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Climate challenges and local rural territories

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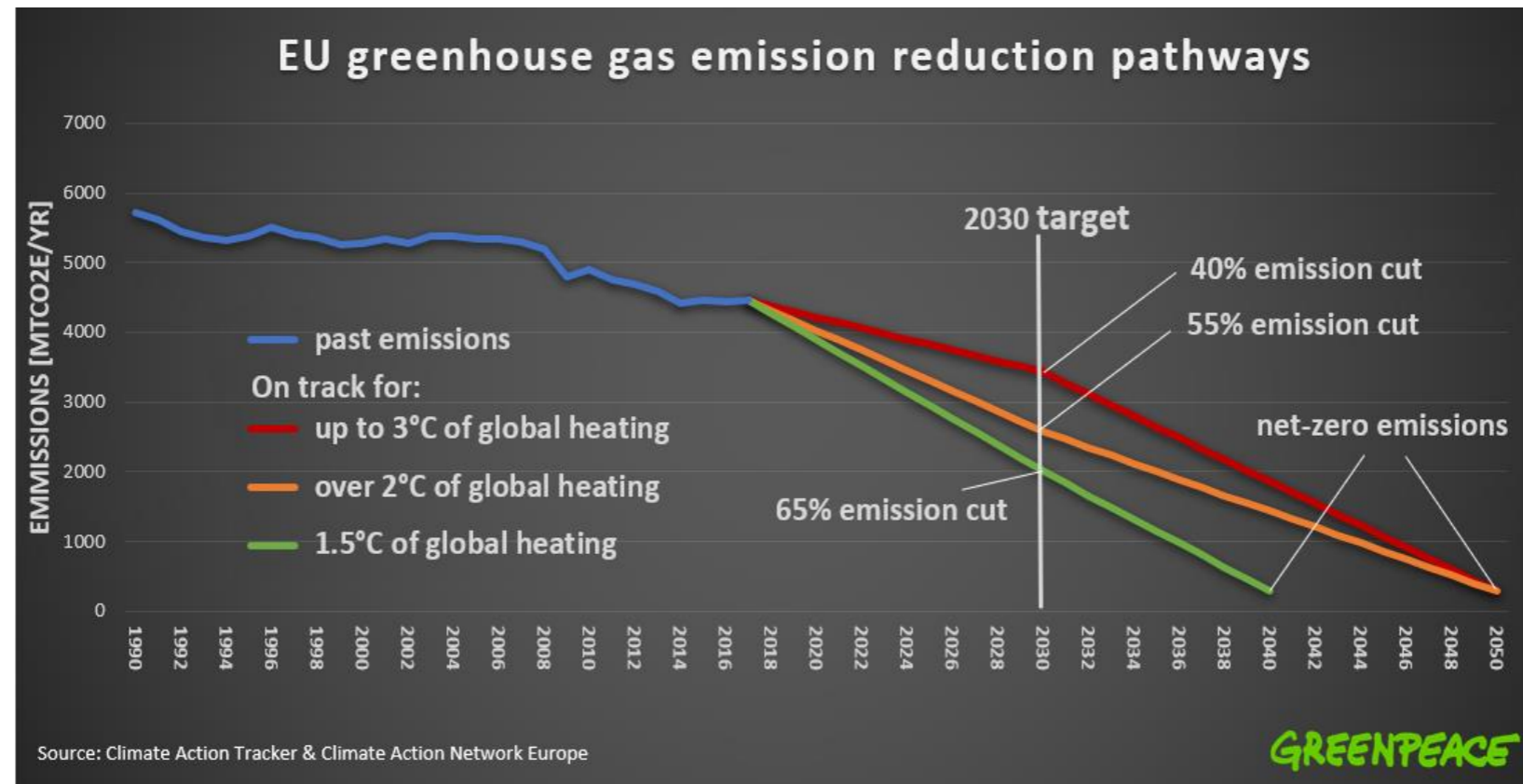
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- **The Climate emergency!**
- **Implications for rural areas**
- **Implications for LEADER**
- **What can LEADER LAGs do?**
- **Making it happen**



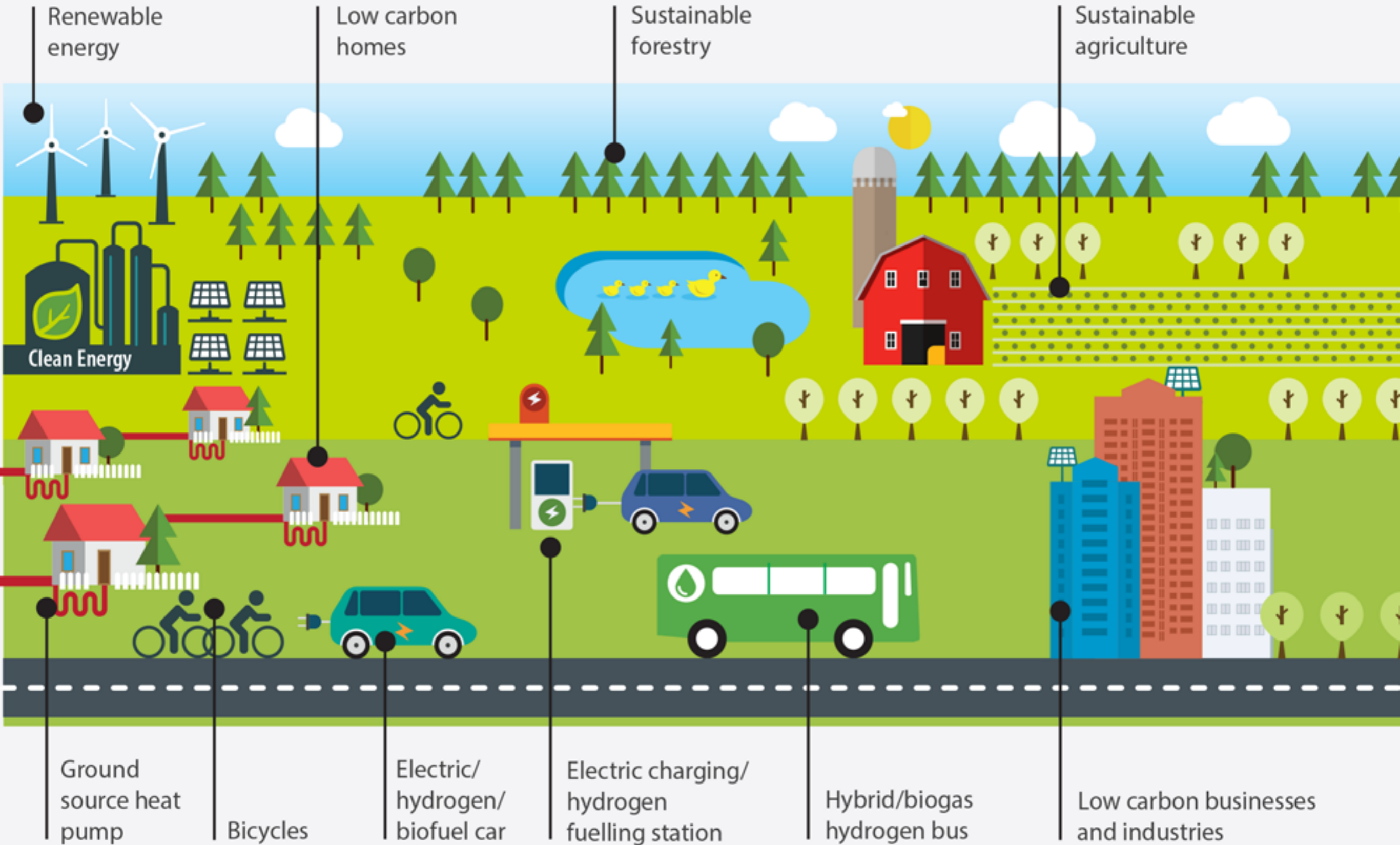
Climate Emergency Declaration

“... we declare, ... , clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency. ... Mitigating and adapting to climate change while honoring the diversity of humans entails **major transformations** in the ways our global society functions and interacts with natural ecosystems.” —
Ripple et al. 2019 (11000 World Scientists)



What is being transformed?

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Renewed focus on localisation

➔ Opportunity for rural communities but...uptake is key!

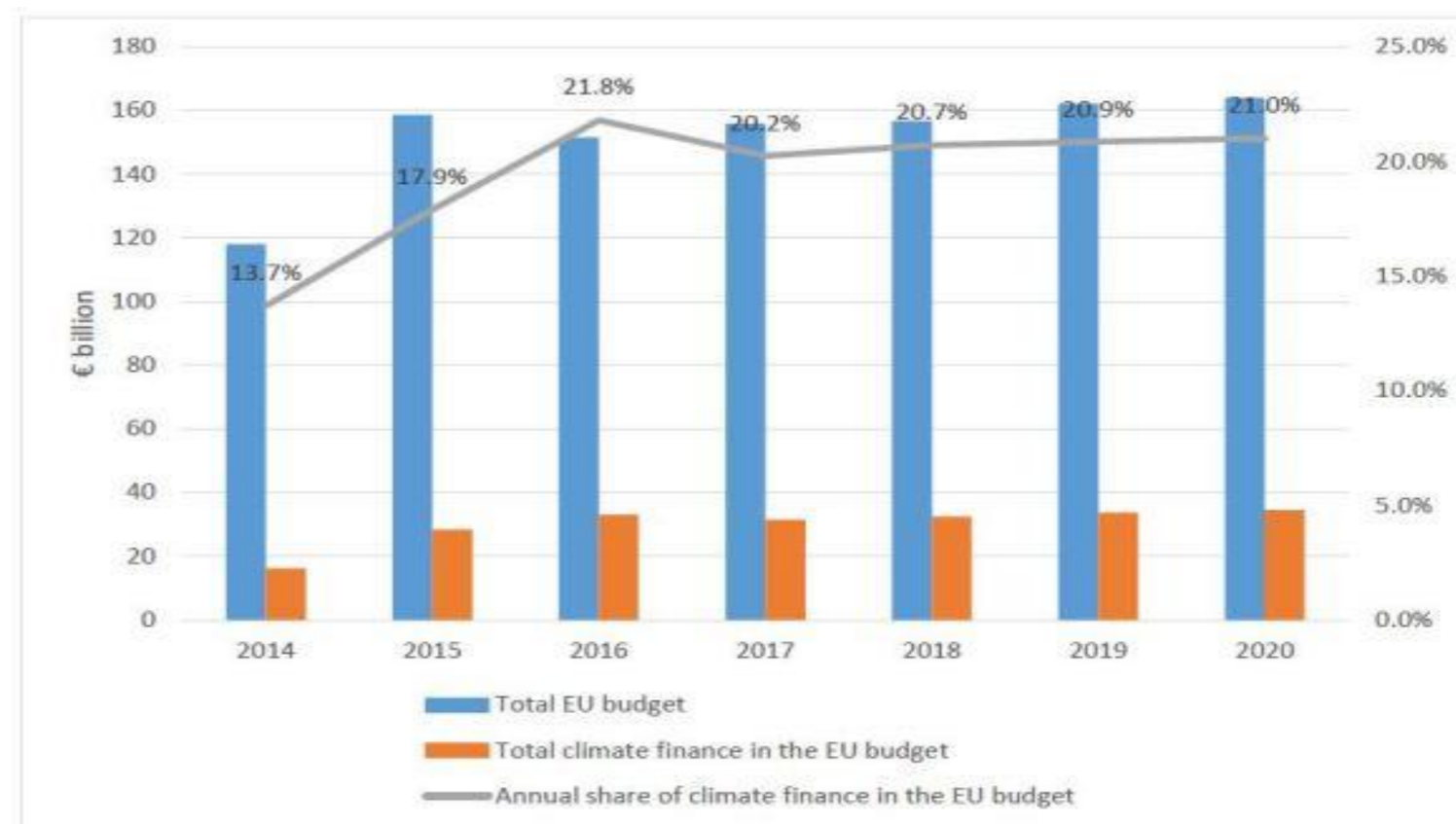


OR



Responding to THE great challenge of our time..

- Demand from citizens for action and engagement
- Expectation to contribute to climate policy
 - Climate action 20% to 25% for the EU budget 2021-2027
 - 25% to 40% of of total CAP budget
 - Minimum 30% of EAFRD



Data source: Statement of estimates of the European Commission for the financial year 2020, SEC(2019) 250.

	What's needed?	What can LAGs do?		
ANIMATION	Leadership at <u>sub-local</u> level (catalysts!)	Public dialogue/conversations	Programme approach: Climate action package Open and accessible	P U B L I C
	Inspiration and information	Invite experts, partners.. study visits..		
	A vision/plan	Guidance, facilitation		
CAPACITY BUILDING	Organisation and know-how	Training, capacity building,		
FUNDING	Accessible funding	Grant support, advice, assistance		
NETWORKING	Networking	Connect outwards and upwards		

Communities for Future (CfF)

Mainstreaming of regenerative and transformative community-led action on climate and sustainability

LEADER framework + pioneering knowledge

Local level	LAGs	+ Pioneering communities, experts, facilitators	Catalysing, inspiring, guiding, empowering
National/ regional	NRNs	+ ECOLISE members/ partners.	Awareness, exchange, capacity building, policy
EU level	ENRD	+ ECOLISE, others	Awareness, exchange, good practice, policy

- 1. Document/share experience**
- 2. New pilots - linking existing experience and LEADER methodology**
- 3. Build into local development strategies**
- 4. Establish national/regional and EU support framework**



Commune of 2000 inhabitants (Alsace region)

- Transformed 8 hectares into a community organic farm + food canning business, 250 baskets weekly
- 100% organic meals in local primary school
- A 5.3MW solar and industrial park
- Community-owned wood biomass boiler
- local currency, ‘Le Radis’
- Atlas of Biodiversity and nature park
- Inspired at least 6 neighbouring communes





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