact assessments
- Development of the carbon footprint calculation model and emissions database
- Know-how and tools
- Testing in public construction projects and in the private sector

Preparing control system

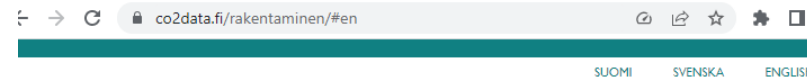
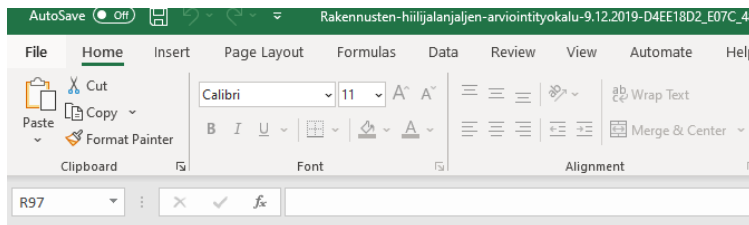
- Preparation of regulatory guidance and possible incentives (Env Ministry)
- Connection to planning and energy management
- Expansion of pilot projects
- Preparation of building emission data monitoring and statistics

Monitoring in-use

- Possible notification obligation before binding limit values
- The building base can be connected to the control in stages
- Monitoring the emission data of the building stock

FINLAND – Policy landscape

- Calculation tool (.xls)
- Emission database (together with Sweden)



Emissions database for construction

Welcome to the open, free-of-charge emissions database for construction. The service presents average emissions data on construction products used in Finland and on construction processes and services. The aim is to harmonise the calculation of the climate impacts of buildings throughout their lifecycle and, through this, to promote low-carbon construction.

Emissions data has been compiled on readily accessible summary pages, but you can also read more detailed background studies. At first the service is available in English. Content in Finnish and Swedish will be included later on.

The responsibility for maintaining and developing the database rests with the Finnish Environment Institute SYKE, commissioned by the Ministry of the Environment.

More information about CO2data-service.

The development of the services continues - your feedback is welcome.

What is it all about? [Frequently asked questions.](#)

Category > Solid wood > Heat treated planed timber for outdoor use

Version 1.00.008, 2022-12-06

Heat treated planed timber for outdoor use

1.2 kg CO₂e /kg

CONSERVATIVE VALUE FOR BUILDING PERMIT CALCULATIONS, GWP (A1-A3)

Lämpökäsitelty höyläpuu ulkokäyttöön

- Collaboration with 100+ industry experts
- Based on existing public information from various sources (RTS EPD, EPD Norge, IBU)*
- Comparison, selection and calculation of averages
- No product specific data
- Three waves of testing – supported with subsidies / beta testing Level(s)

Rakennusten hiilijalanjäljen arviointityökalu

Luonnos hiilijalanjäljen arvioinnin testausta varten 9.12.2019



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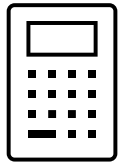
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Valmisbetoni C50 (portland)	0.175		kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta
Valmisbetoni C80 (Portland)	0.210		kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta

PIHA JA POHJARAKENTEET

Betoniantura ja -perustus (sis.raudoitteet)	0.160		kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta
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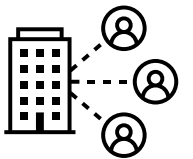
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- Assessment method based on Level(s) and EN standards
- Software tools: free tool + market approach (e.g. OCLCA)
- Lessons for method and database development
 - Align with building design practice – user friendly, which stage of the design process is this relevant?
 - Link to digitalization and BIM to avoid redundant work
 - Importance of verification – different consultants and tools should be tested
 - Assessment of different databases – what is required? How to structure the data?
 - Challenge: get small projects online without increasing administrative burden

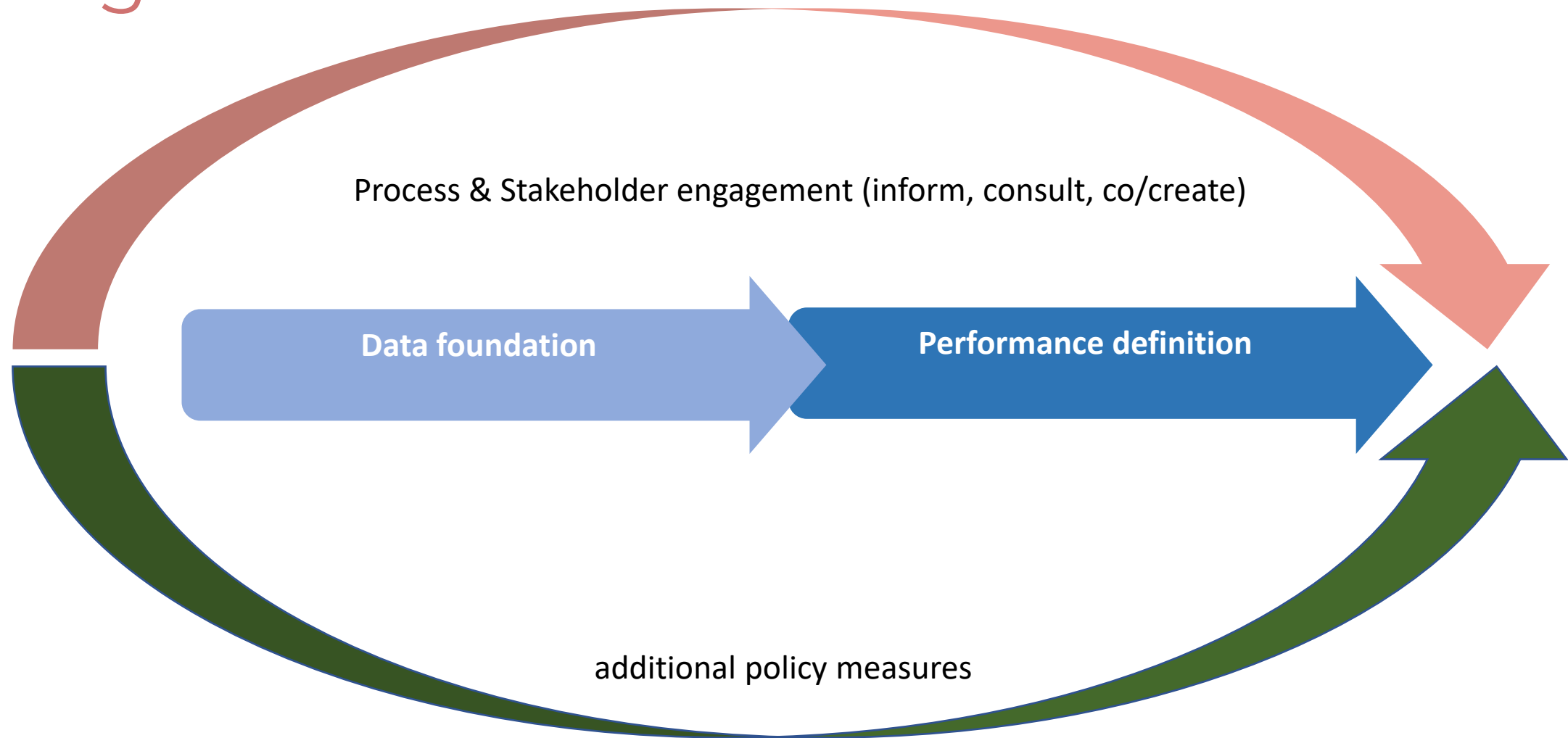


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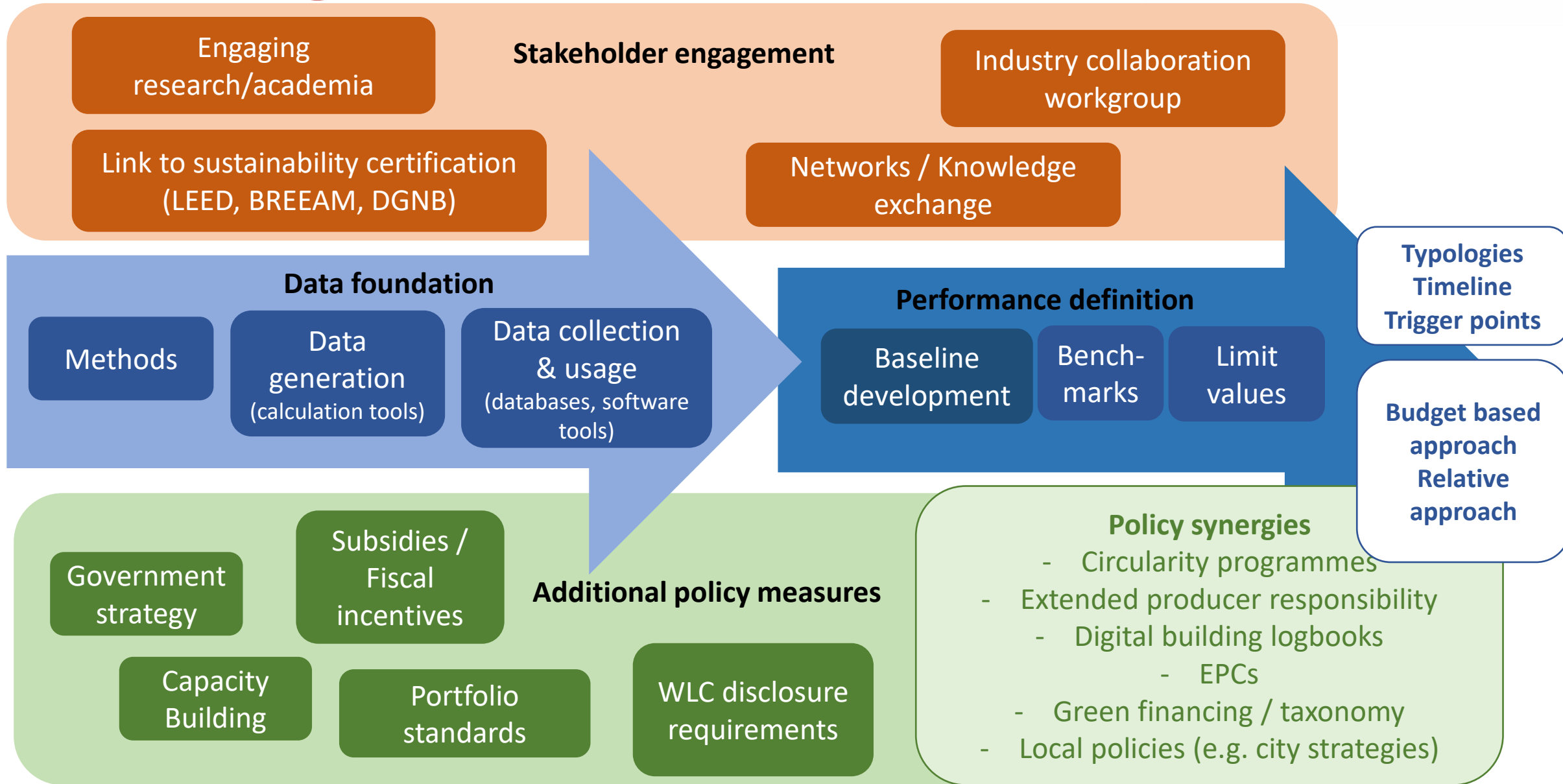
- Importance international collaboration
 - Nordic Co-Operation
 - Relief to consult government officials with similar struggles
- Stakeholder engagement
 - Empathic approach – understanding concerns is essential
 - Inform in advance – now there is time to adjust
 - Offer subsidies to tackle problems
 - Limit values as enforcement method for laggards



Building Blocks for WLC regulation



Building blocks of the toolbox **INDICATE**



Takeaways

- Not if, but how to regulate WLC
- Frontrunner countries influence policy development
- Comprehensive EU WLC reporting requirements coming in 2025 (implementation of national methodology) and 2027 start of compulsory reporting
- Data is not yet accurate, but we need action more than precision
- Ensure compliance with future regulation - start measuring, share data and build capacity on WLC data collection and a baseline analysis

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Design Sprint Czech Republic

21th of March, 2023



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Design sprint agenda

- **Framing** of the design sprint & round of presentations
- **Data** (Martin, KU Leuven)
 - Presentation: Methodological considerations and experience EU Baseline
 - Discussion: Data attributes and representative sample
- Lunch (12.45-13.35)
- **Policy** (Zsolt & Rutger, BPIE)
 - Presentation: recap frontrunner countries and building blocks WLC policy approach – incl. 2-3 in depth examples
 - Workshop: policy landscape and stakeholder mapping
- **Communications** (Miles, WGBC)
- **Operational Support** and Next Steps (Simone, Smith)
- Goodbyes (15.15)

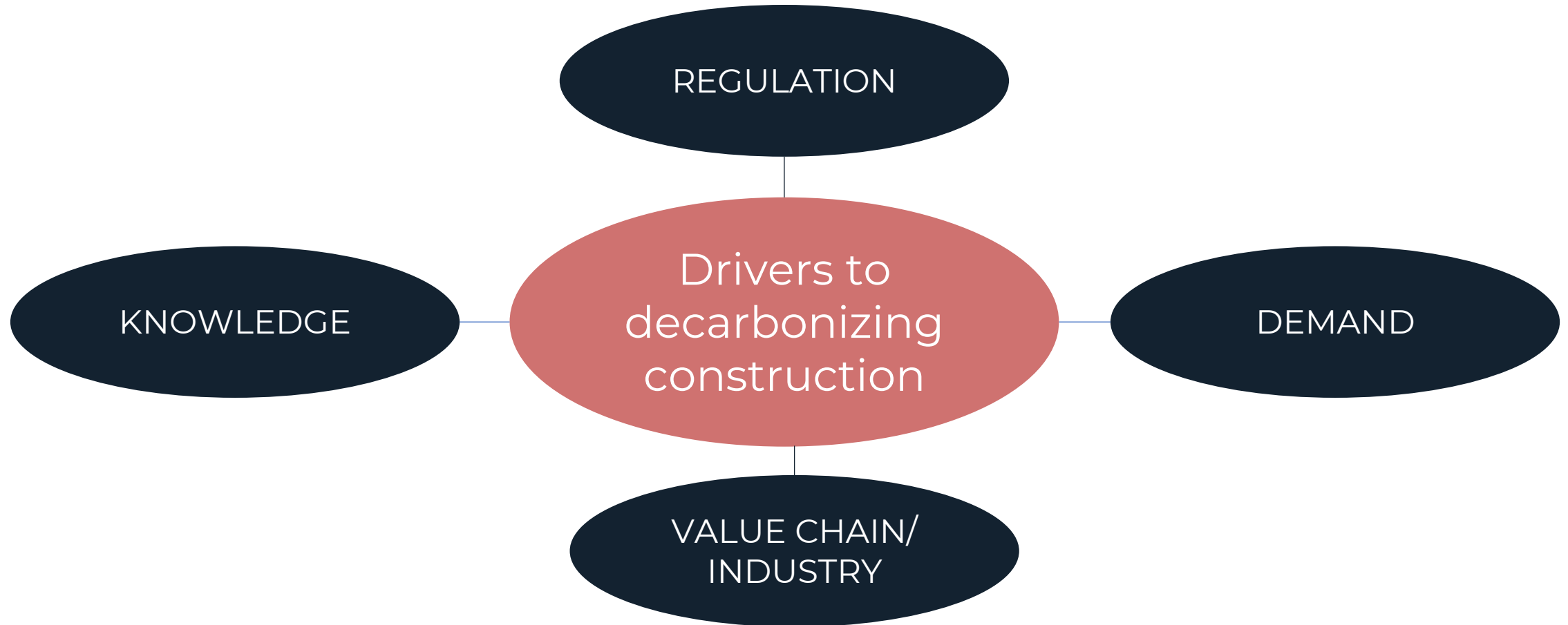
Your design sprint

- Kick-off your work within the INDICATE initiative
- Involve stakeholders in both the discussion on LCA data architecture establishment & policy process
- Discuss how INDICATE partners can support you



We are on a mission!

to decarbonize construction since the building and construction sector accounts for approximately 40% of global carbon emissions



WLC regulation
Supportive regulatory environment

REGULATION

Building LCA methodology
Data generation
Data collection and usage

KNOWLEDGE

Drivers to
decarbonizing
construction

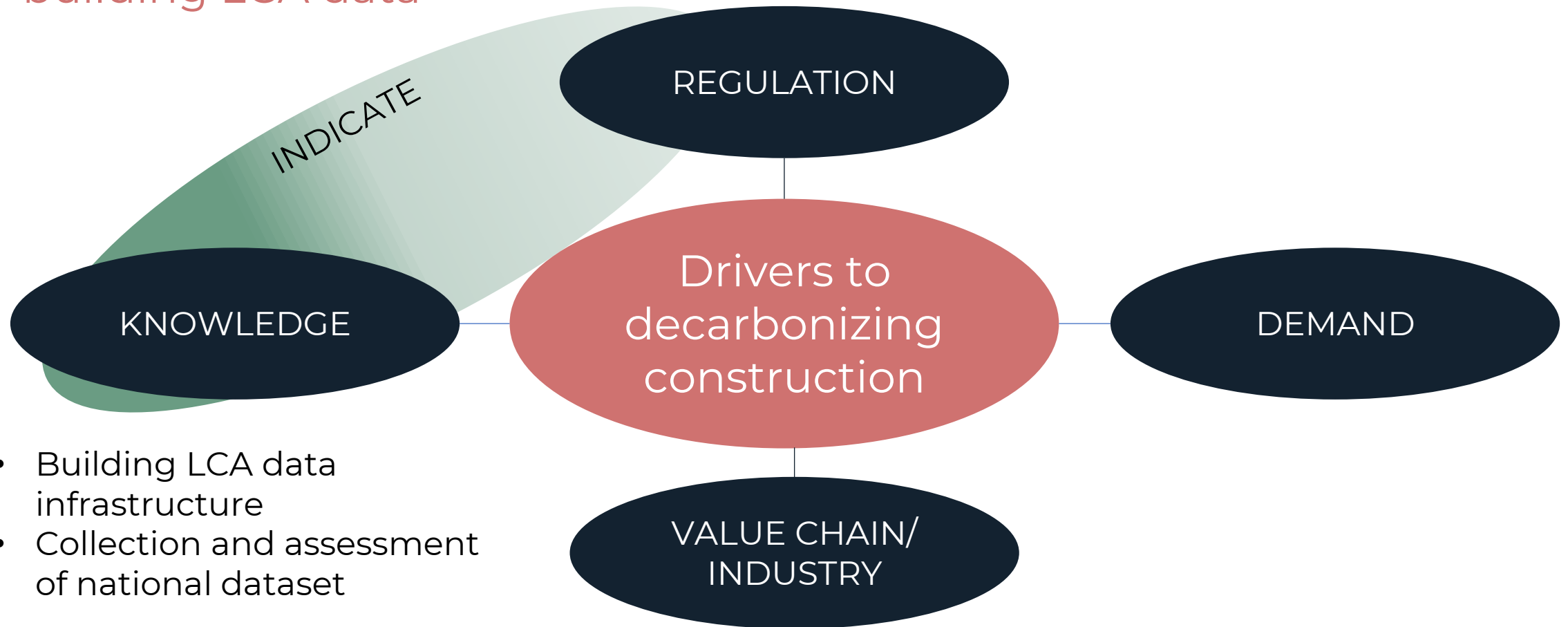
DEMAND

Investments
Consumer markets
Consumer behaviour

SUPPLY CHAIN/
INDUSTRY

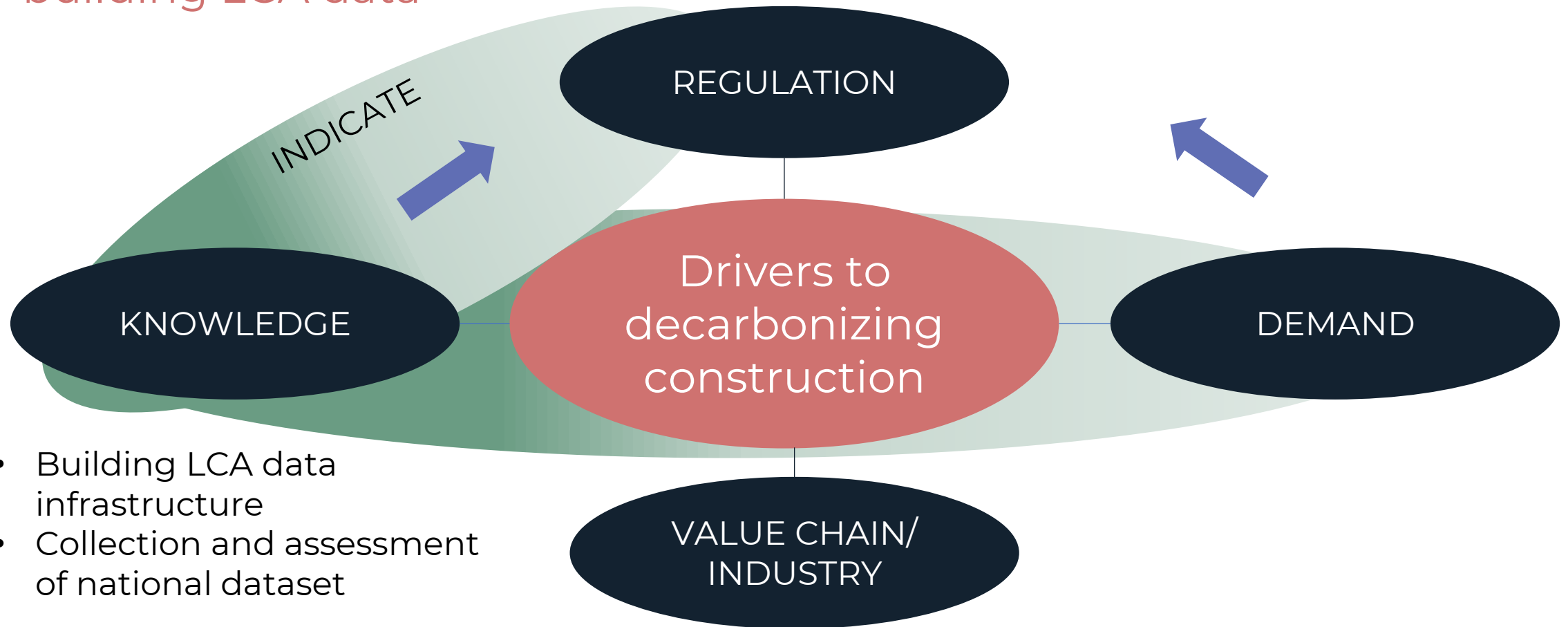
Low carbon supply chain and
building materials
New architectural principles

Creating a push for WLC regulation through knowledge on national building LCA data



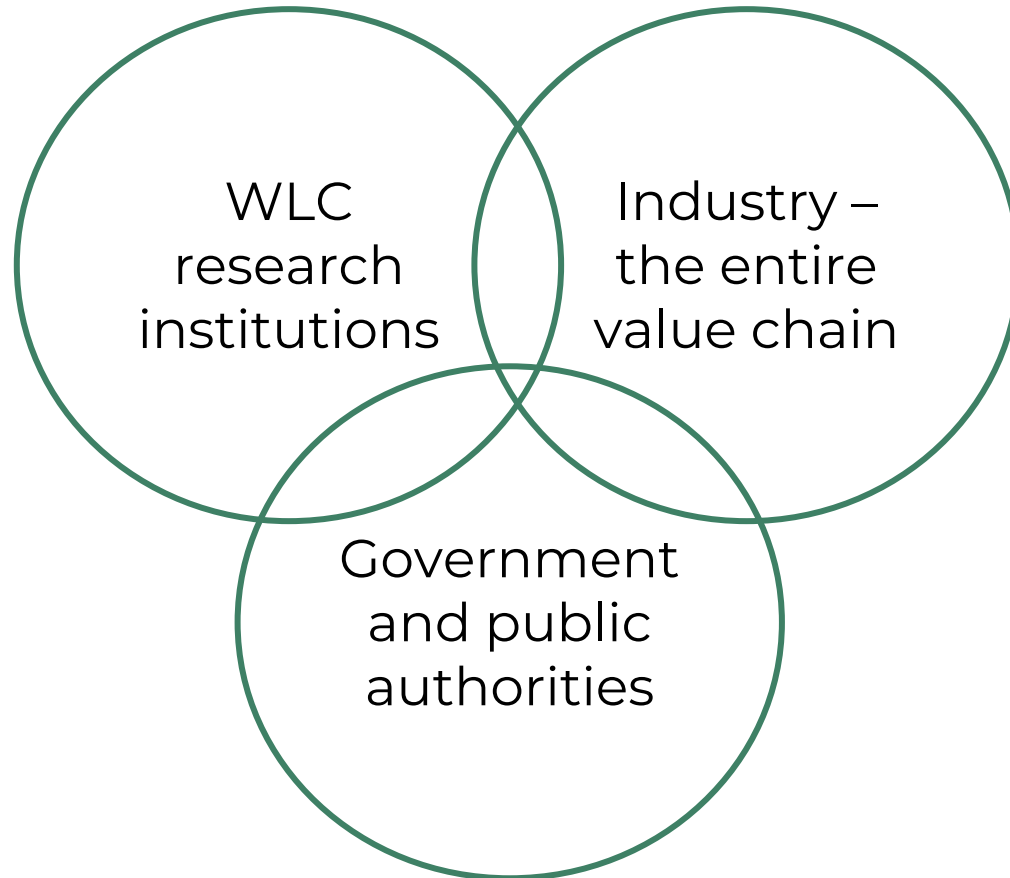
- Building LCA data infrastructure
- Collection and assessment of national dataset

Creating a push for WLC regulation through knowledge on national building LCA data



- Building LCA data infrastructure
- Collection and assessment of national dataset

Co-creation is needed to reduce the carbon footprint of buildings



Why INDICATE?

To meet one of the most fundamental challenges to decarbonise buildings – **the lack of data to support policymaking and strategic business decision-making.**

With support from:

Laudes ———
——— Foundation

A philanthropy engaged in decarbonizing construction.

You are a part of a group

Based on experience from front runner countries

Czechia

- Chance for Buildings Alliance
- Czech Green Building Council
- Technical University of Prague

With support from the Ministries of Environment and of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic.

Ireland

- Irish Green Building Council
- University of Galway & Construct Innovate

With support from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland

Spain

- Green Building Council España
- University of Seville

With the Government of Spain as observers



Round of presentations
and aligning expectations

**WHAT DO YOU
EXPECT FROM THE
DESIGN SPRINT?**





Benchmarking Embodied Carbon of European Buildings

Insights on Data Collection and
Benchmark Analysis

Martin Röck

Research Associate, KU Leuven



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Outline

- Introduction
 - Person and projects
 - Why are we collecting data
- Data screening and results
 - Screening for representative data
 - Results of Whole Life Carbon analysis
- Data processing and analysis
 - Data collection (attributes, template)
 - Data processing and analysis (scripts)
- What next?
 - Recommendations
 - Q&A

Martin Röck

Profile (selection)

2023-...	Research Associate, KU Leuven (BE)
2021-2022	Lead Consultant Whole Life Carbon, Ramboll (DK)
2019-2022	Research Fellow, Austrian Academy of Sciences (AT)



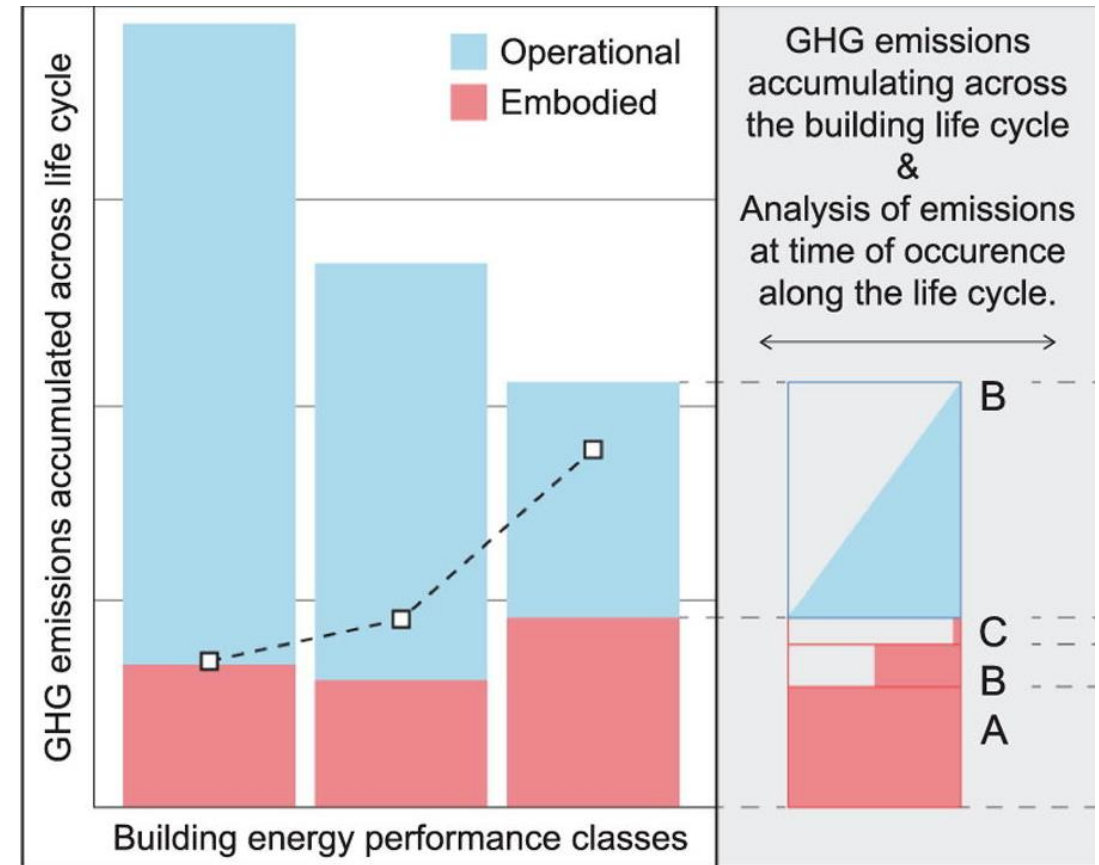
Projects (selection)

2022-(2025)	EC: Life Cycle Carbon Reduction and Removal Scenarios (GROW)
2022-(2023)	ECF: EU policy models for reducing WLC of buildings
2020-2022	EC: Whole Life Carbon Roadmap Support Study (ENV)
2020-2022	LF: Towards Embodied Carbon Benchmarks for Europe
2016-2023	IEA EBC Annex 72: Life Cycle Assessment of Buildings
2018-2019	EC Level(s) Pilots: Sustainability Reporting Framework
2013-2016	IEA EBC Annex 57: Embodied Energy & CO ₂ Emissions

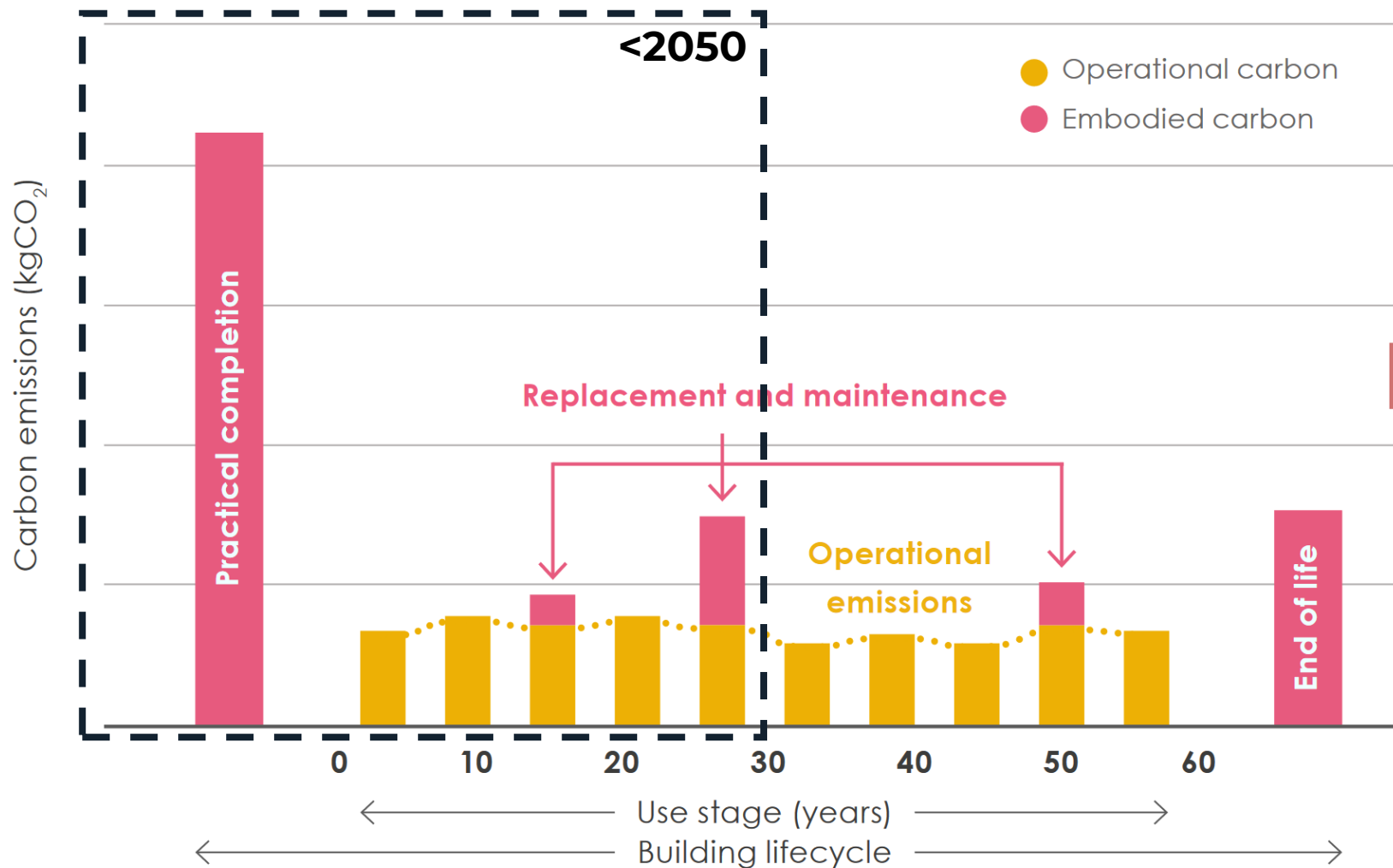


Why we collect data?

- **Operational energy and carbon emissions already regulated** in Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)
- **Increased importance and attention on new buildings' embodied carbon** (material production, construction, renovation, demolition)
- **Embodied carbon >50% of life cycle, dominating mitigation timeframe** (efficiency gains, building complexity)



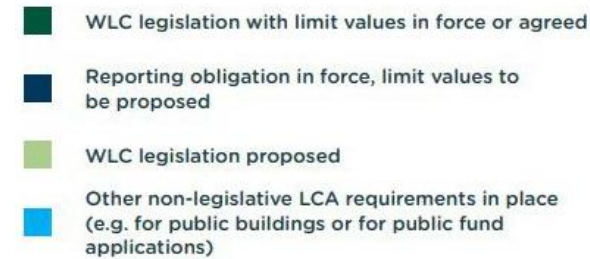
Why embodied carbon?



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 &\text{Embodied Carbon} \\
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 &\textbf{Whole Life Carbon}
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Why we collect data?

- **Latest EPBD revision draft includes WLC reporting from 2027 onwards** (with gradual implementation)
- **EU frontrunners prepare via WLC data collection and benchmarking** to define baseline values and targets
- **Various EU countries have WLC reporting obligations or even limits** proposed, agreed or in force already



Towards embodied carbon benchmarks for buildings in Europe

What gets measured gets done

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#1 What data is available on embodied carbon?
Embodied carbon data availability and quality in the EU

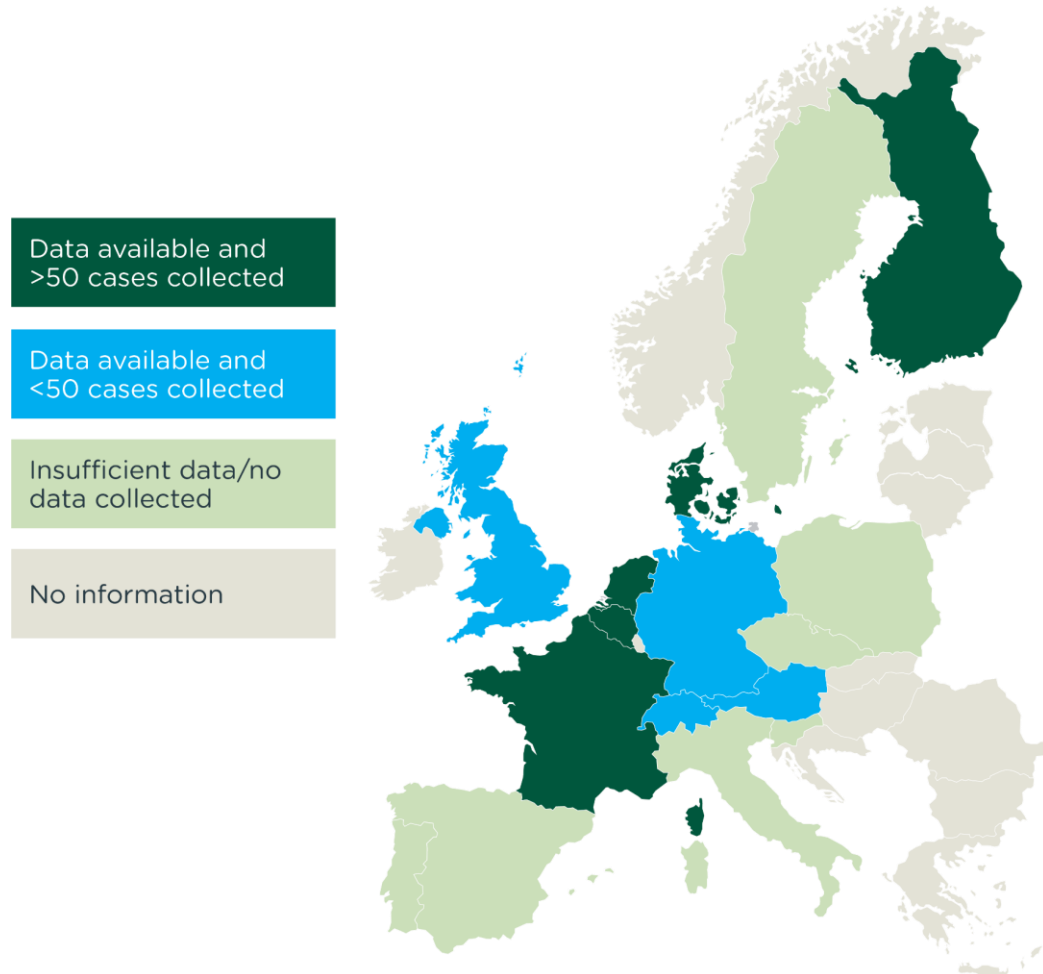
#2 Where are we now?
Setting the baseline based on
LCA data

**#3 Where do we need to
be?**
Defining targets according to
global carbon budgets

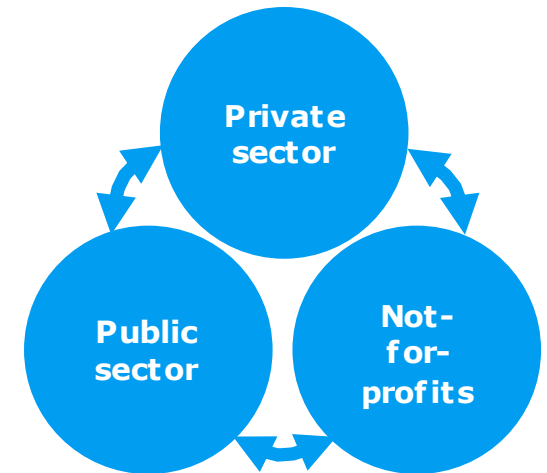
**#4 How can we close
the gap?**
Recommendations for EU
performance framework
for embodied carbon in
buildings

Data screening and results

Data on embodied carbon is **INDICATE** largely lacking in most countries

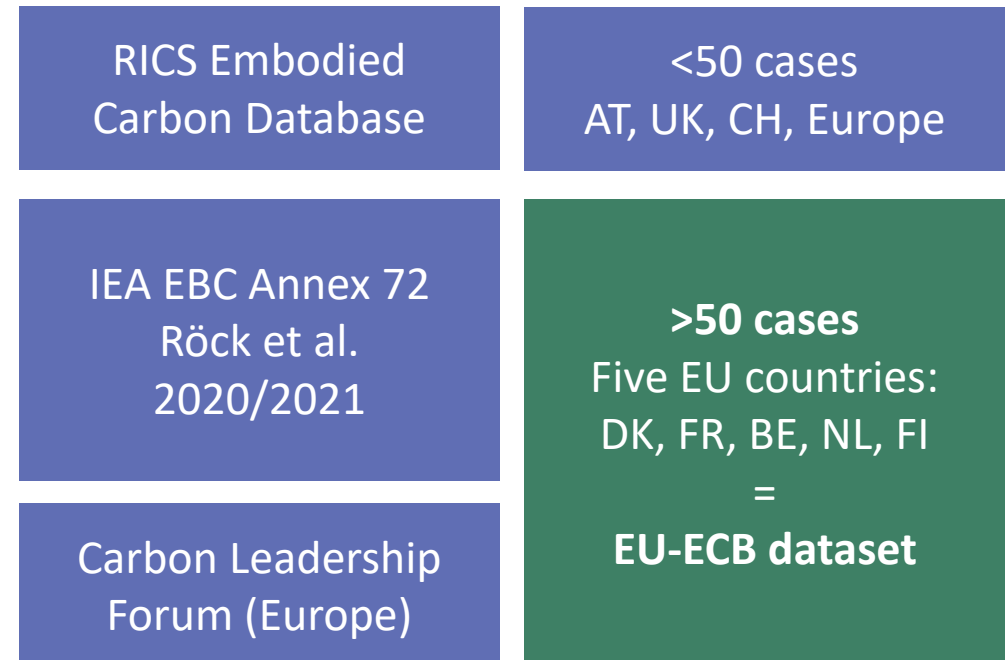


- **Search for EU countries** where >50 cases available
- **Data availability** is a key issue
- **Further challenges:**
 - Representativeness
 - Comparability
 - Accessibility
 - Quality



Data sources & partners

- WLC databases and initiatives
- Various countries <50 cases
- Five EU countries >50 cases
 - Belgium
 - Denmark
 - Finland
 - France
 - Netherlands



Data sources & partners

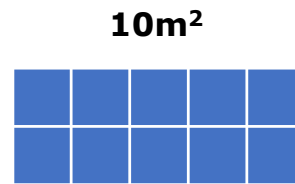
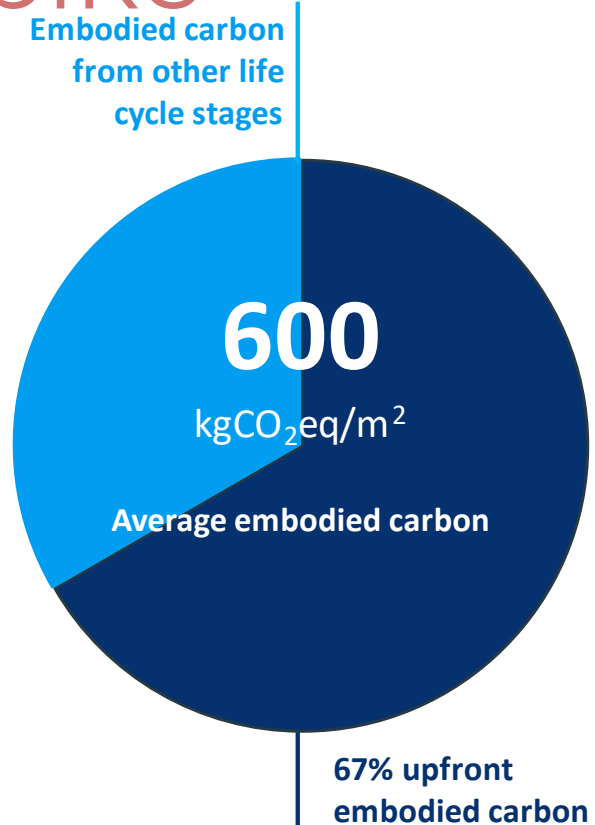
- Ministry (Infrastructure, Technology, Buildings, etc.)
 - Support data collection to inform own policy development
 - Synergies w/ overall digitalization efforts (e.g. building permits)
- Green Building Alliances (e.g., local GBC)
 - Help identify key stakeholders and partners
 - Leverage networks to identify and mobilize data partners
- Industry partners, consultancies, academia
 - With LCA/WLC experience, willing to share in-house data
 - Contract to generate new data on representative WLC cases

Dataset composition

Number of cases per country and by building typology:

Typology	BE	DK	FI	FR	NL	EU-ECB
Non-residential	-	34	31	27	18	110
Residential	105	38	28	434	29	634
All types	105	72	59	461	47	744

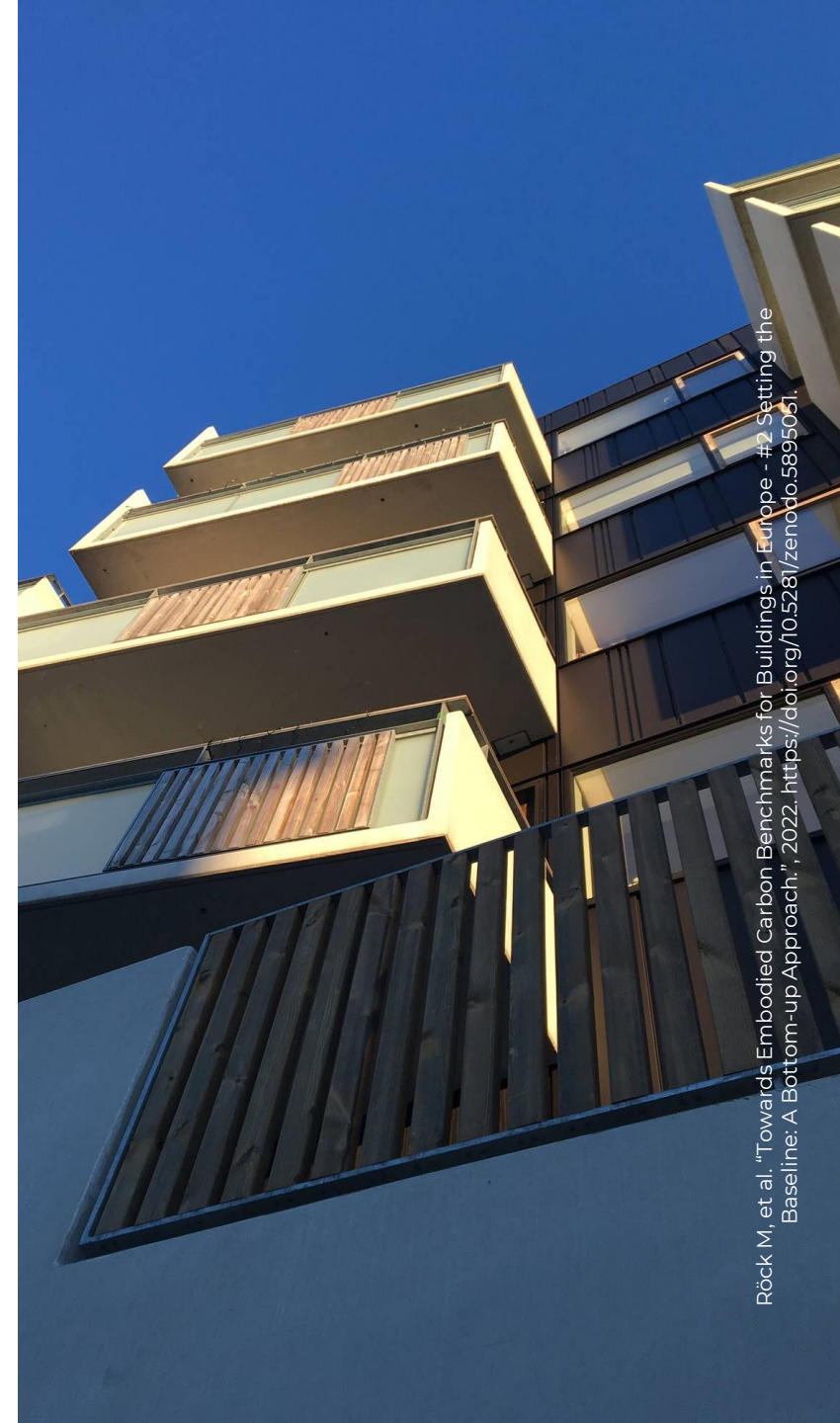
Embodied carbon matters: 2/3 occur as upfront carbon spike



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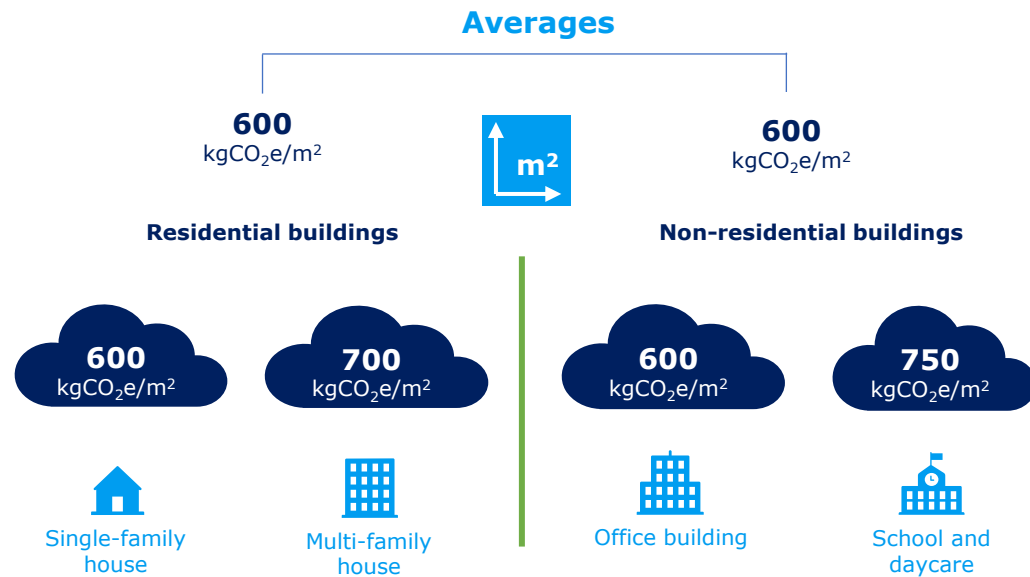


1 EU citizen's
annual carbon
footprint

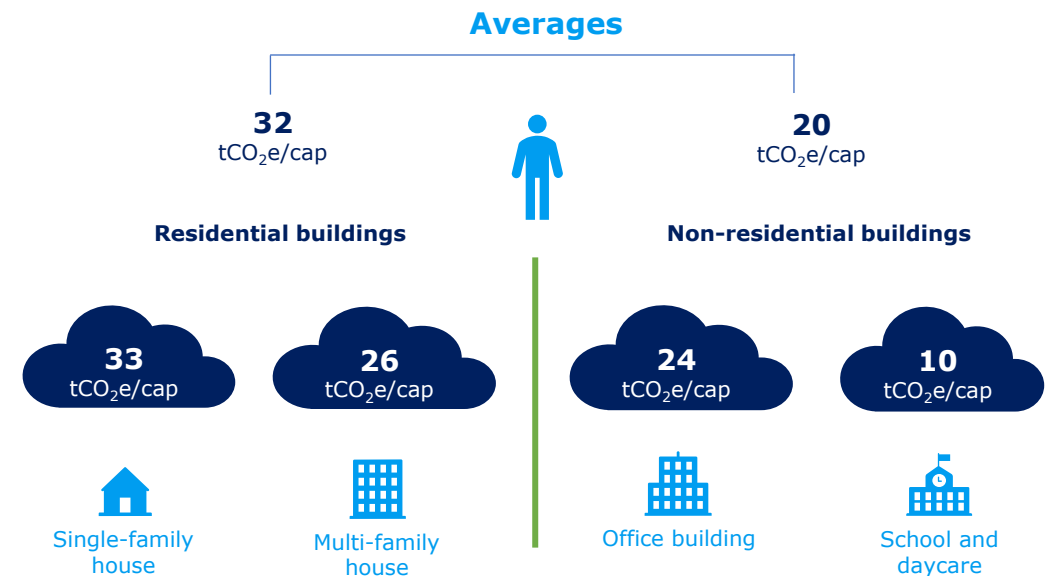


Building typology shapes embodied carbon levels and intensity of use drives carbon footprint per capita

Life cycle embodied carbon per square meter (m²) In kg of CO₂e per m²



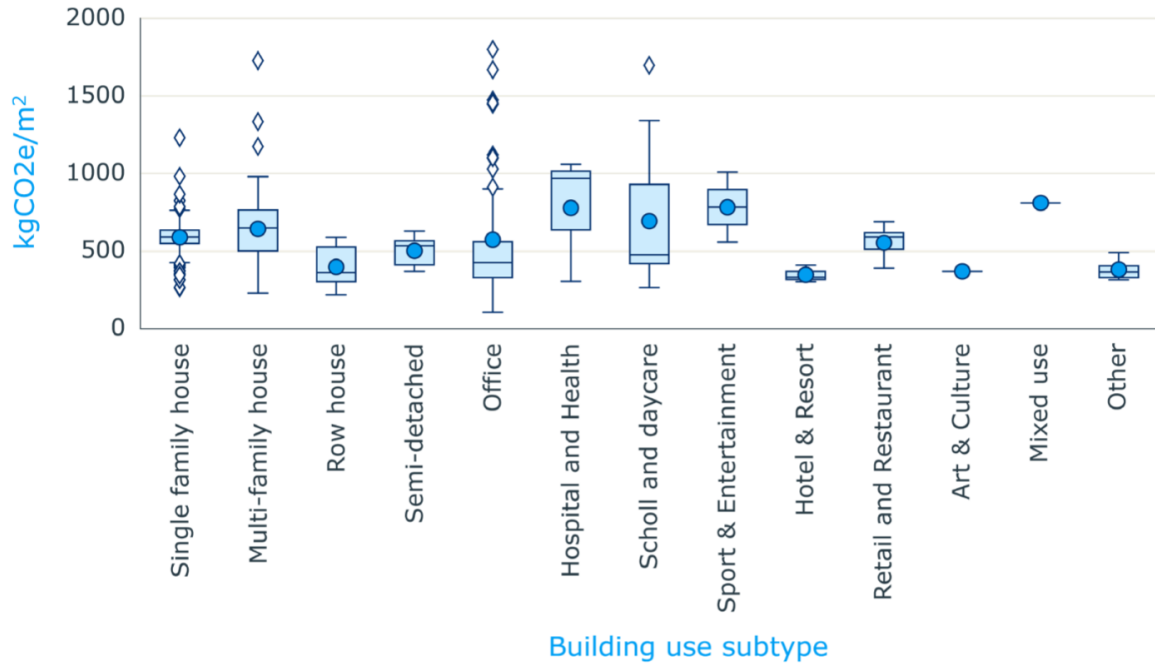
Life cycle embodied carbon per capita (cap) In tons of CO₂e per cap



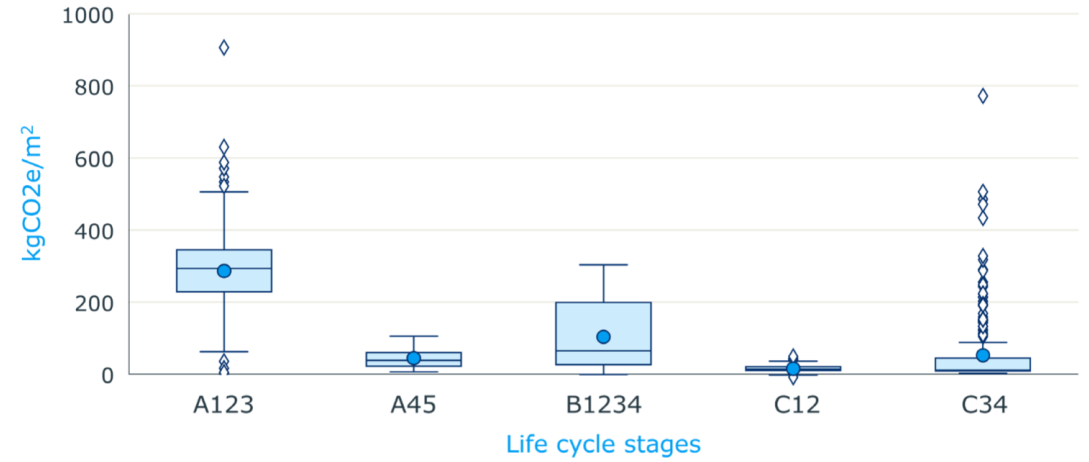
Reference values for different building types, showing EC contribution across life cycle stages



Embodied carbon per m² (harmonized) by building use subtype for EU-ECB



Embodied carbon of life cycle stage for EU-ECB cases



Building structure and material choices also shape embodied carbon levels and contribution of building parts



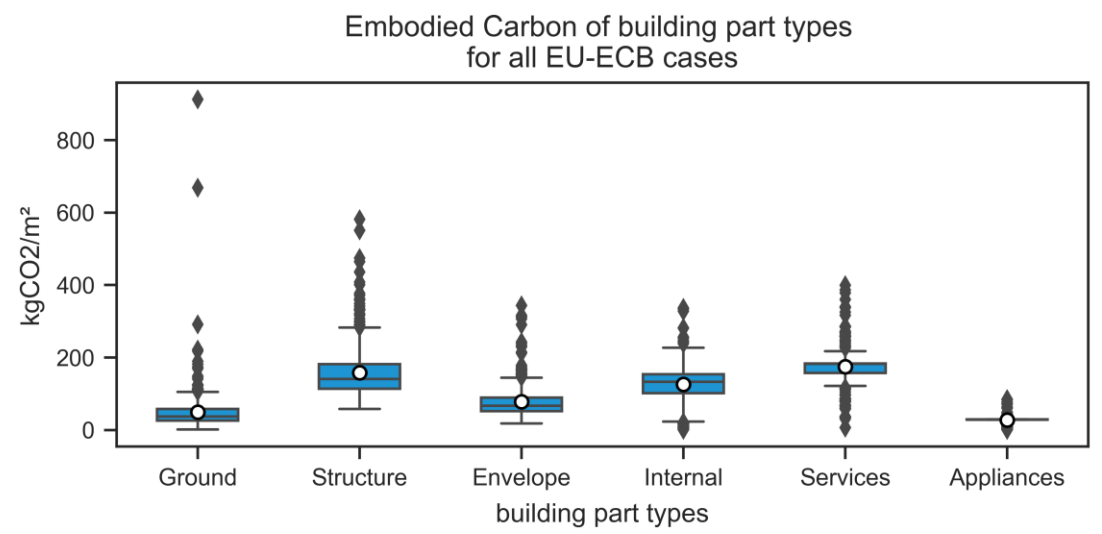
500
kgCO₂e/m²

Wood frame building

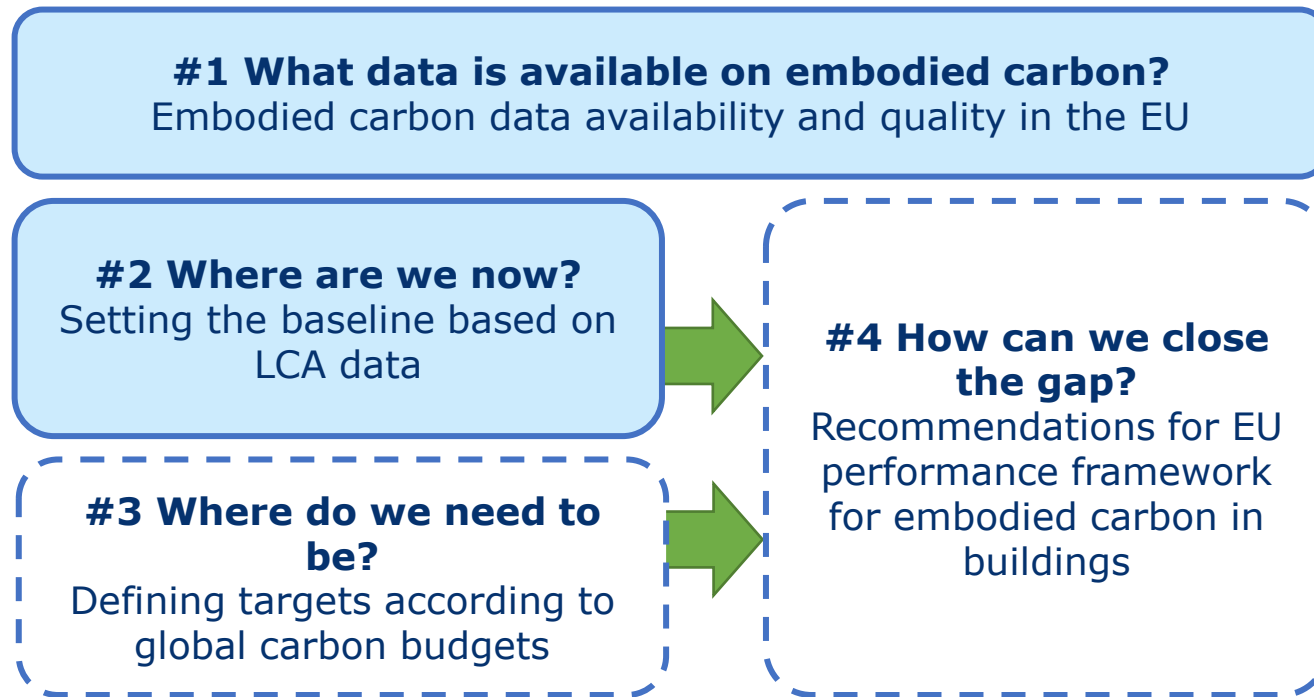


750
kgCO₂e/m²

Massive concrete building



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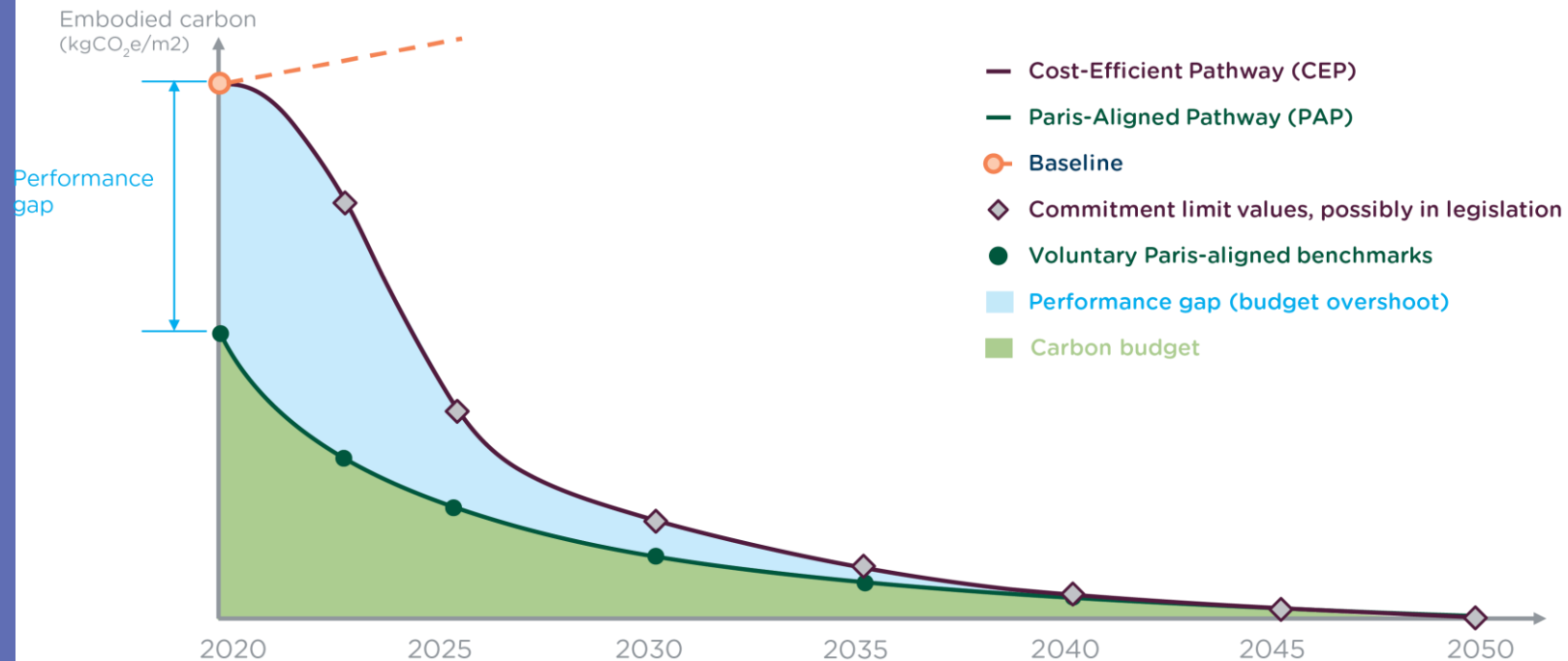
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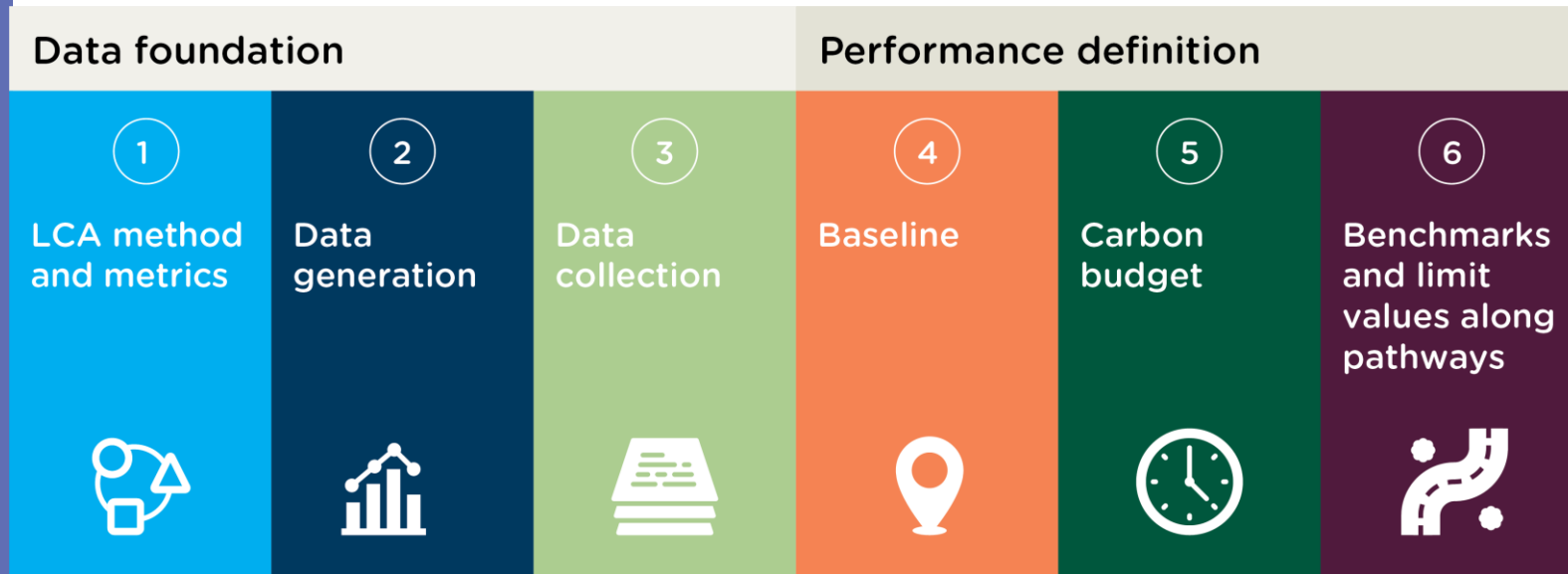
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All stakeholders need to act with urgency to enable building sector decarbonization



- Any **delay** increases the **budget overshoot**
- **Data collection and emission reduction** need to be stepped up
 - **Governments** to define standard methods with strong incentives
 - **Certification** bodies to share LCA data and promote budget-aligned benchmarks
 - **Investors** to align portfolios with reference values and move to climate neutrality in buildings
 - **Designers** to design buildings within reference values

A performance framework can bridge the gap between baseline and carbon budget

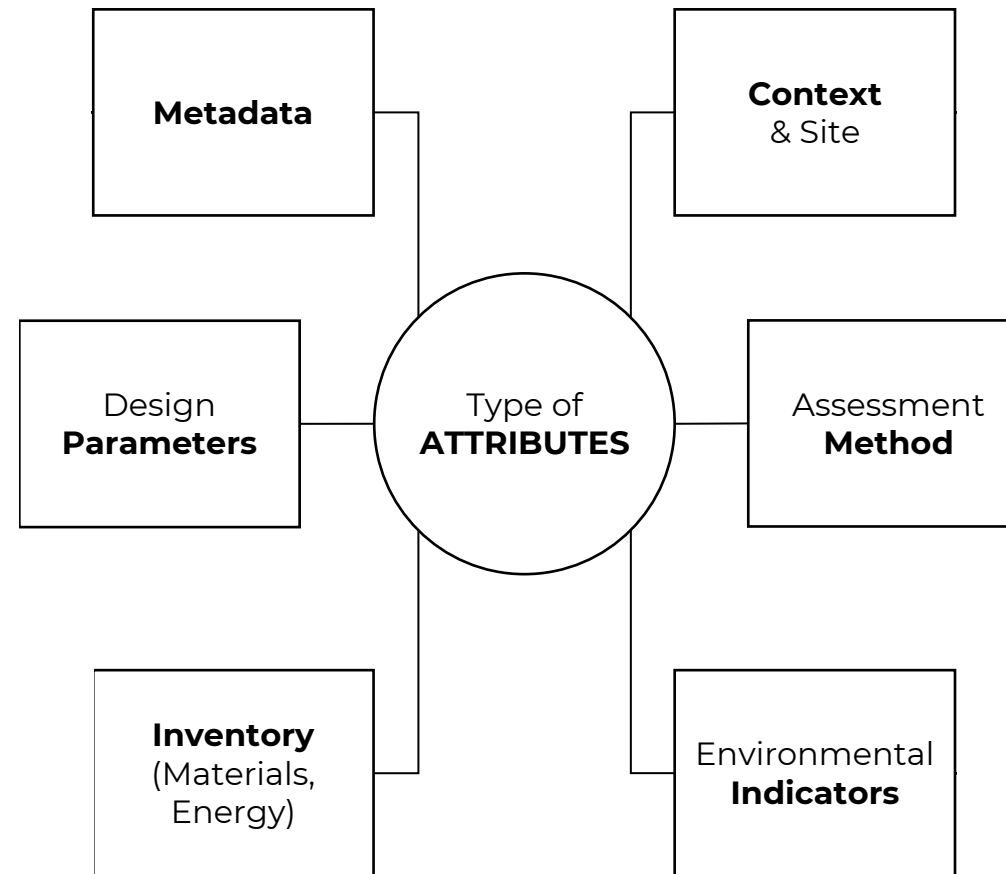


Recommendations

- **Collaborative effort needed** to create the evidence base through LCA/WLC building data collection and benchmarking
- Combining both **bottom-up and top-down** considerations on embodied carbon measures
- Defining **Paris-aligned pathway** for climate neutrality and a **cost-efficient pathway** as a reduction commitment by the industry

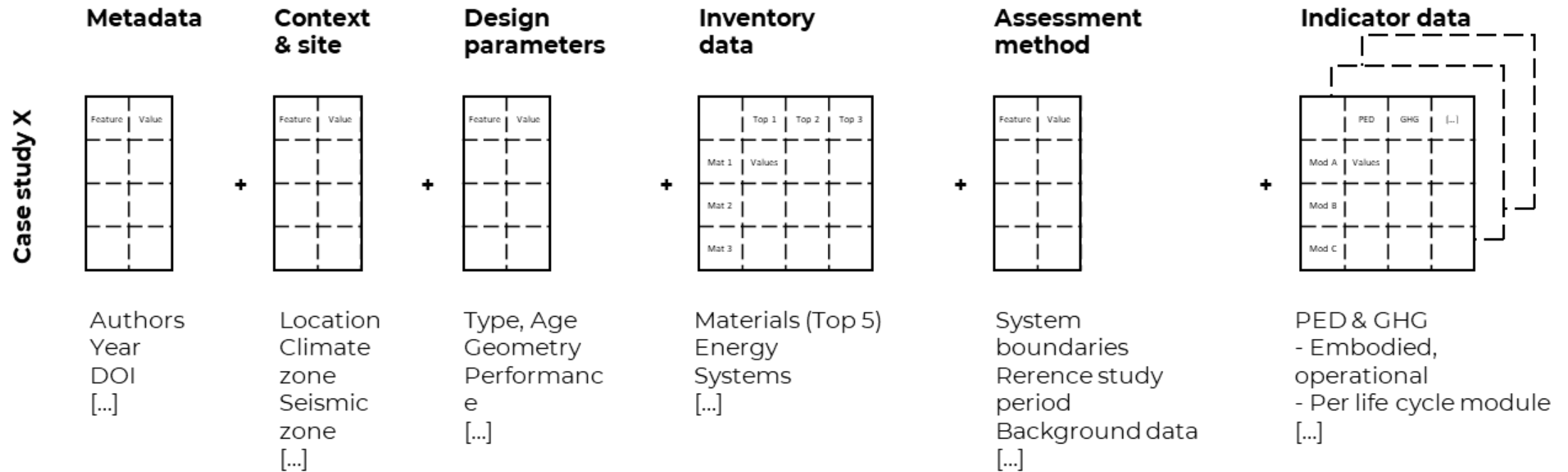
Data processing and analysis

Data collection - Attributes



**Showing selected attributes from data collection template of Röck et al. 2023 (forthcoming)*

Data collection - Structure



Data collection - Template

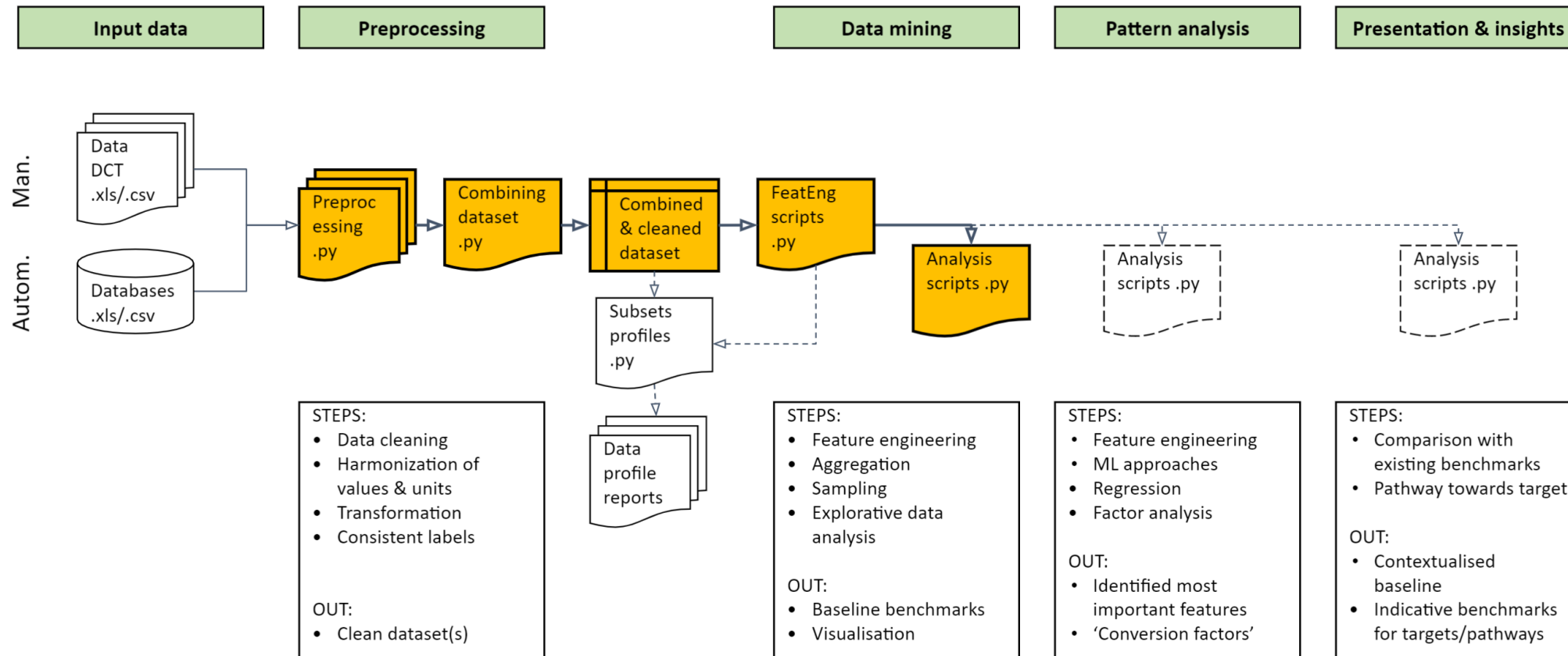
- Spreadsheet-based data collection template (DCT)
 - Free input (numbers, text)
 - Preset options (categories, ranges)

DATA COLLECTION TEMPLATE

*Note: Put 'n/a', if no value can be provided. Avoid empty cells. * = Minimum Requirement*

GROUP	ADMINISTRATION		BUILDING DESCRIPTION								
Attribute Name	Project Name / Code	Project Contact	Building type	Building sub typology	Project type	Country of Construction	Year of construction permit	Year of construction completion	Year of construction completion interval	Project data status	Gross Area Definition
Unit remarks	Please specify	Please specify	Use drop-down	Use drop-down	Use drop-down	Use drop-down	Number [integer]	Number [integer]	Use drop-down	Use drop-down	Use drop-down
1	Fictive Example Case	EU-ECB	Residential	Multi-family house	New Built	Denmark	2017	2019	2015-2019	Detailed design	Denmark (BR18)
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Data processing and analysis



Data harmonization

- Floor area definition
 - Gross floor area (GFA)
- Reference study period
 - $RSP_h = 50$ years
- Differentiated handling
 - Product & EoL: A1-5, C1-4 (1)
 - Use-phase: B1-4, B6-7 (2)
 - Annualization (3)
- No perfect harmonization, but useful approximation

Formulae

$$(1) \text{GHG}_{t,h} = \text{GHG}_{a,o} * \text{RSP}_o$$

$$(2) \text{GHG}_{t,h} = \text{GHG}_{a,o} * \text{RSP}_h$$

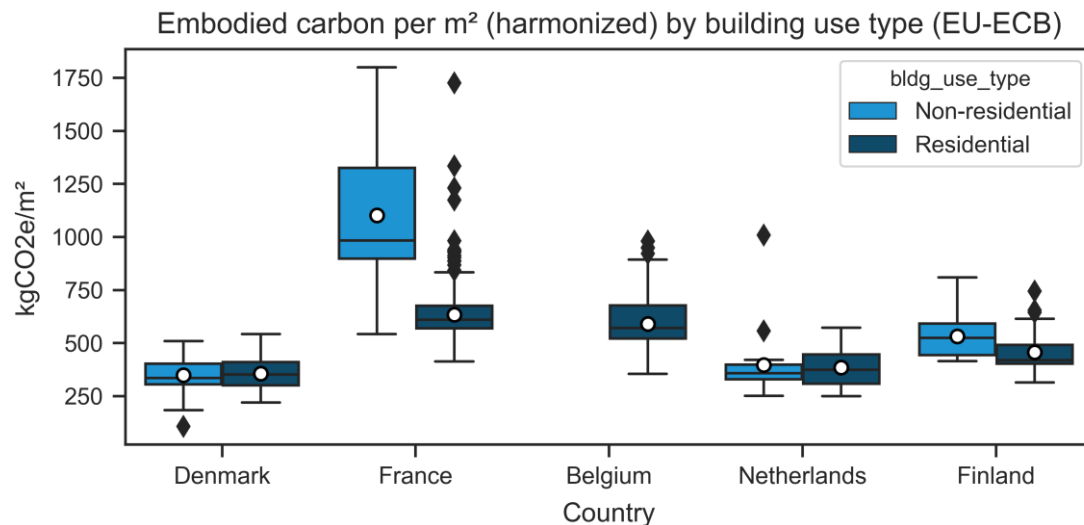
$$(3) \text{GHG}_{a,h} = \text{GHG}_{t,h} / \text{RSP}_h$$

Where:

- GHG = GHG emission values
- RSP = Reference study period
- a = annualized
- h = harmonized
- o = original
- t = total

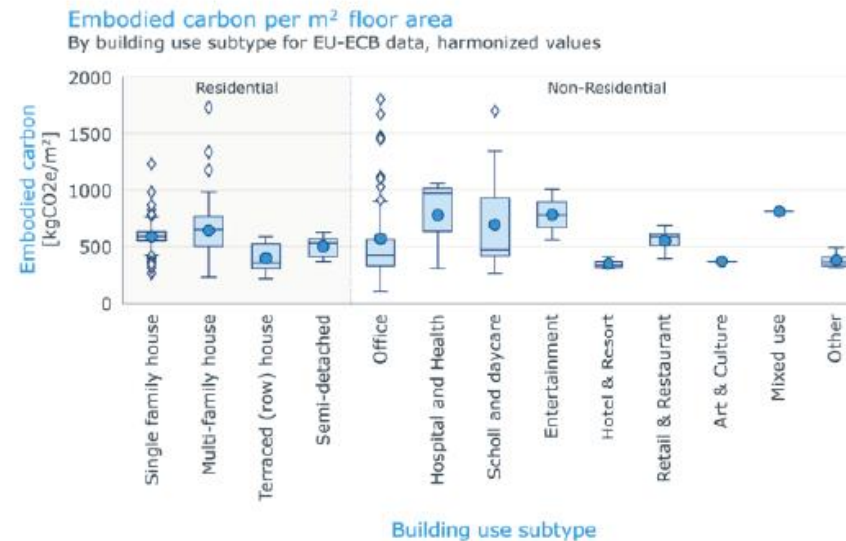
Challenges to benchmarking

Cross-Europe benchmarking hindered by lack of consistency of study scope, assessment methods, and documentation quality



Parts \ LCS	Non-residential		Residential	
	Full life cycle scope (PCMDW)	Limited life cycle scope (PMW)	Full life cycle scope (PCMDW)	Limited life cycle scope (PMW)
Full parts scope (GLEISA)	819.80	264.69	618.19	-
w/o Ground (LEISA)	810.00	-	481.63	-
w/o Internal (GLES)	-	-	599.19	-
w/o Appliances (GLEIS)	523.18	349.19	575.49	356.67
w/o Internal & Appliances (GLES)	-	404.50	-	-
w/o Services & Appliances (GLEI)	-	-	-	343.00

Dataset and scripts available



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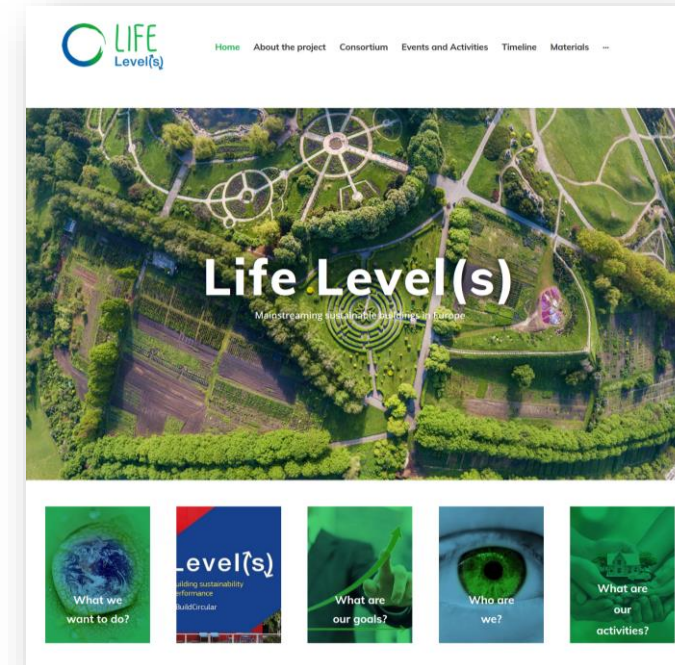


Röck and Sorensen, Embodied Carbon of European Buildings Database (EU-ECB-DB), 2022, <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6671558>

Data infrastructure and analytics

EU Level(s) framework

- Common EU sustainability reporting framework with wide applications
- Reporting standard for material QTO, Whole Life Carbon, and LCA results
- Options for adapting scope and assessment methods (Level 1/2/3)
- Results reported by building part (-1/-2) and by life cycle stage (EN 15978)



<https://lifelevels.eu/>

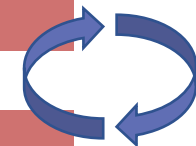
EU Level(s) framework

Building parts			Life cycle stages														
Level -1 (Elements)	Level -2 (Sub-elements)	Level -3 (Materials)	A1 - A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	(D)
Foundations (substructure)	Piles	[...]															
	Basements	-															
	Retaining walls	-															
Load bearing structural frame	Frame (beams, columns and slabs)	-															
	Upper floors	-															
	External walls	-															
	Balconies	-															
Non-load bearing elements	Ground floor slab	-															
	Internal walls, partitions and doors	-															
	Stairs and ramps	-															
Facades	External wall systems, cladding and shading devices	-															
	Facade openings (including windows and external doors)	-															
	External render	-															
Roof	Structure	-															
Parking facilities	Weatherproofing	-															
	Above ground and underground	-															
Fittings and furnishings	Sanitary fittings	-															
	Cupboards, wardrobes and worktops	-															
	Ceilings finish	-															
	Wall finish	-															
Drainage systems	Floor coverings and finishes	-															
	Drainage system	-															
Utilities	Connections and diversions	-															
	Substations and equipment	-															
Landscaping	Paving and other hard surfacing	-															
	Fencing, railings and walls	-															
In-built lighting system	Light fittings	-															
	Control systems and sensors	-															
Energy system	Heating plant and distribution	-															
	Cooling plant and distribution	-															
	Electricity generation and distribution	-															
Ventilation system	Air handling units	-															
	Ductwork and distribution	-															
Sanitary systems	Cold water distribution	-															
	Hot water distribution	-															
	Water treatment systems	-															
	Drainage system	-															
Other systems	Lifts and escalators	-															
	Firefighting installations	-															
	Communication and security installations	-															
	Telecoms and data installations	-															

EU Level(s) requirements to align with

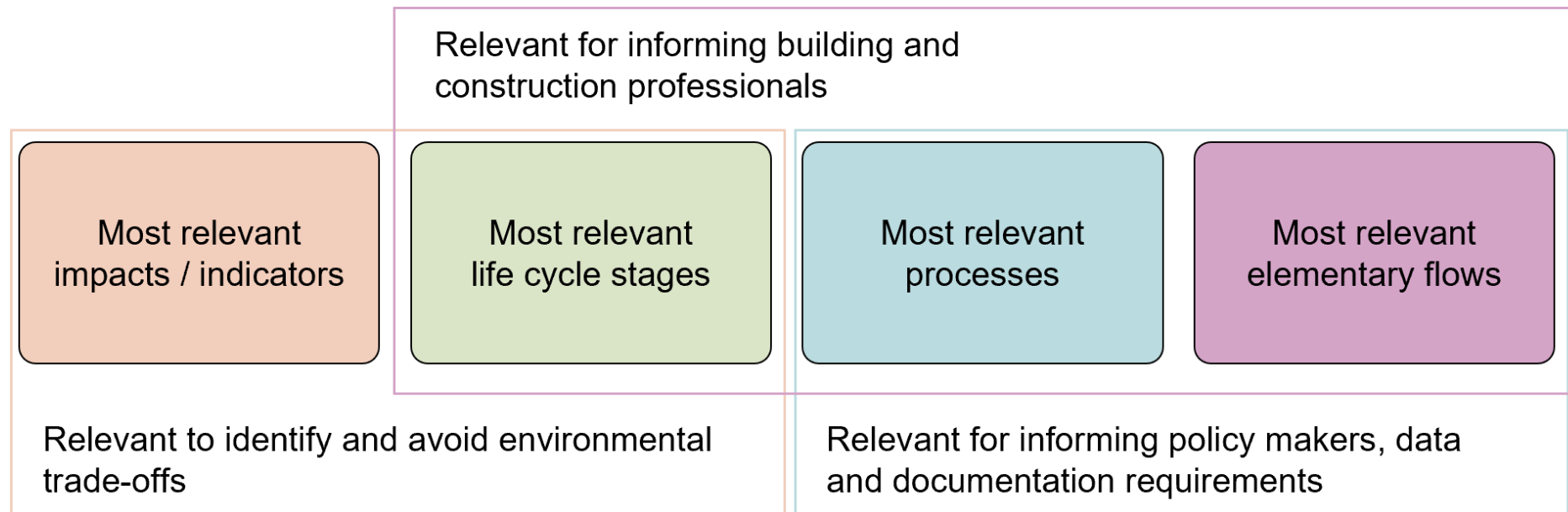
Adapt method to national needs

Reporting and benchmarking infrastructure

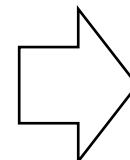
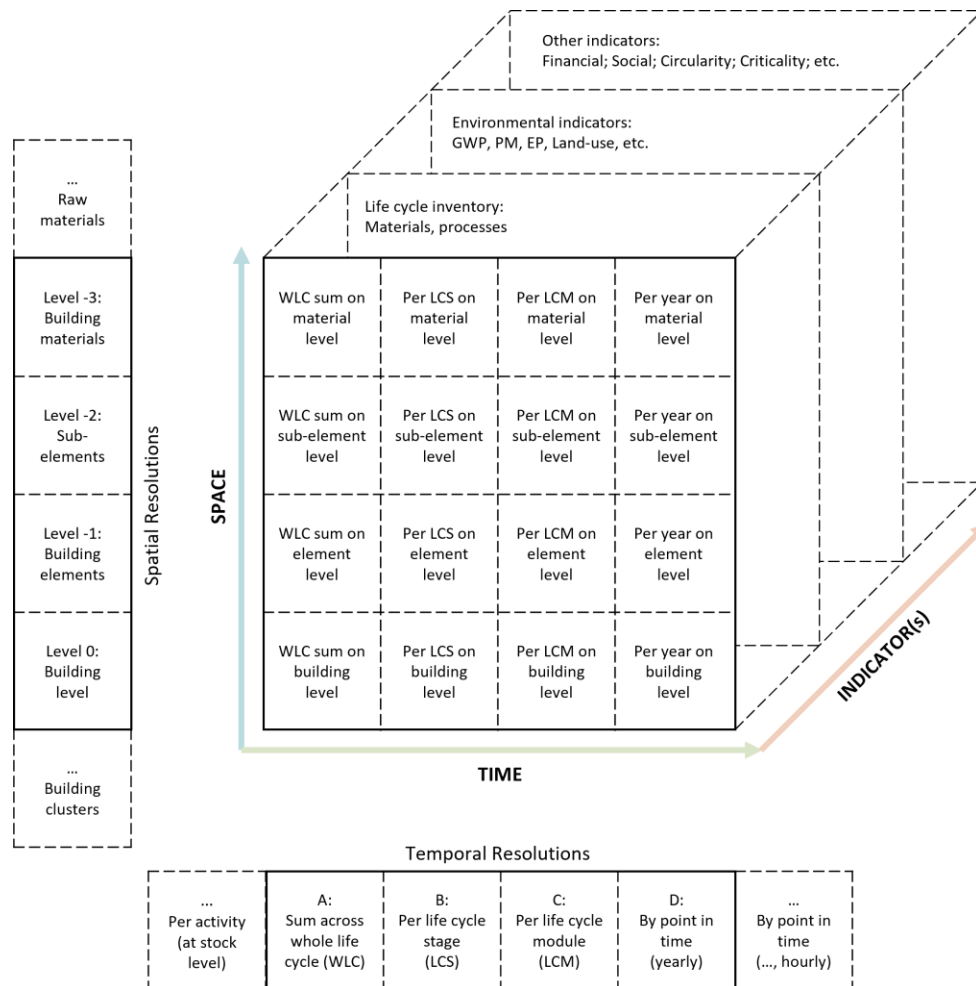


Hotspot analysis protocol

- Screening and analysis of environmental hotspots
 - Product/organizational environmental footprints (PEF/OEF)



SLiCE building data model



Spatial attributes (keys)					
Hierarchical building information modelling (element-method)					
[...]	Building	Element	Worksection	Construction material/product	[...]
-	Bldg A	Elem A	Wsec A	MatC A	-
-	Bldg A	Elem A	Wsec A	MatC B	-
-	Bldg A	Elem A	Wsec B	MatC A	-
-	Bldg A	Elem A	Wsec B	MatC C	-
-	Bldg A	Elem B	Wsec C	MatC D	-
-	Bldg A	Elem B	Wsec C	MatC E	-
-	Bldg A	Elem B	Wsec A	MatC A	-
-	Bldg A	Elem B	Wsec A	MatC B	-
-	[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	-

Temporal attributes (keys)					
Building life cycle stages/modules and point in time					
[...]	Life cycle stage	Life cycle module	Nested module	Point in time (year)	[...]
-	A - Production	A1	-	0	-
-	A - Production	A2	-	0	-
-	A - Production	A3	-	0	-
-	B - Use phase	B6	-	1	-
-	B - Use phase	B6	-	2	-
-	B - Use phase	B6	-	3	-
-	B - Use phase	B4	A1	15	-
-	B - Use phase	B4	A2	15	-
-	B - Use phase	B4	A3	15	-
-	[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	-

Indicator attributes (values)					
LCI amounts and LCIA results					
[...]	Material amount	Energy amount	Indicator GWP	Indicator PM	[...]
-	xx kg	-	xx kgCO2e	xx kgPM2,5e	-
-	-	yy kWh	yy kgCO2e	yy kgPM2,5e	-
-	zz kg	zz kWh	zz kgCO2e	zz kgPM2,5e	-
-	[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	-

SLiCE hotspot analysis tool

SLiCe – Hotspot Analysis Tool (Prototype)

Invitation to align and collaborate!

Settings

Load data

Select parameters

Hotspots_Analysis

Attribute object
element_name_mmg

Filter available options

- IW-LB01 Thoma
- IW-LB04 str-tim prefab
- IW-LB05 tim frame + hemcr bicks
- IF02 Thoma + EPS
- IF05 tim frame + str blown
- IF06 tim frame + hemcr fill
- FR01(CS2) Thoma + hemcr bicks
- FR01(CS3) Thoma + hemcr bicks
- FR04 tim frame + str bale
- FR06(CS2) tim frame + hemcr fill

Filter selected options

Filter selected options

- EW05 CLT + str blown
- EW09 1 tm frame (single) + str blown
- EW10.1 tm frame (single) + hem ins

Filter available options

- indicator_GWP
- indicator_old
- indicator_aci
- indicator_EP
- indicator_pot
- indicator_dare
- indicator_darf
- indicator_HTC
- indicator_HTnc
- indicator_PM

Filter selected options

Filter selected options

- A1-3
- A4
- A5
- C1
- C2
- C3
- C4
- B2.3
- B4.1
- B2.1

Weigh factor
WE_Central

Attribute lcs
LCS_M_1

Filter available options

Filter selected options

Attribute process
material_name_mmg

Threshold 80

Results

Most relevant indicators

Tables (abs, rel [ind, cum])

Index	element_name_mmg	Indicator categories	Indicator Results	Percentage	Cumulative Percentage
9	EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_PM	4.04	26.79	26.79
0	EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_GWP	3.08	20.40	47.19
18	EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_Juourb	3.01	19.99	67.19
8	EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_HTnc	2.00	13.28	80.47
3	EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_EP	1.08	7.20	87.67
7	EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_HTC	1.00	6.62	94.28
19	EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_Juoaqr	0.48	3.16	97.45
30	EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_Juofca	0.20	1.30	98.74

Plots (rel, abs)

Contributions from Most Important Indicators

Most relevant life cycle stages

Tables (abs, rel)

element_name_mmg	Impact categories	A1-3	A4	A5	B2.3	C1	C2	C3	C4
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_GWP	2.64	0.08	0.14	0.07	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.07
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_HTnc	-2.07	0.04	-0.10	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.05
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_Juourb	2.68	0.03	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_PM	3.58	0.03	0.18	0.17	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.06

Plots (rel, abs)

EW05 CLT + str blown

Most relevant processes

Tables

element_name_mmg	Impact categories	LCS_M_1	workfunction_name_mmg	Indicator Results
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_PM	A1-3	External wall - loadbearing Primary part Panel CLT (160 mm) Screened	2.74
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_HTnc	A1-3	External wall - loadbearing Primary part Panel CLT (160 mm) Screened	2.15
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_Juourb	A1-3	External wall - loadbearing Primary part Panel CLT (160 mm) Screened	2.04
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_GWP	A1-3	External wall - loadbearing Primary part Panel CLT (160 mm) Screened	1.48
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_GWP	A1-3	Wall - external finish Cladding Panel Cork (32-80 mm)	0.79
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_PM	A1-3	Wall - external finish Cladding Panel Cork (32-80 mm)	0.69
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_Juourb	A1-3	Wall - external finish Infrastructure Board Bituminised wood fibre (22 mm) Screened	0.58
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_PM	A1-3	Wall - external finish Thermal insulation Filler Straw (Blow in 160 mm) For cavity wall	0.26
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_Juourb	A1-3	Wall - external finish Thermal insulation Filler Straw (Blow in 160 mm) For cavity wall	0.21
EW05 CLT + str blown	indicator_GWP	A1-3	Wall - external finish Infrastructure Board Bituminised wood fibre (22 mm) Screened	0.20

Plots

EW05 CLT + str blown (Global warming)

Röck M. Building data models for scalable high-definition life cycle assessment – Metrics, methods, and models to support a regenerative built environment. KU Leuven, 2023.

What next?

Recommendations

- Collect/generate data for representative samples
 - Start by characteristics of building stock & new construction activity
- Extend scope of analysis and documentation requirements
 - Extend attributes, e.g., with structural design parameters
 - Align documentation template with Level(s) elements and materials
- Advance processing workflows and analytics
 - Interactive WLC dashboard for visual exploration
 - SLiCE data logic and hotspot analysis tool
- Support public & private stakeholders to advance WLC data

Q&A

Cocreation session

Representative buildings sample
and WLC data attributes

Outline

Representative sample and data attributes [40min]

- Approach for setting representative buildings sample [15 min]
- Defining relevant WLC attributes before collection [25 min]

What is our representative buildings sample?

- Which are the primary stakeholders addressed by the WLC data initiative towards benchmarking?
- Should the building cases be representative of all new construction, or a fraction relevant to stakeholders?
- What are relevant partners, data sources, e.g., to consult on statistical composition of building stock activities?

Discussion notes

- Use statistical data on most common materials, buildings
 - Residential have highest volume (materials, surface, budget)
 - Different typologies, SFH
- Regional differences
 - Construction culture, climate/energy, materials
- Local councils have typology definitions
 - Statistical profile of new construction shared to ministry
 - Data quality validation required
- Cost-effectiveness study EPBD; Tabula/Episcope?
- Data sources for non-residential buildings?

What is our representative buildings sample?

- Which building characteristics are representative?
 - Building typology (SFH, MFH, offices, ...)
 - Geometry and size (Floor area (interval), window-to-wall, ...)
 - Structure and materials (Structural requirements, spans, ...)
 - Seismic requirements,
 - Energy performance (Heating energy use, U-values, ...)
 - Climate zones...

- Which information is needed to make sense of results?
 - LCA database, LCIA method, scenarios, service lives, etc.

Archetype modelling

- Representation = Archetypes
 - Real world cases
 - Synthetic cases
- Pros and cons of both
 - Real: More 'realistic'
 - Synthetic: More 'adaptable'
- Synthetic archetypes
 - E.g., Belgium (EPBD cost-effective)
- Benefits of synthetic
 - Control constants/variables (e.g.)
 - Constant: Geometry, materials
 - Variable: Energy performance, systems, seismic requirements

Discussion notes

- Combination of synthetic and real cases
 - 50 synthetic, tuned to represent the regional differences
 - 10+ real cases collected from industry partners
 - Use data collection and analysis to assess method differences
 - Elaborate data collection and attributes bilaterally
- Question about number of climate regions
 - 5 climate regions required or inefficient?
 - Focus resources, e.g., on testing more typologies, materials?
- Archetypes available from national renovation strategy
 - Residential only, could inform INDICATE typology/geometry
 - Potential synergies for future WLC benchmarks of renovation

Which attributes to analyse?

1. **Brainstorm individually** [10 min]

- Write all attributes that come to mind - 1 sheet per attribute

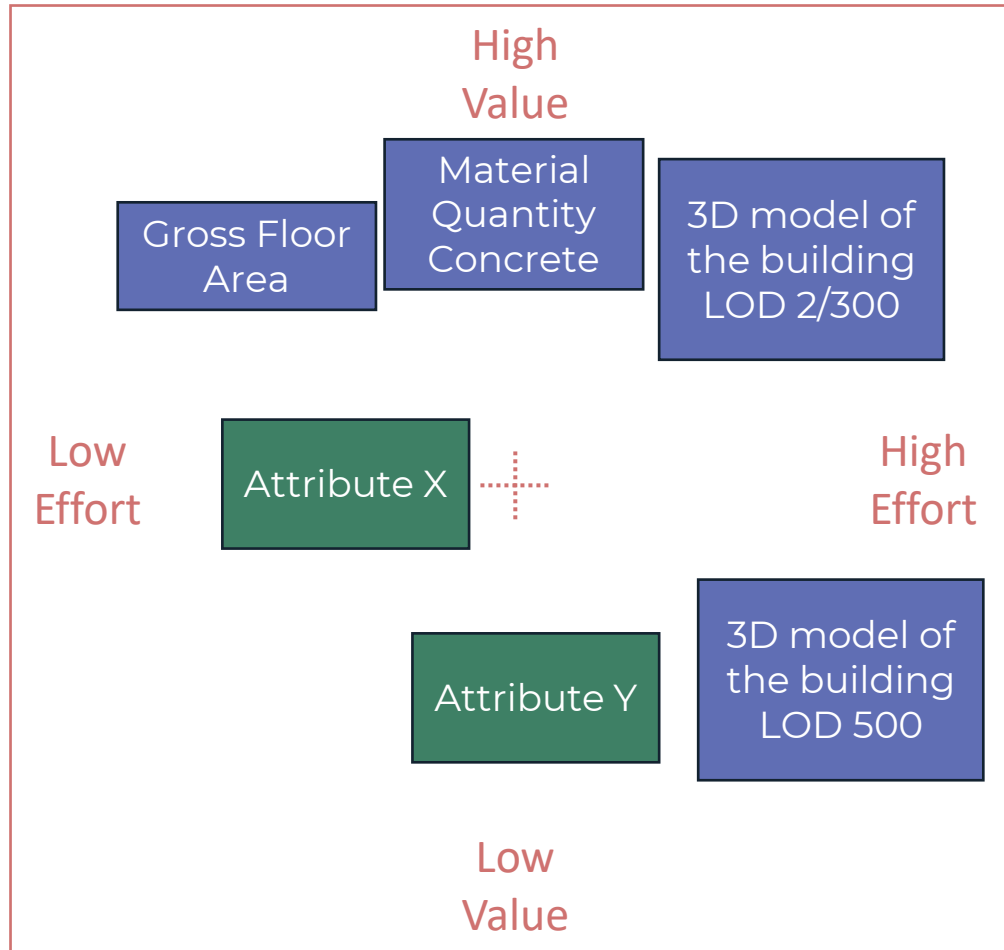
Infobox

- Try to be specific with attributes
 - Gross Floor Area
 - Material Quantity Concrete
 - ...
 - 3D Model LOD 300

Which attributes to analyse?

1. Brainstorm individually [10 min]
 - Write all attributes that come to mind - 1 sheet per attribute
2. **Systematically evaluate** [10 min]
 - Set up value/effort matrix (on table, on board)
 - Place cards and move until equilibrium – in silence!

Value / Effort Matrix



Infobox

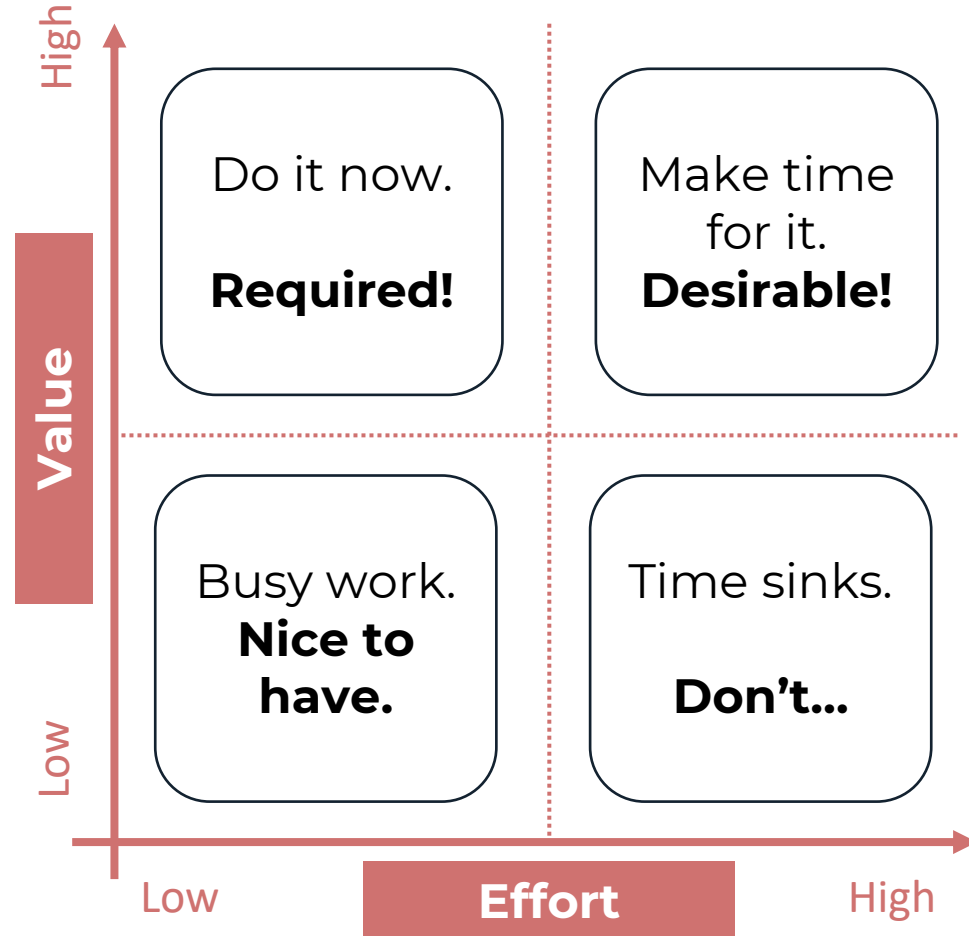
- Cards can move back and forth, if needed
 - Don't fight, seek common ground
- Multiple mentions of same attribute are OK
 - Can be combined or separate

Which attributes to analyse?

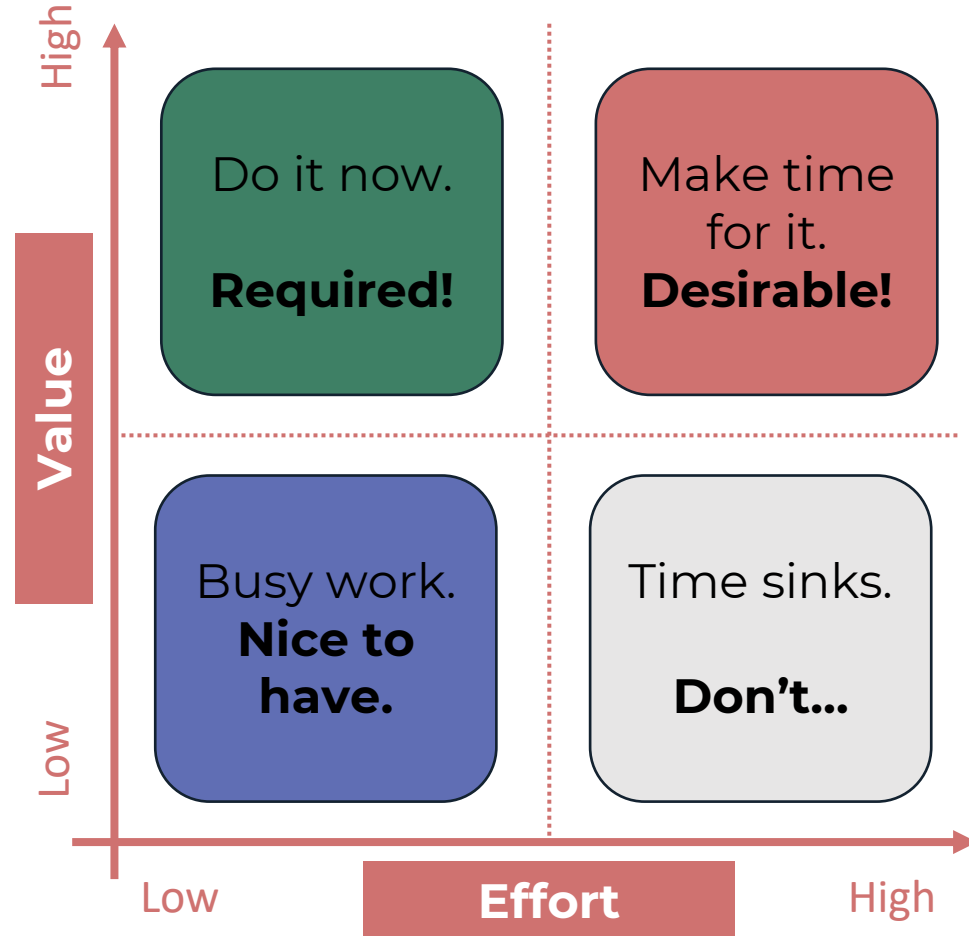
1. Brainstorm individually [10 min]
 - Write all attributes that come to mind - 1 sheet per attribute
2. Systematically evaluate [10 min]
 - Set up value/effort matrix (on table, on board)
 - Place cards and move until equilibrium – in silence!
3. **Discuss outcomes and implications** [10 min]
 - What un/expected outcomes do we see?
 - How can we obtain the relevant data?

Photo!

Value / Effort Matrix



Value / Effort Matrix



Information / documentation requirements

- Required!** = Minimum
- + Nice to have.** = Standard
- + Desirable!** = Advanced

Next steps

- Implement attributes to data collection template (DCT)
- Continue definition of representative sample and cases
- Advance on WLC data collection or modelling
- Proceed with processing, analysis and benchmarking
- ...

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Defining a national WLC implementation approach

Presentation and workshop



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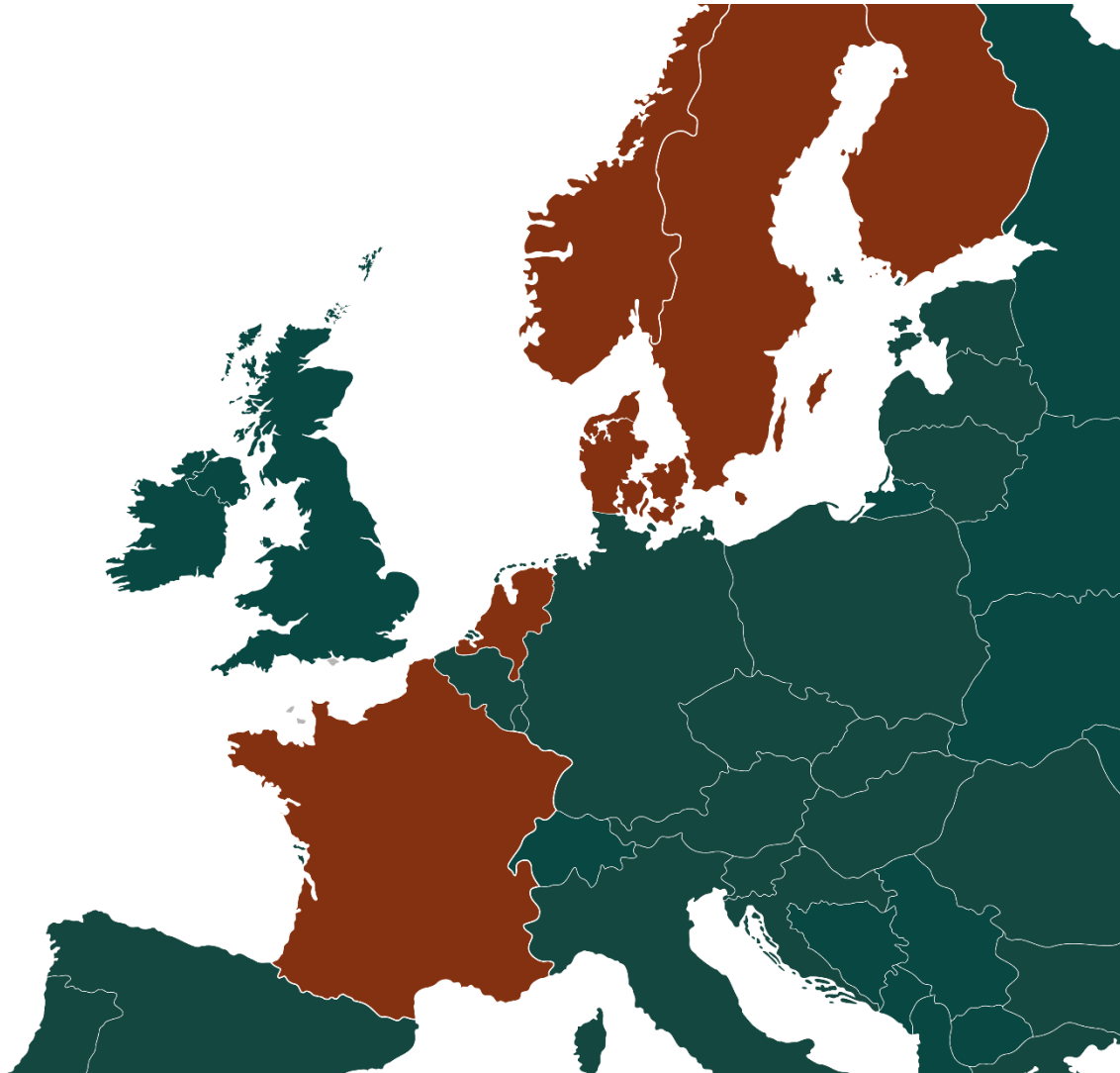


Agenda input

- Frontrunners
- Building Blocks for WLC regulation
- Starting point
- Challenges and opportunities

EU Update

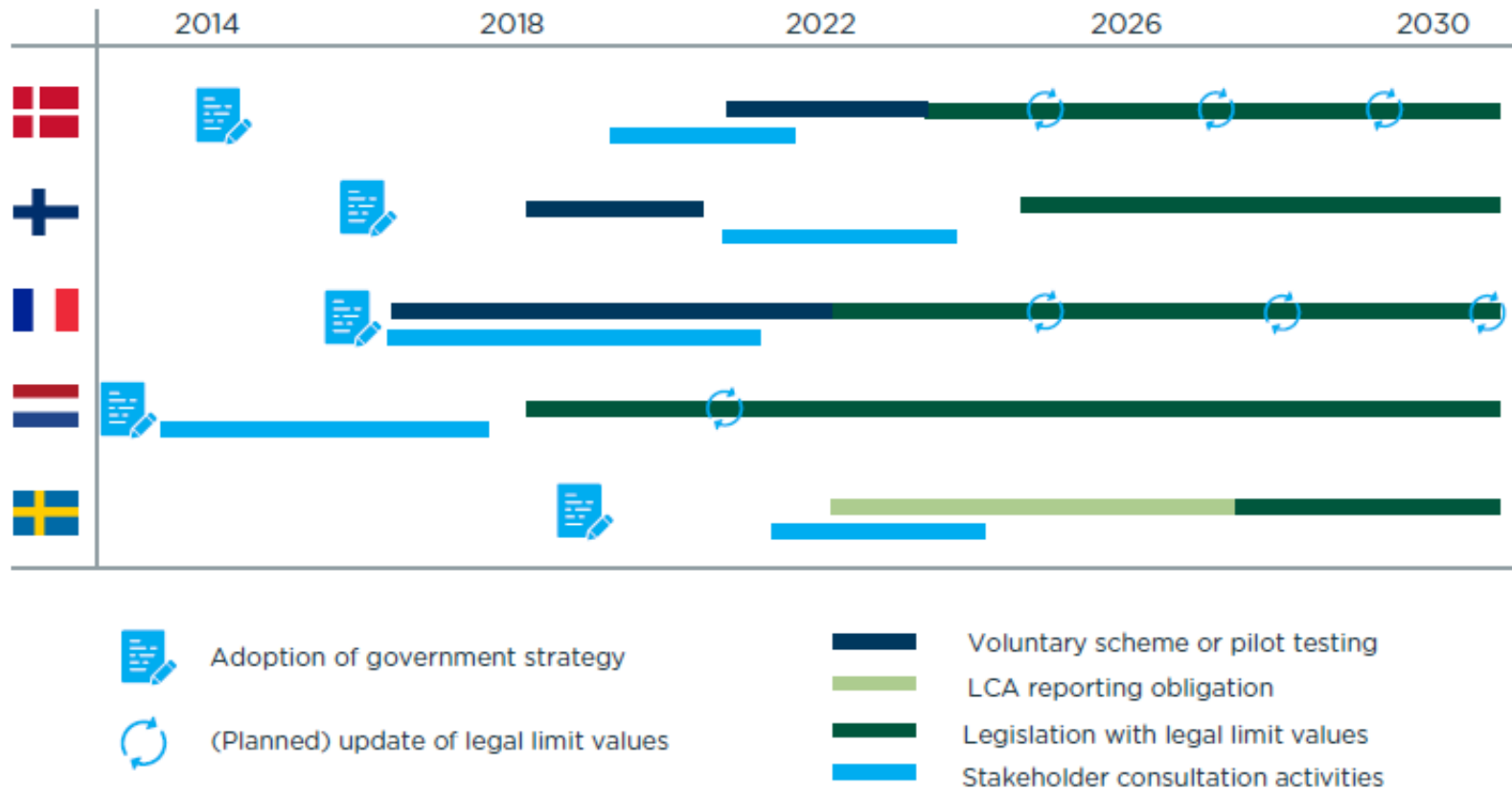
- Not if, but how to regulate WLC
- Comprehensive EU WLC reporting requirements coming soon
- Data is not yet accurate, but we need action more than precision
- Start measuring, share data and build capacity on WLC data collection and baseline analysis for ensuring future target compliance
- Frontrunner countries have the support of the EU



Leading EU Member States

- 2012 Netherlands (Documentation 2012; limit value 2018)
- France (2021)
- Sweden (2022 Documentation)
- Norway (2022 Dokumentation)
- Denmark (2022)
- Finland (2023)
- *Germany, UK, Switzerland (WLC requirements for public buildings)*

Frontrunner countries: „key ingredients“



Key ingredients:

- Government strategy
- Stakeholder engagement
- Voluntary scheme / pilot testing
- Gradual implementation of legislation

Example DK: process (I)



Example DK: process (II)



National hearing
(5 weeks)

EU Notification
(3 month)

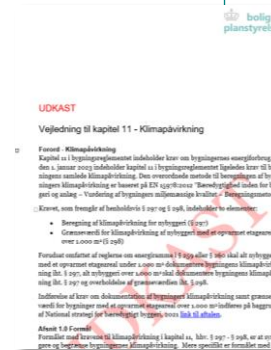
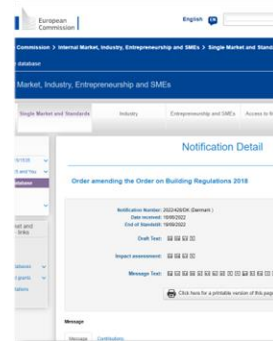
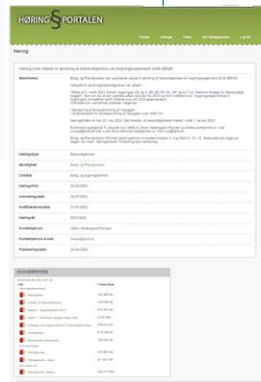
Guidance on
regulation is
being developed
in collaboration
with industry

Limit values for
CO2-eq. are part
of the Danish
Building
Regulation

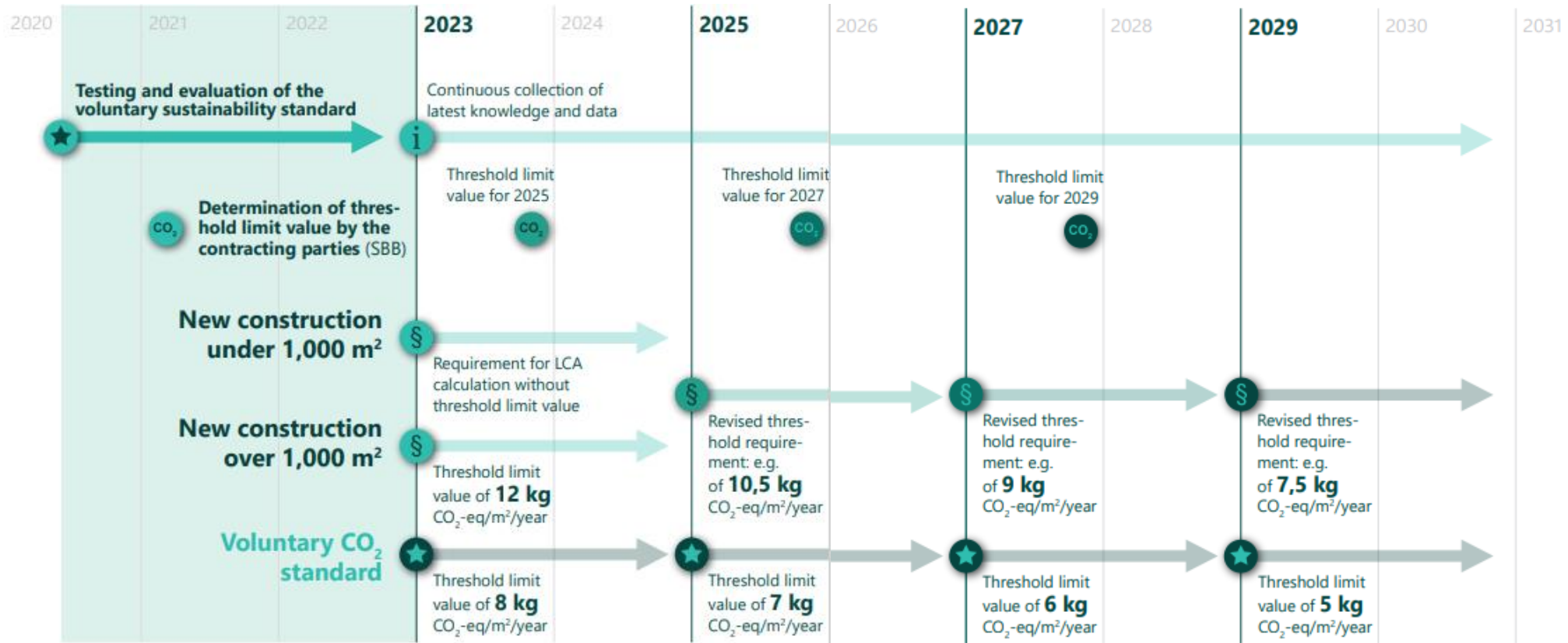
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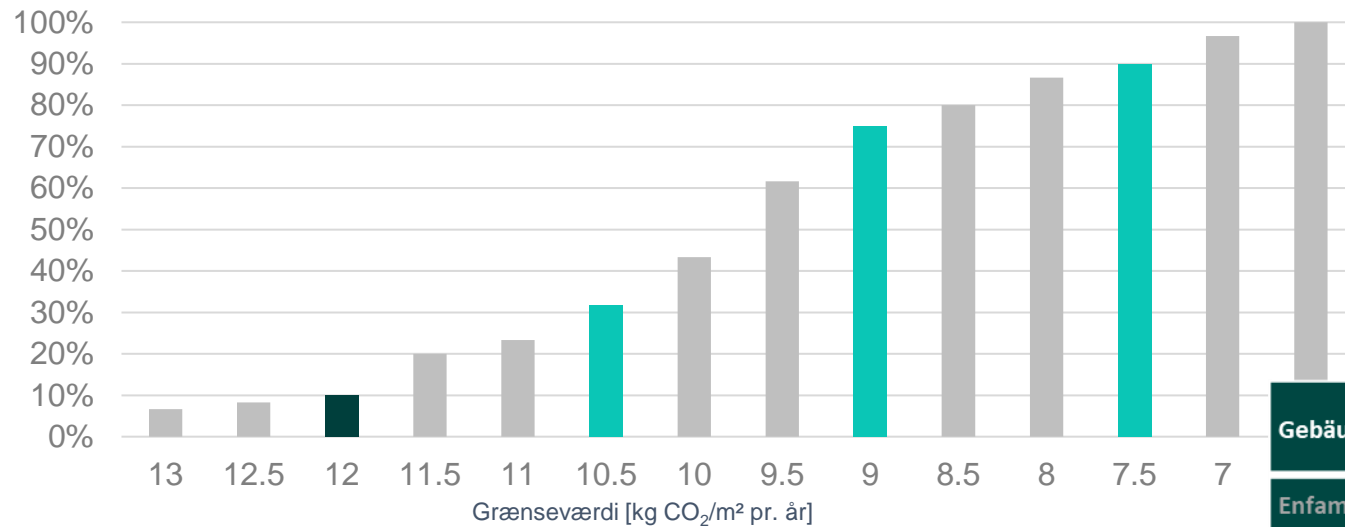
Definition of the
regulation is
developed



Example DK: Outlook



Example DK: gradual implementation



How many buildings need to comply with the limit value?

Share of buildings below the limit value (from reference analysis of 60 buildings)

Gebäude pro. Jahr	Unter 1000 m ²	Über 1000 m ²	Insgesamt
Enfamiliehuse	4.109	0	4.109
Rækkehuse	529	2	531
Etageboliger	264	210	474
Produktionsbygninger	939	176	1.125
Kontor og handel	507	156	662
Kultur, sundhed, idræt, undervisning	167	44	210
Gesamt (Anzahl)	6.515	597	7.112
Gesamt (m²/Jahr)	1.676.781	1.944.102	3.621.205

Example DK: other success factors / good practice

- Nordic Co-operation



- Knowledge Centre on the Climate Impacts of Buildings

Nordic Harmonisation of Life Cycle Assessment

Harmonisation, regulation, digitalisation, limit values, climate reporting.

Circular Business Models and Procurement

Circularity in the construction industry and for public developer through capacity building.

Sustainable Construction Materials and Architecture

Opportunities and barriers to using wood and other biobased construction materials.

Emission-free Construction Sites

Diminishing emissions

Programme Secretariat and Activities for Increased Reuse of Construction Materials

Videncenter om Bygningers Klimapåvirkninger

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Briefly about the requirements

What should be recognized?

Schedule

Quiz yourself on the requirements

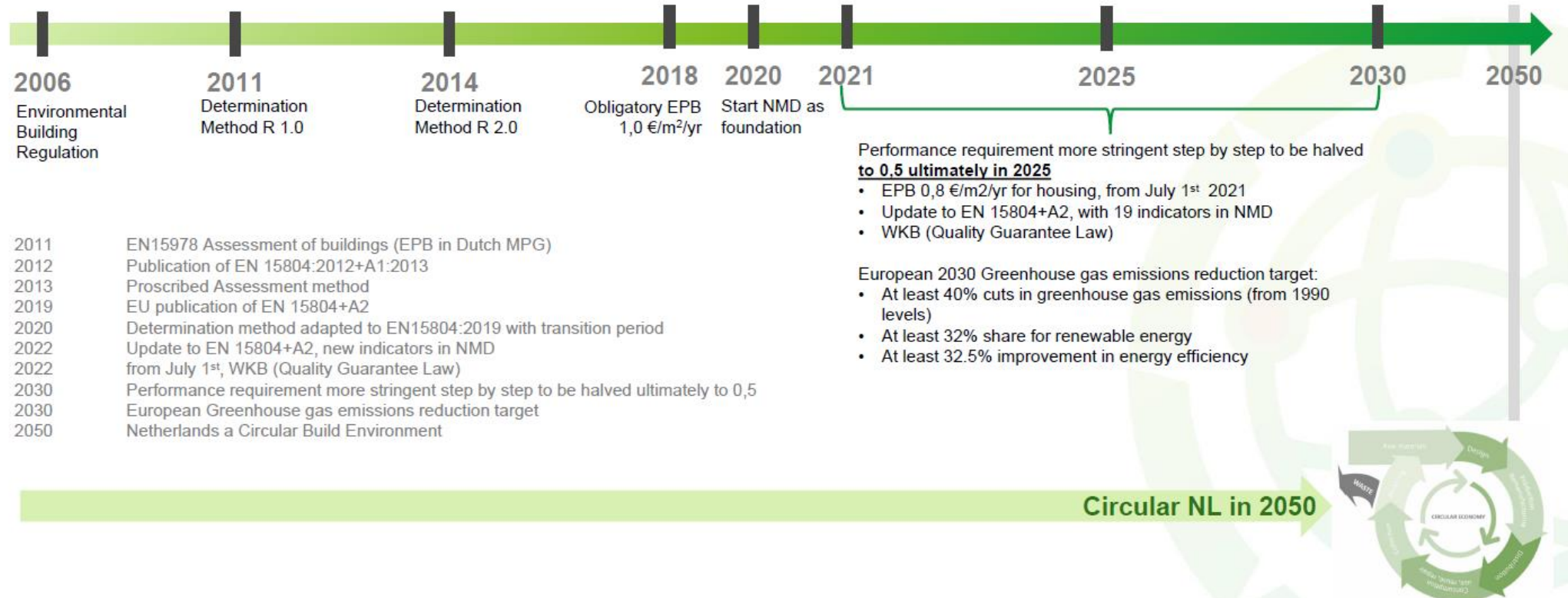
The voluntary sustainability class

The Netherlands: Process

Time Line



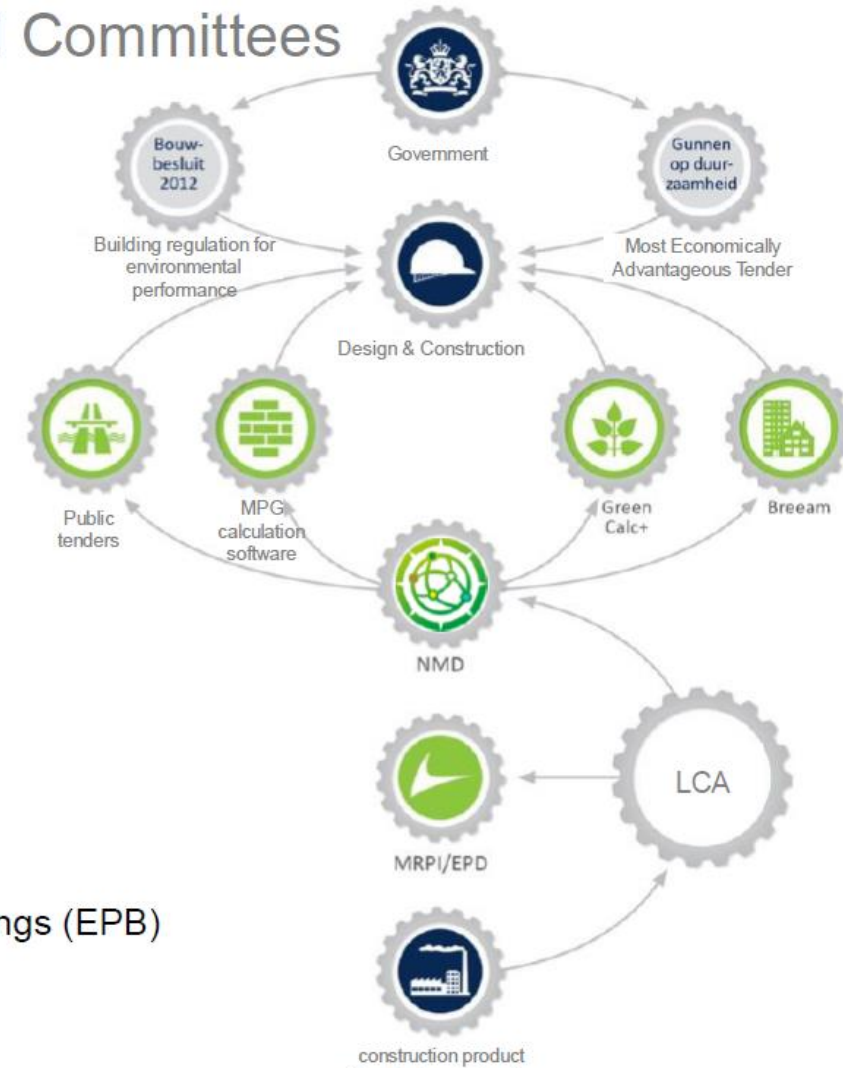
The road to buildings decarbonization in The Netherlands



The Netherlands: policy landscape

NMD Organization and Committees

Public-Private process



Building regulation

Product database

Prescribed assessment method

Environmental Performance of Buildings (EPB)

The Netherlands: practice

- Consultation ongoing to sharpen the Energy Performance of Buildings value to 0,5 in 2025 – outcome expected in June
- Monetary value (€/m²/year) widely used in public procurement

FINLAND - Timeline

2017

- CO2 limit values for buildings in low carbon construction roadmap*

2019

- Agreement climate neutrality 2035
- Nordic agreement harmonization LCA approach for buildings

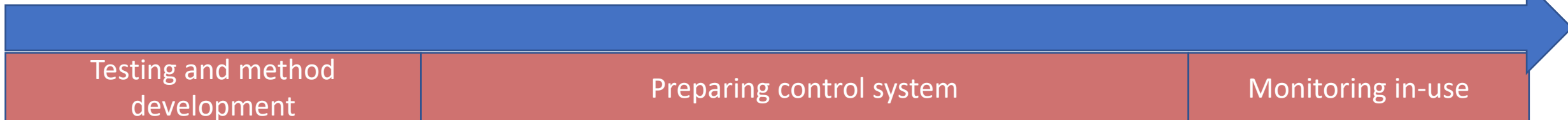
2021-2022

- Legislative preparations**
- Draft Legislative proposal
- Public hearings (1 & 2)

2023

- Land use and Construction Act reform approved – WLC regulation to follow

01-2025



Testing and method development

- Control system impact assessments
- Development of the carbon footprint calculation model and emissions database
- Know-how and tools
- Testing in public construction projects and in the private sector

Preparing control system

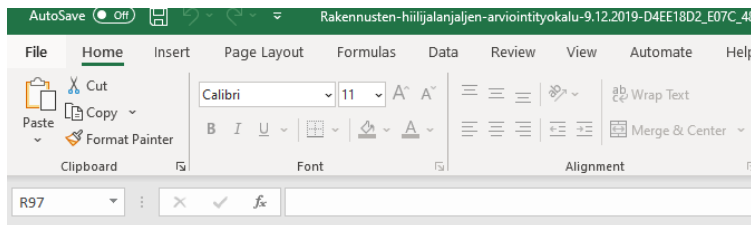
- Preparation of regulatory guidance and possible incentives
- Connection to planning and energy management
- Expansion of pilot projects
- Preparation of building emission data monitoring and statistics

Monitoring in-use

- Possible notification obligation before binding limit values
- The building base can be connected to the control in stages
- Monitoring the emission data of the building stock

FINLAND – Policy landscape

- Calculation tool (.xls)
- Emission database (together with Sweden)



Rakennusten hiilijalanjäljen arviointityökalu

Luonnos hiilijalanjäljen arvioinnin testausta varten 9.12.2019

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PAIKALLAVALUBETONI JA RAUDOITTEET

Betoniteräs	0.474	kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta
Valmisbetoni C35 (portland)	0.146	kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta
Valmisbetoni C35 (seossementti)	0.127	kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta
Valmisbetoni C50 (portland)	0.175	kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta
Valmisbetoni C80 (Portland)	0.210	kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta

PIIHA JA POHJARAKENTEET

Betoniantura ja -perustus (sis.raudoitteet)	0.160	kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta
EPDM-matto (synteettinen kumi)	2.694	kgCO ₂ e/kg	30
Kevytsora	0.459	kgCO ₂ e/kg	Ei vaihdeta



Emissions database for construction

Welcome to the open, free-of-charge emissions database for construction. The service presents average emissions data on construction products used in Finland and on construction processes and services. The aim is to harmonise the calculation of the climate impacts of buildings throughout their lifecycle and, through this, to promote low-carbon construction.

Emissions data has been compiled on readily accessible summary pages, but you can also read more detailed background studies. At first the service is available in English. Content in Finnish and Swedish will be included later on.

The responsibility for maintaining and developing the database rests with the Finnish Environment Institute SYKE, commissioned by the Ministry of the Environment.

More information about CO₂data-service.

The development of the services continues - your feedback is welcome.

What is it all about? [Frequently asked questions.](#)

Category > Solid wood > Heat treated planed timber for outdoor use

Version 1.00.008, 2022-12-06

Heat treated planed timber for outdoor use

1.2 kg CO₂e /kg

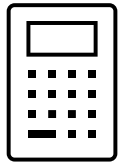
CONSERVATIVE VALUE FOR BUILDING PERMIT CALCULATIONS, GWP (A1-A3)

Lämpökäsittely höyläpuu ulkokäyttöön

- Collaboration with 100+ industry experts
- Based on existing public information from various sources (RTS EPD, EPD Norge, IBU)*
- Comparison, selection and calculation of averages
- No product specific data
- Three waves of testing – supported with subsidies / beta testing Level(s)

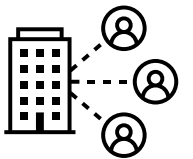
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- Assessment method based on Level(s) and EN standards
- Software tools: free tool + market approach (e.g. OCLCA)
- Lessons for method and database development
 - Align with building design practice – user friendly, which stage of the design process is this relevant (permit/delivery) and what precision of data is necessary?
 - Link to digitalization and BIM to avoid redundant work
 - Importance of verification – different consultants and tools should be tested
 - Assessment of different databases – what is required? How to structure the data?
 - Challenge: get small projects online without increasing administrative burden



FINLAND

- Importance international collaboration
 - Nordic Co-Operation
 - Relief to consult government officials with similar struggles
- Stakeholder engagement
 - Empathic approach – understanding concerns is essential
 - Inform in advance – now there is time to adjust
 - Offer subsidies to tackle problems
 - Limit values as enforcement method for laggards



Sweden

2015

- Analysis: what is the WLC-state of affairs among industry – is there a need for regulation?

2017

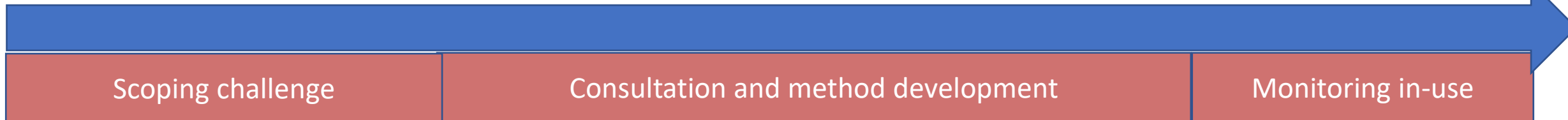
- Request to propose a calculation method for climate impact of construction products (A1-5)

2020

- Proposal for a roadmap and limit values
- Assignment to facilitate introduction of legislation

2022

- Launch Database
- Climate register
- Obligation of climate declarations



Scoping challenge

Consultation and method development

Monitoring in-use

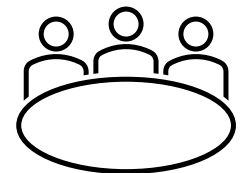
2018

- Method to calculate environmental impact (A1-5)

- Assessment on integrating additional life cycle modules
- Updating calculation methods
- More data

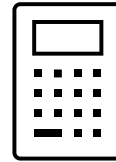
Sweden

- Lessons for stakeholder engagement
 - Lawyer involved in drafting legislation – how to make it simple? What are the costs?
 - Cost-benefit studies to find balance between reliability and limited administrative burden
 - Public hearings
 - Focus groups with SMEs, software developers, municipalities, architects,
 - Capacity building and information sharing among SMEs – the ones without large internal capacity (handbook, webinars, big campaigns, introductory courses)
 - Focus on limited administrative burden
 - Sound scientific basis – essential to counter opposition (specific industry)



Sweden

- Assessment method based on EN standards and aligned with Level(s)
- Software tool & Database



The construction sector's environmental calculation tool

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The construction sector's environmental calculation tool

The building sector's environmental calculation tool, BM, is an industry-wide tool for climate calculation of buildings.

The tool is based on life cycle analysis methodology according to EN 15804 and EN 15978 and enables a non-expert to produce a climate calculation of a building. With the tool, you can calculate how much climate impact different buildings have and how emissions can be reduced through changed material choices and production methods. The calculation can be used to comply with the Act on climate declaration for buildings, Miljöbyggnad's requirements for

Climate database from Boverket

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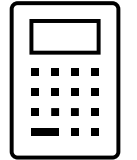
Energy services

[Energy and fuel](#)

Sweden

- Challenges

- New government – is there still ambition in the ministry?
- Short time frame – did not allow space for proper method development and stakeholder engagement
- Lacking data for installations / environmental data (EPDs)



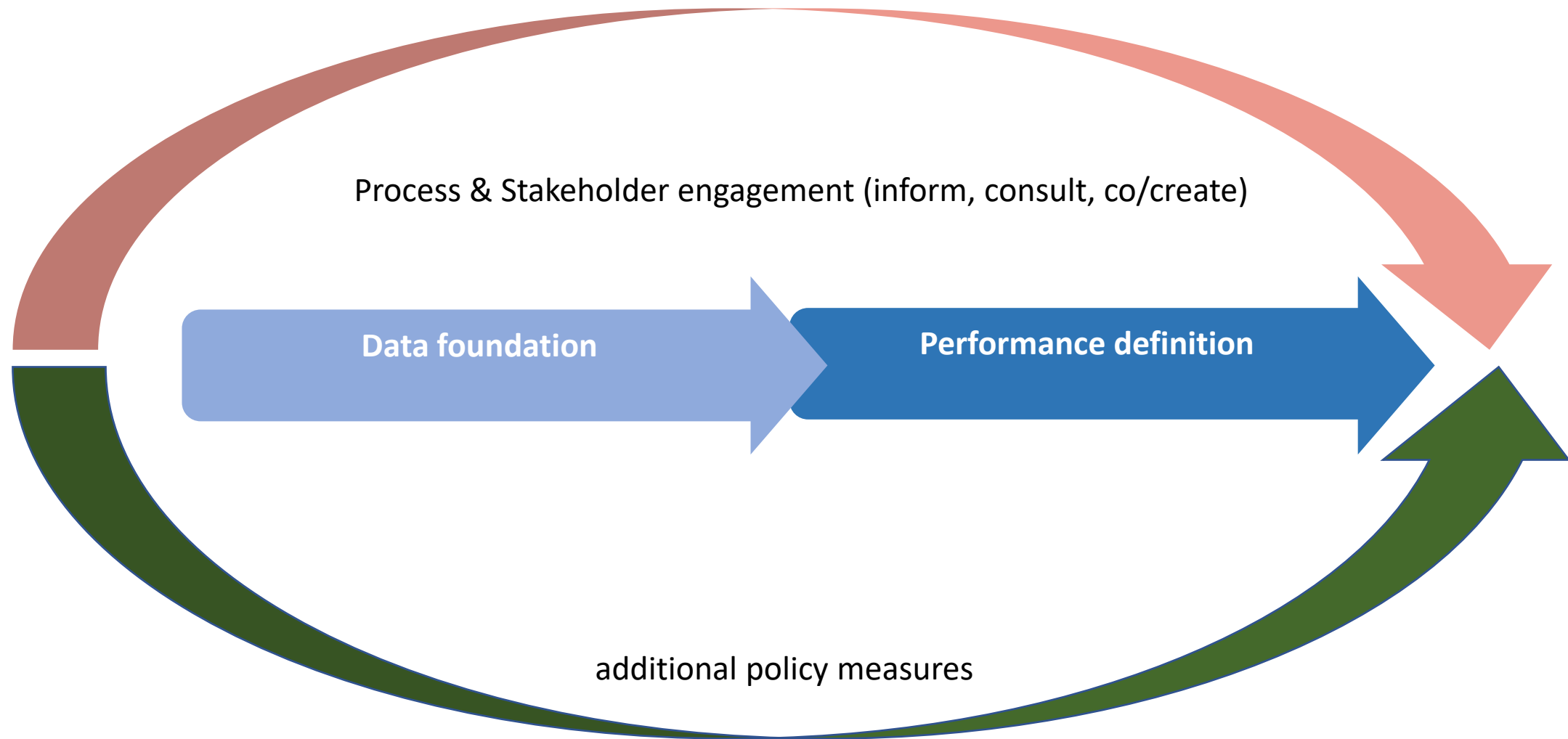
- Impact assessment and report on legislation being prepared since 2022

- June : options to implement limit values starting in 2025
- Including other life-cycle modules
- August: public hearing

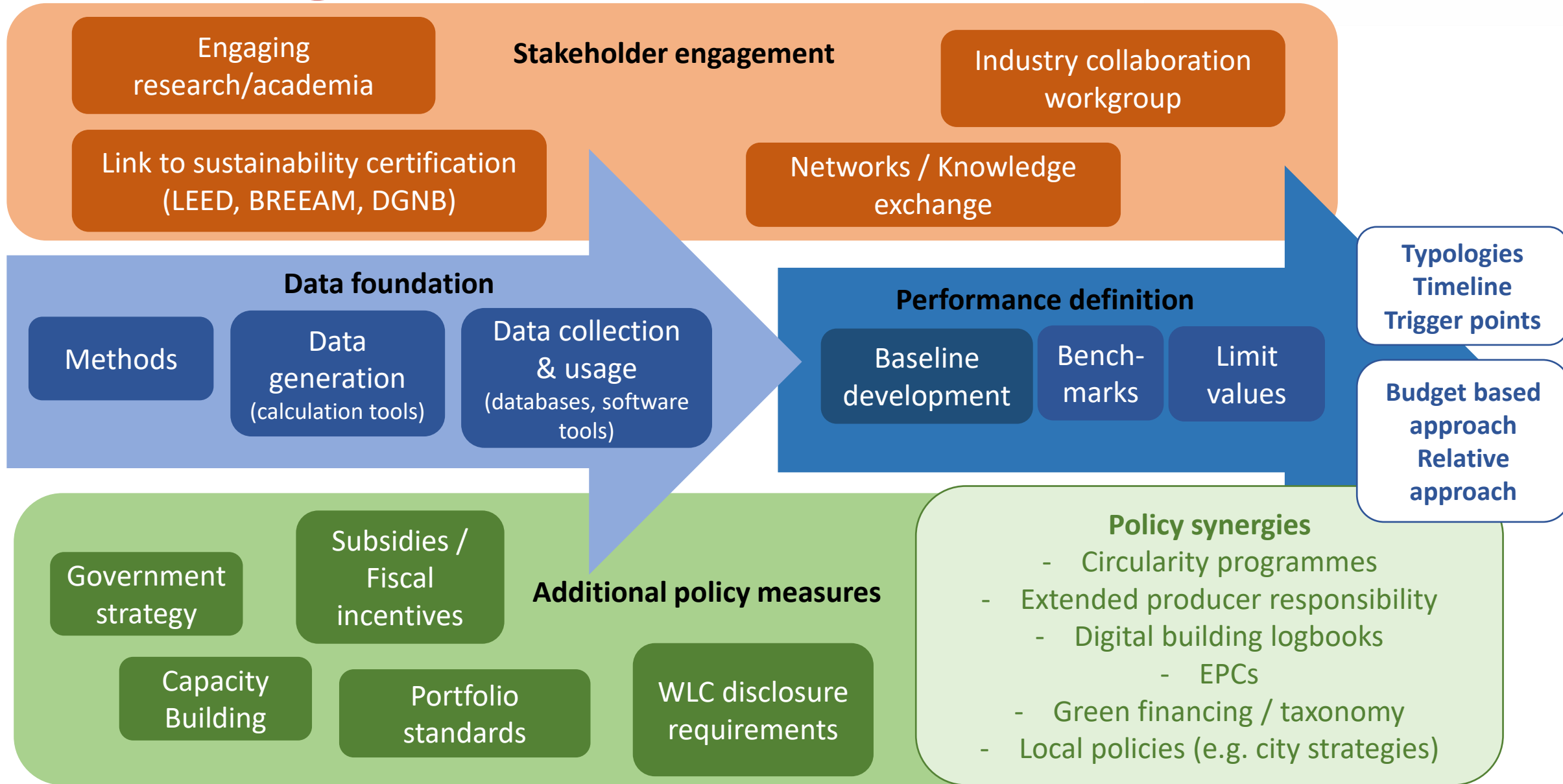


- Significant increase in EPDs since law implementation

Elements of the Toolbox



Building blocks of the toolbox **INDICATE**



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Design Sprint Prague, Czechia

Comms workplan, WorldGBC

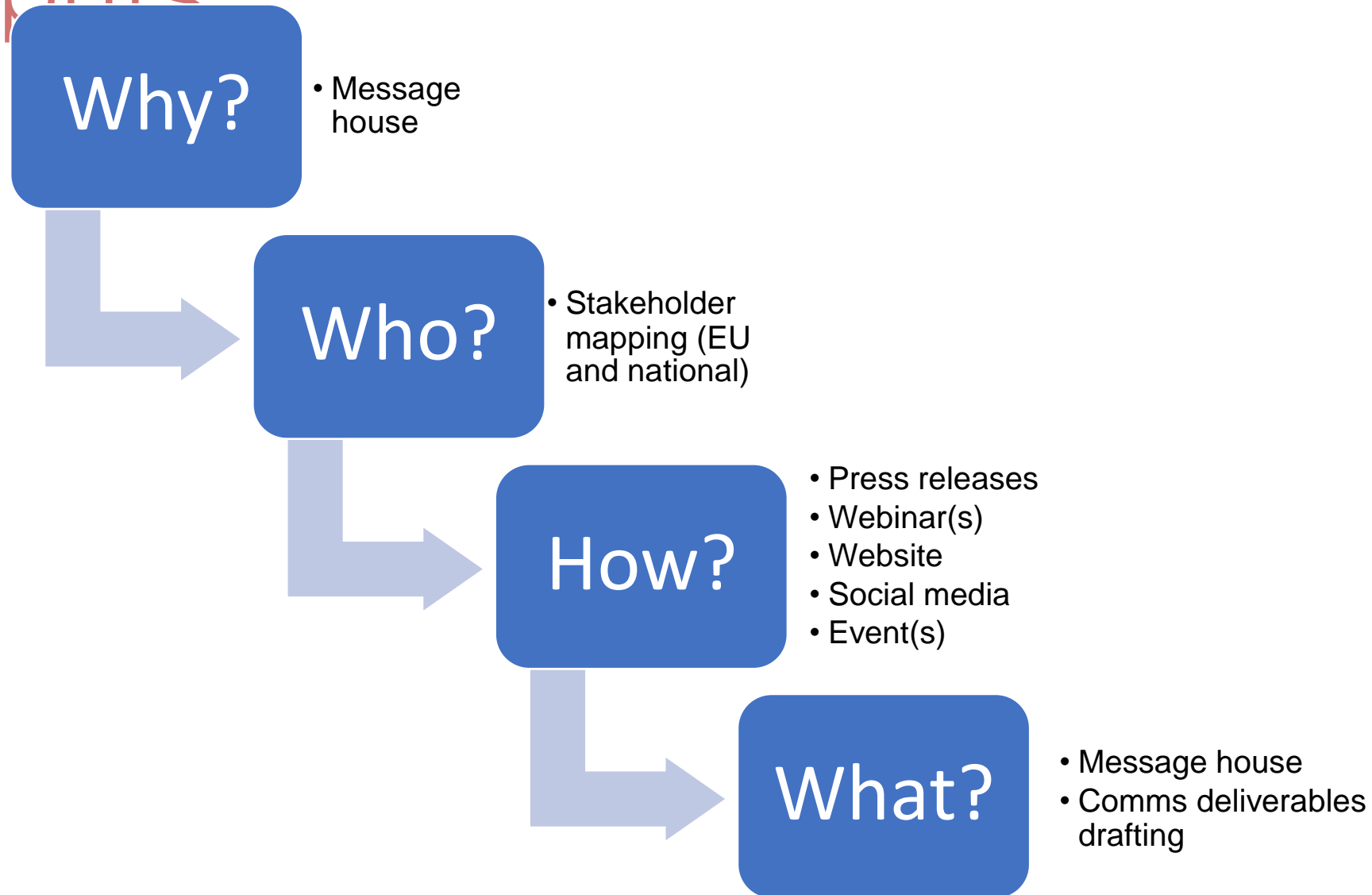


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Comms strategy and outputs



Why? Message House

INDICATE is meeting one of the most fundamental challenges to decarbonise buildings – the lack of data! Our unique co-creation approach ensures the data generated will have the necessary buy-in to accelerate both industry and policy action.

Relevance:

- Tackling the climate-crisis demands rapid decarbonisation of the whole lifecycle of buildings. Frontrunners in industry are taking action but moving the whole sector will take robust policy
- Policy and industry change is still being held up by the lack of data to set baselines and targets - INDICATE will directly solve this barrier
- National partnerships will be forged between industry, academia and national Government
- This co-creation approach promises to ensure the stakeholders that will then act on the data and outcomes to accelerate policy and industry change

Evidence:

- WorldGBC's extensive stakeholder consultations reveal lack of data as a critical barrier to both political and industry action on whole life carbon
- Relying on industry frontrunners alone is not enough – policy is essential to reach scale
- Analysis of the few countries that have enacted WLC policies shows:
 - developing baseline data is a key first step
 - Data needs to be trusted by those who will use it
 - Co-creation and collaboration between public sector, private sector and academia offers the most promising way to secure that buy-in

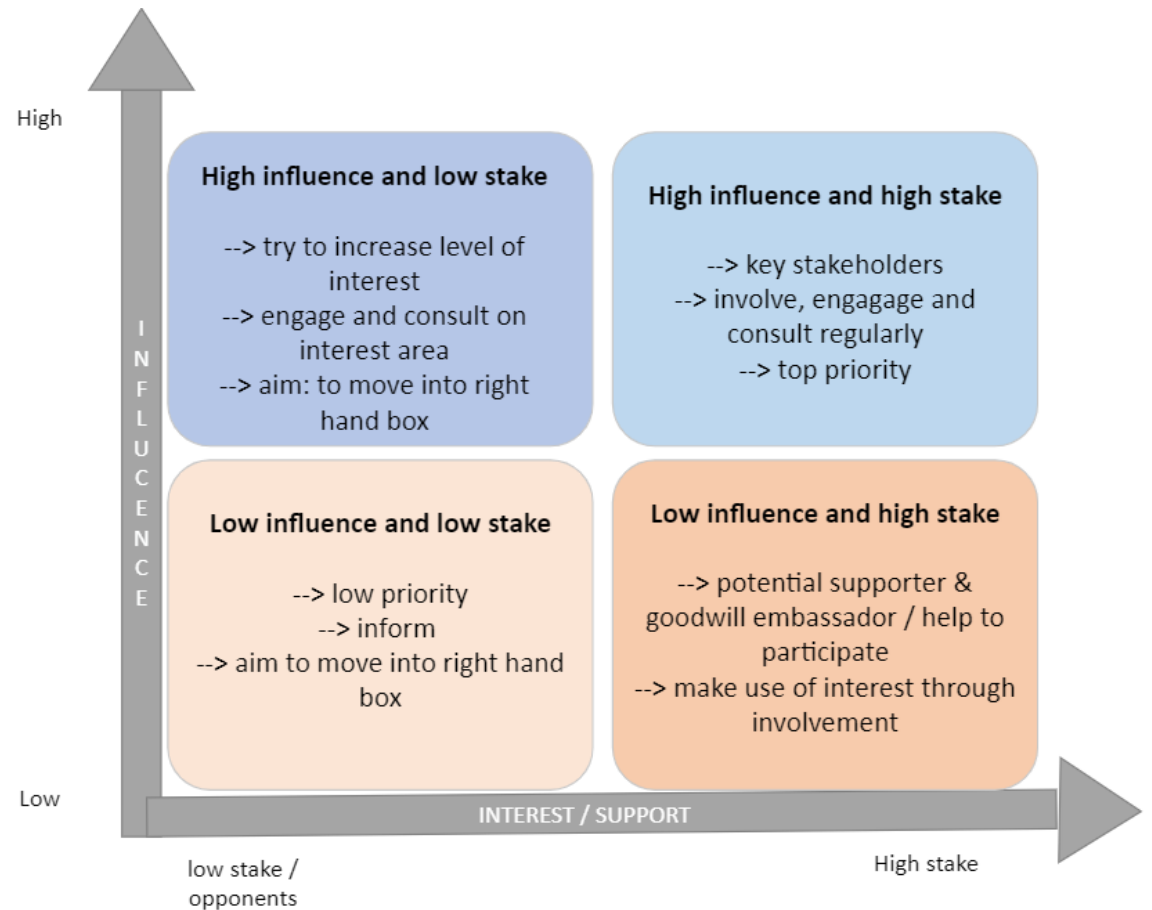
Action:

- Everyone can contribute to improving the availability of data!
- Suppliers and manufacturers can ensure they provide Environmental Product Declarations for all their products
- Developers and designers can request EPDs for all products and ensure WLC assessments are performed and published for all their projects
- Public sector and political leaders can support by committing to enact WLC policy and engaging with stakeholders to find the best data and start to develop baselines.

- [Bringing embodied carbon upfront](#), WorldGBC, 2019
- <https://annex72.iea-ebc.org/>
- [Roadmap to climate-proof buildings and construction – How to embed whole-life carbon in the EPBD](#), BPIE, 2022
- [EU policy models for reducing whole-life carbon of buildings](#), Ramboll, 2022
- [EU Policy Whole Life Carbon Roadmap](#), WorldGBC, 2022

Who? Stakeholder mapping

- Identify most relevant stakeholders (public, private, research)
- Locate on the Influence-Interest map
- Discuss their position & arguments
- Which stakeholders communicate with each other?



How? Comms strategy and outputs

Press Release

- To be released asap – date to be agreed w all partners
- , 1x press release and comms push by all partners

Webpage

- To be launched alongside press release
- Consist of simple landing-page and general communication templates for national initiatives such as a basic logo, typeface and PowerPoint and whitepaper/brief report template

Webinars & Events

- 1x virtual launch event (webinar) to showcase selected countries with keynote from a frontrunner country
- 1x Hybrid Brussels-based closing-event to showcase results, 1x press release and comms push by all partners, potential
- Leverage other events like COP or similar, where WGBC has a platform, to promote

What? Comms plan

- Q1 2023:
 - Website launch –ASAP
 - Press release announcing countries
 - Events planning
- Q2 2023
 - Launch webinar
 - National comms planning
- Q3 2023
 - Planning stakeholder engagement towards phase 2

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Operational support and next steps

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Partner, Smith Innovation



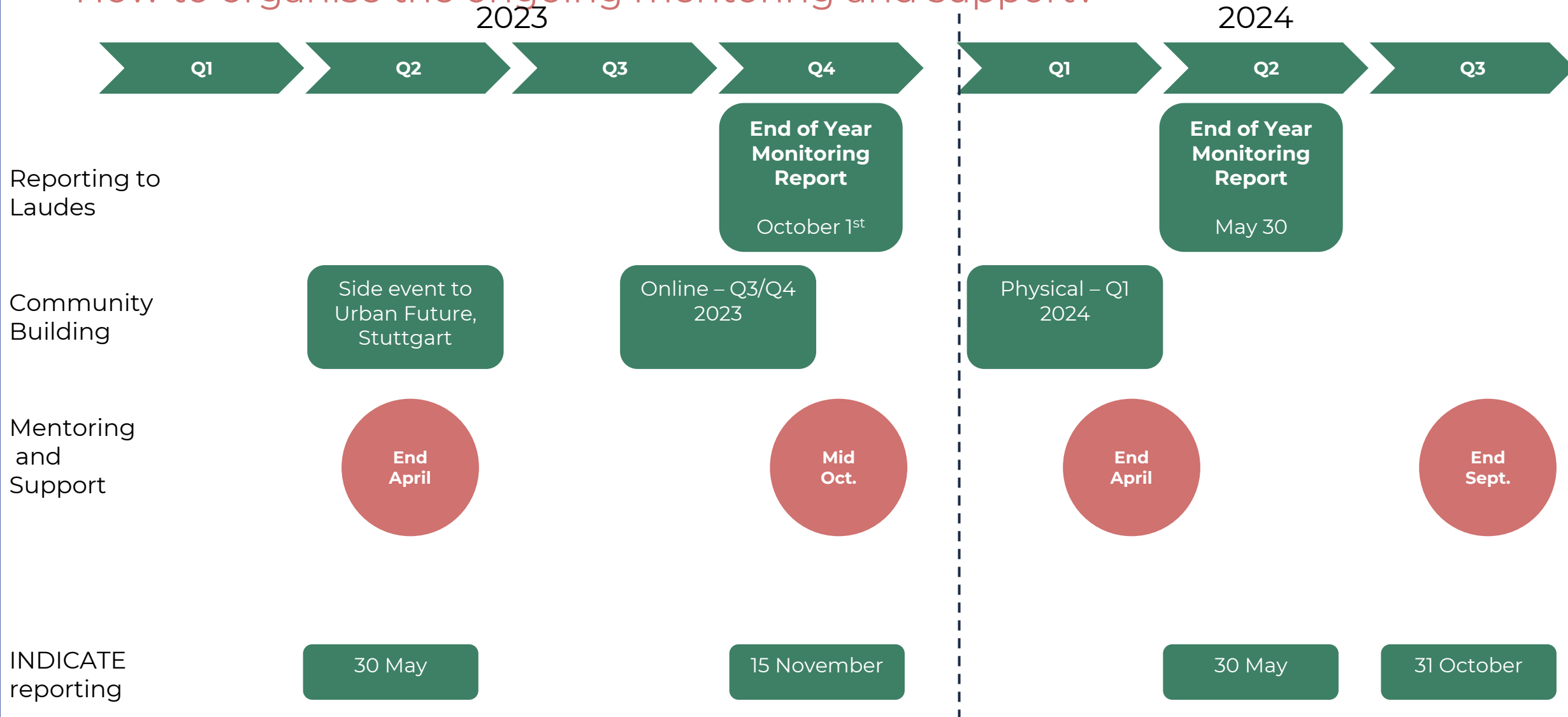
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The rythm of INDICATE

How to organise the ongoing mentoring and support?



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How can we
(the INDICATE partners)
best support your projects
and progress?

The reporting of INDICATE

Rubrics

Process Rubrics

A1 Design

A2 Implementation

A3 Monitoring and Adaptation

A4 Communication and Learning

A5 Organisation and Network Capacity

Early and Later Changes Rubrics

B1

Please describe how your national project contributed to **increased engagement, preparedness, and support to build national LCA data infrastructure.**

Policy and stakeholder engagement

B7

Please describe how your national project contributed to **national datasets being accessed by different stakeholders.**

WLC data and stakeholder engagement

Outcome Situation



Rubric	Previous Rating	Current Rating	Current rating justification (evidence & reasoning), including why & how ratings have changed
<p>B#1. Building the right processes to create strong, stakeholder-informed policy reforms</p> <p>Please describe how your national project contributed to increased engagement, preparedness, and support to build national LCA data infrastructure.</p>	UNCONDUCTIVE		<p>Specific changes</p> <p>How substantial and valuable</p> <p>Contribution</p>
<p>B#7. Redefined Value to refocus the system on what really matters</p> <p>Please describe how your national project contributed to national datasets being accessed by different stakeholders.</p>	UNCONDUCTIVE		<p>Specific changes</p> <p>How substantial and valuable</p> <p>Contribution</p>

Side-event at Urban Futures

Upcomming community building events

LCA data and calculations

Obstacles and solutions

Exchange experience across the national projects.

Community Building
LCA data and calculations

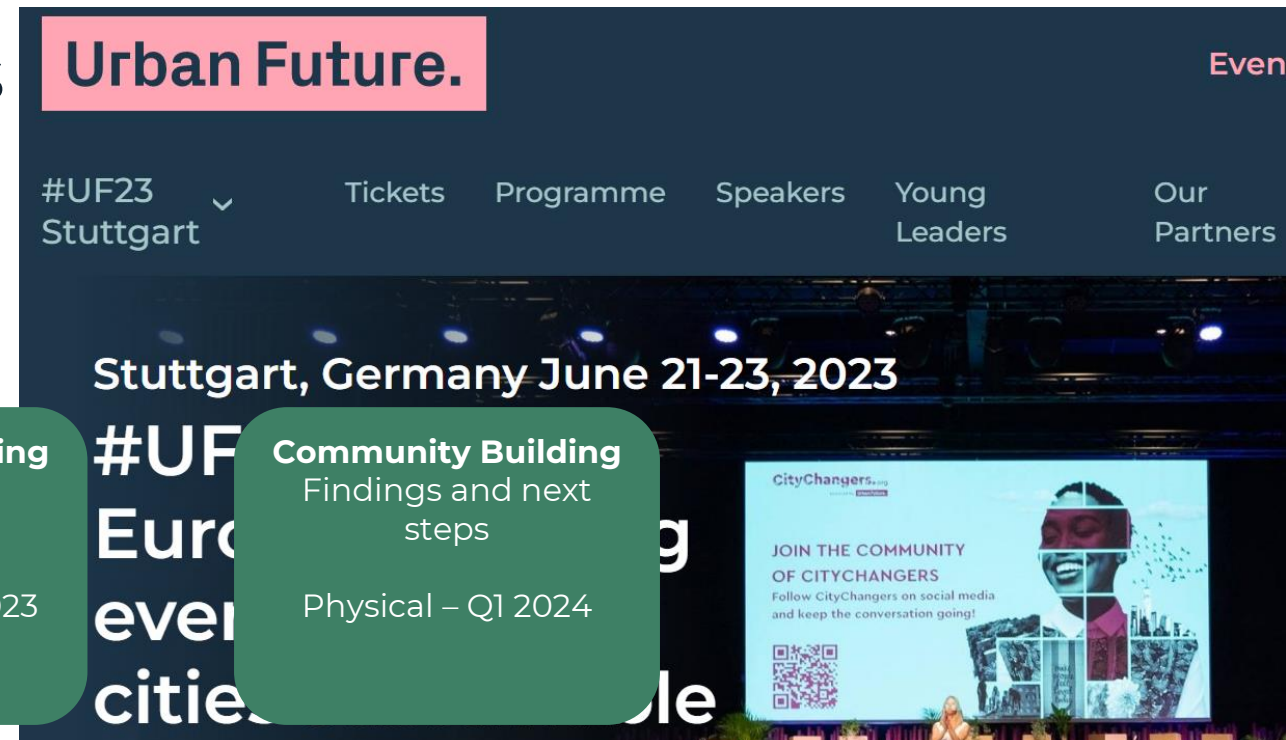
Side event to Urban Future, Stuttgart (June 2023)

Community Building
Stakeholder collaboration

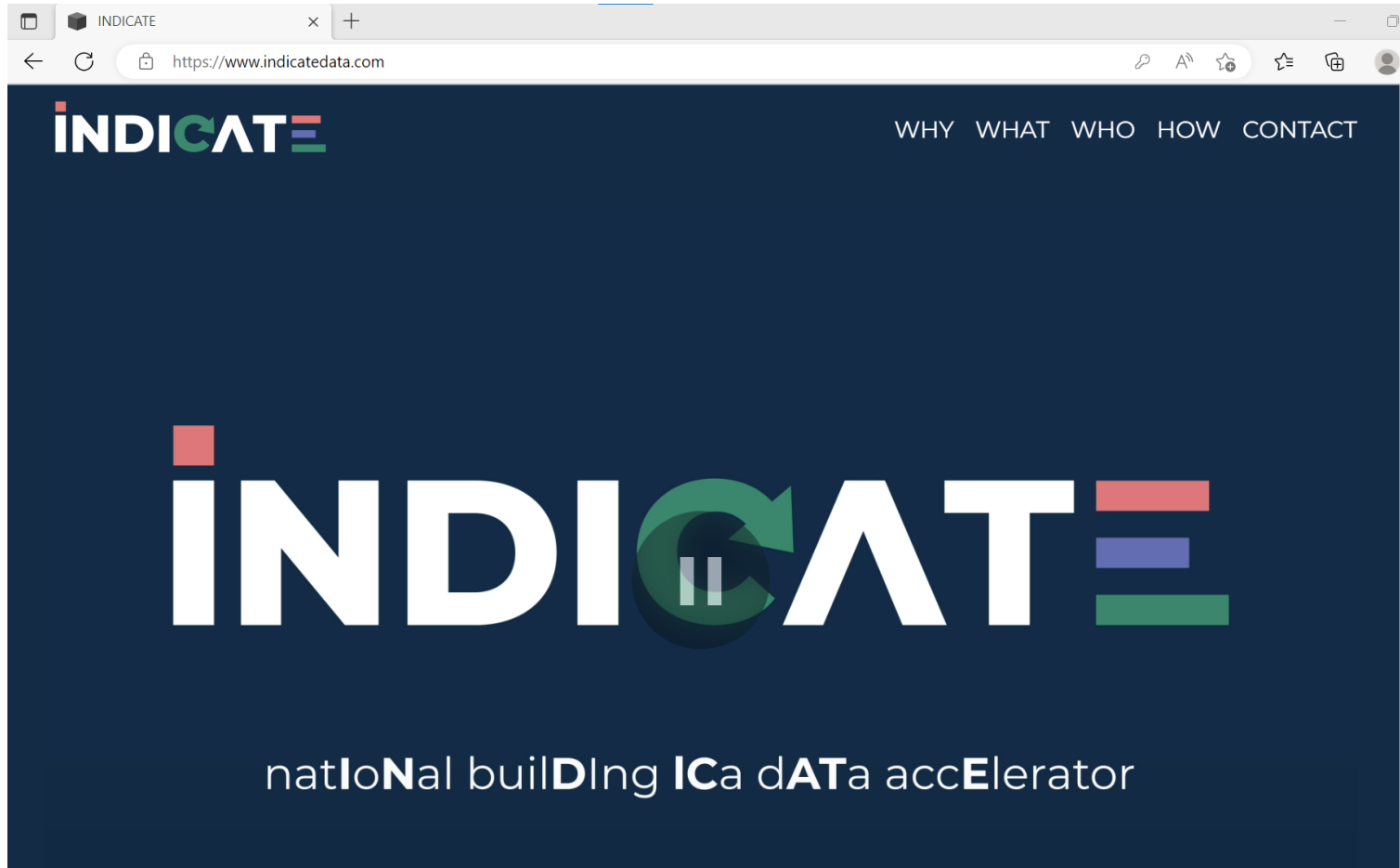
Online – Q3/Q4 2023

Community Building
Findings and next steps

Physical – Q1 2024



LAUNCH Press release and website



- Thursday the 30th of March at 11AM CET