



Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050

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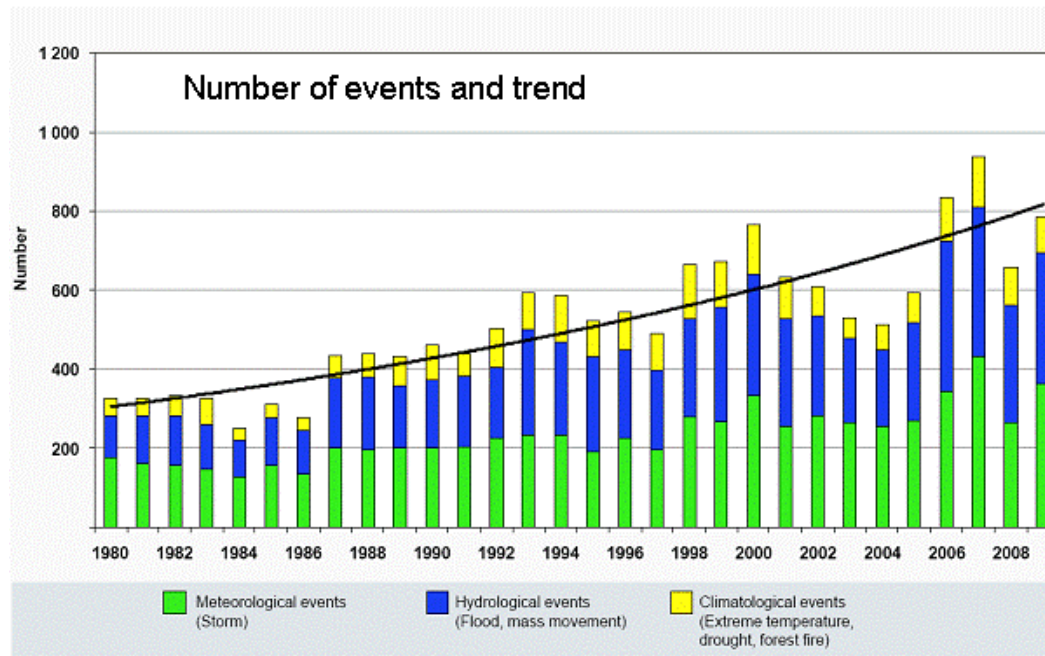


1: Climate change challenge

- ★ **Global climate objective: max. 2°C temperature increase**
- ★ **“Reaching the EU objective, in the context of necessary reductions according to the IPCC by developed countries as a group, of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80-95% by 2050 compared to 1990” (European Council, Feb 2011)**
- ★ **Key scenarios analysed:**
 - ↪ Global action – in line with 2°C
 - ↪ Fragmented action – based on Copenhagen pledges of over 80 countries, but not sufficient for 2°C (ca. 4°C in 2100)
 - ↪ Baseline –4°C or more in 2100
- ★ **Strong synergies with competitiveness and energy security. More climate action leads to lower fossil fuel prices and a more sustainable energy system.**

2: Climate and economy

Global weather-related events:

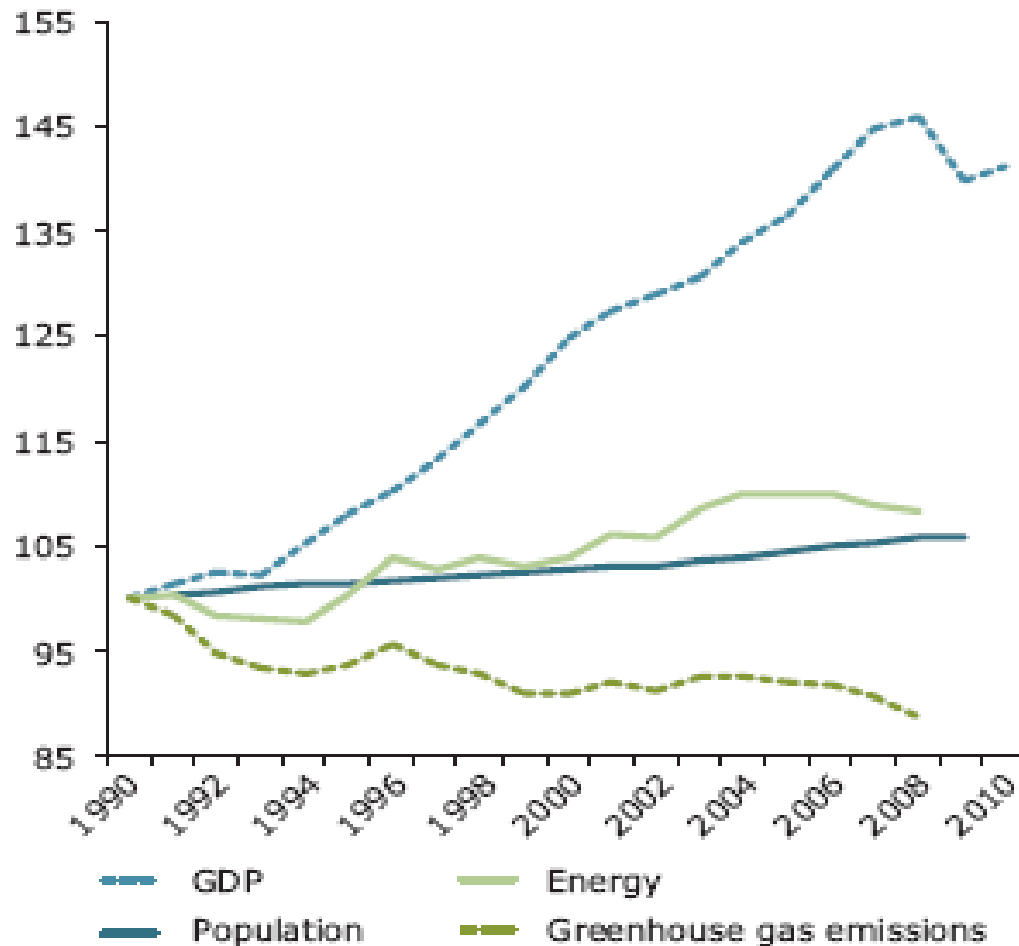


Economic impact (2005):

- USD 228 billion

3: GHG emissions: Where are we now?

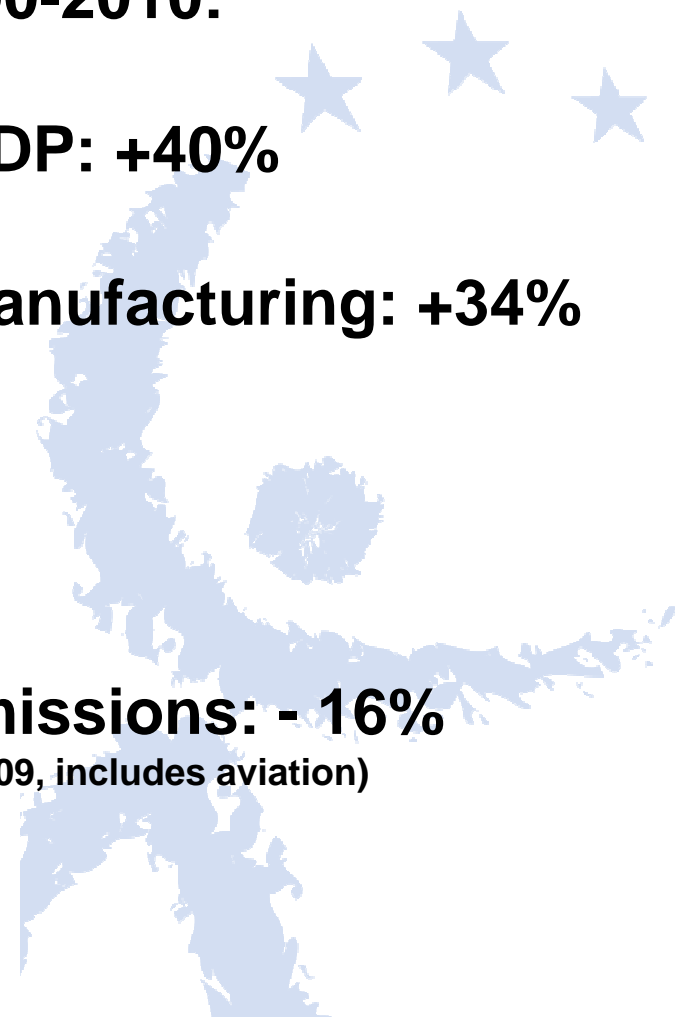
Index, 1990 = 100 (EU-27 — cumulative change)



1990-2010:

- **GDP: +40%**
- **Manufacturing: +34%**

• **Emissions: - 16%**
(in 2009, includes aviation)



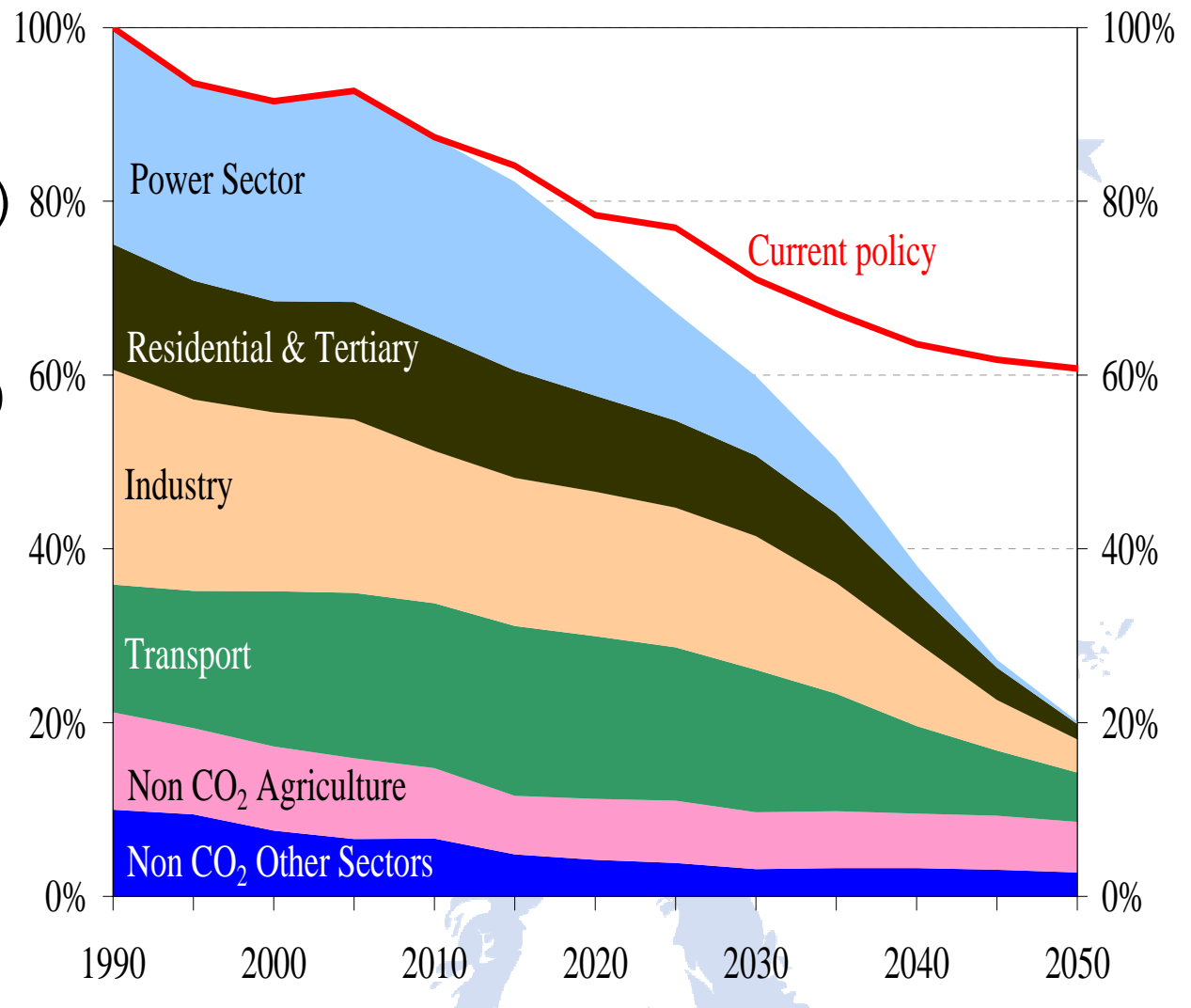
4: Cost-effective transition

80% domestic reduction:

- 25% (2020), 40% (2030)
- feasible with available technologies
- consistent with EU 2050 objective
- no cheap offsets

Efficient pathway:

- 25% in 2020
- 40% in 2030
- 60% in 2040





5: Energy efficiency will be key

★ Energy efficiency is the single most important contribution, especially until 2020

- ↪ Current policies only result in 10% energy efficiency improvement
- ↪ roadmap confirms key role of efficiency up to 2020 and beyond
- ↪ **efforts towards 20% efficiency target would deliver 25% GHG reduction**
- ↪ ETS is one instrument to deliver additional efficiency



6: Costs and benefits for the EU

- ★ **Additional investment: €270 billion annually 2010-2050, or 1.5% of GDP on top of current 19%**

But:

- ★ **Increase domestic investments and value added for a wide range of EU manufacturing industries**
- ★ **Fuel cost savings (€175-320 billion annually over 40 years)**
- ★ **Halves imports by 2050 compared to today and reduces bill in 2050 with €400 billion or more (>3% GDP today)**
- ★ **Net job creation: 1.5 million in 2020**
- ★ **Air quality and health benefits: €27 billion in 2030 and €88 billion in 2050**



7: Competitiveness: international context

- ★ **Competitors (e.g. Korea, China, Brasil, India) developing low carbon strategies**
- ★ **China's action on energy & climate:**
 - ↪ 2005-2010: energy consumption per unit of GDP fell by 19.1%
 - ↪ Two-year investment plan: +0.8% GDP of government spending on innovation, restructuring, energy conservation, emissions reductions and ecological improvement
 - ↪ 12th 5-year plan: priority on green technology/clean energy:
 - CO2 emissions per unit of GDP to be reduced by 17%; 11.4% non-fossil fuel target
 - Pilot cap and trade systems for selected provinces / sectors and development of low carbon pilot cities
 - Forest stock to increase by 600 million m³ and forest cover to 21.7%
 - Better statistical and monitoring systems for GHG, energy conservation and emissions reduction
 - Increase R&D spending to 2.2% GDP, with focus on green technology, energy efficiency and low carbon technologies

★ **Roadmap gives direction for:**

- ↪ sectoral policies
- ↪ national and regional low carbon strategies
- ↪ long-term investments

★ **SET-Plan implementation essential (€50 billion 2014-2020)**

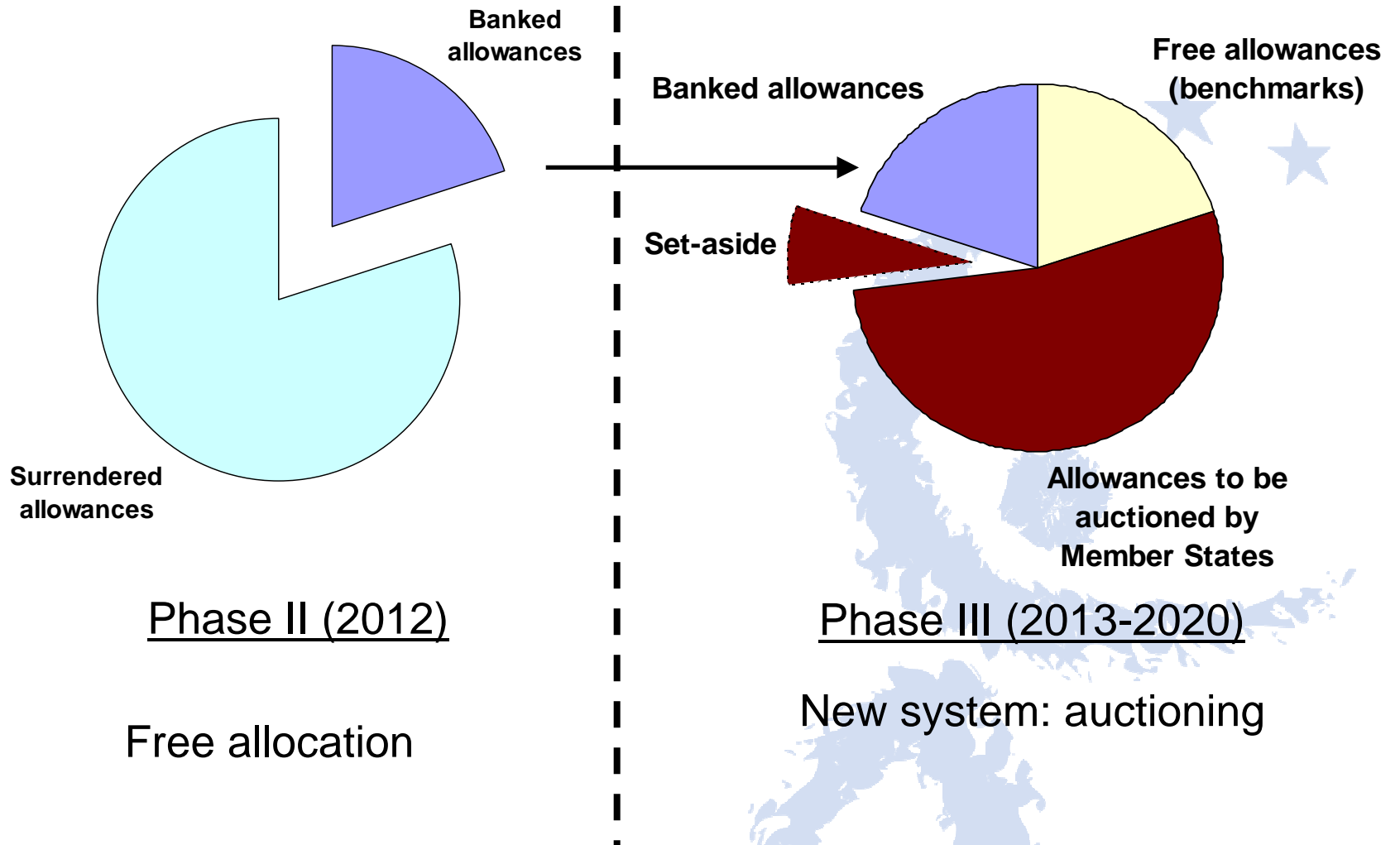
★ **Innovative financing instruments key to leverage and steer private sector investments.**

★ **How to use limited public finance to leverage private sector investments, including in the next EU budget**

★ **How to ensure that the Common Agricultural Policy contributes to further emission reductions and increased absorption**

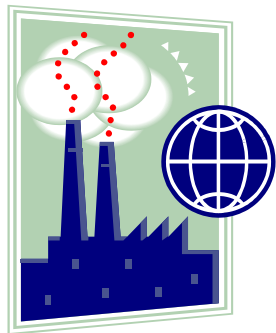
- ★ **Ensure the achievement of 20% energy efficiency target by 2020, and in this context examine the need for an allowance set aside in the ETS**
- ★ **How to improve clarity for long term investments, especially in ETS sectors**
 - ↪ define 2020 - 2030 policy framework
 - ↪ upward review of 1.74% linear reduction to be considered to achieve -80% GHG emissions by 2050
 - ↪ measures to protect vulnerable industries against carbon leakage in the case of fragmented action

9: Set-aside



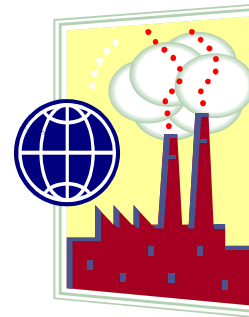
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Company A



- + cost for energy savings
- Energy consumption
- emissions
- Need for allowances

Company B



- no cost for energy savings
- + energy consumption
- + emissions
- + need for allowances

CO₂ price relatively lower

