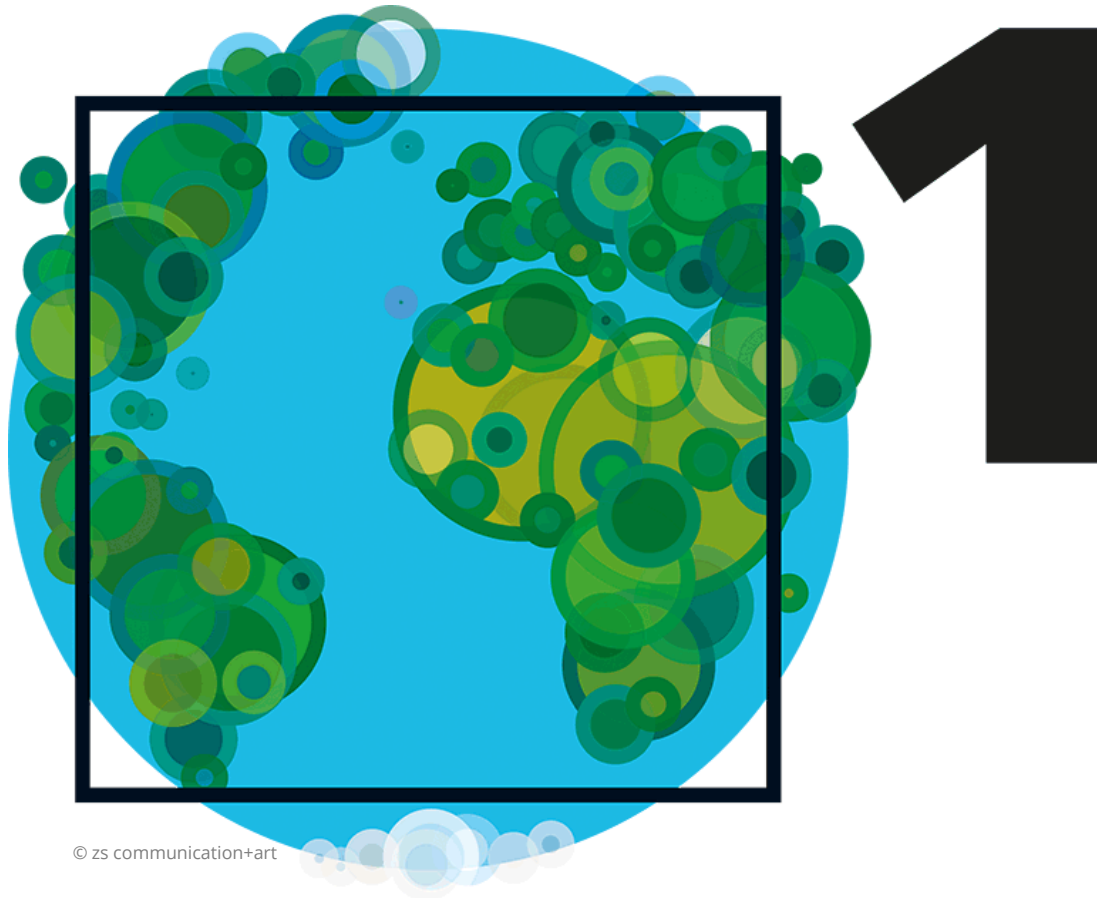


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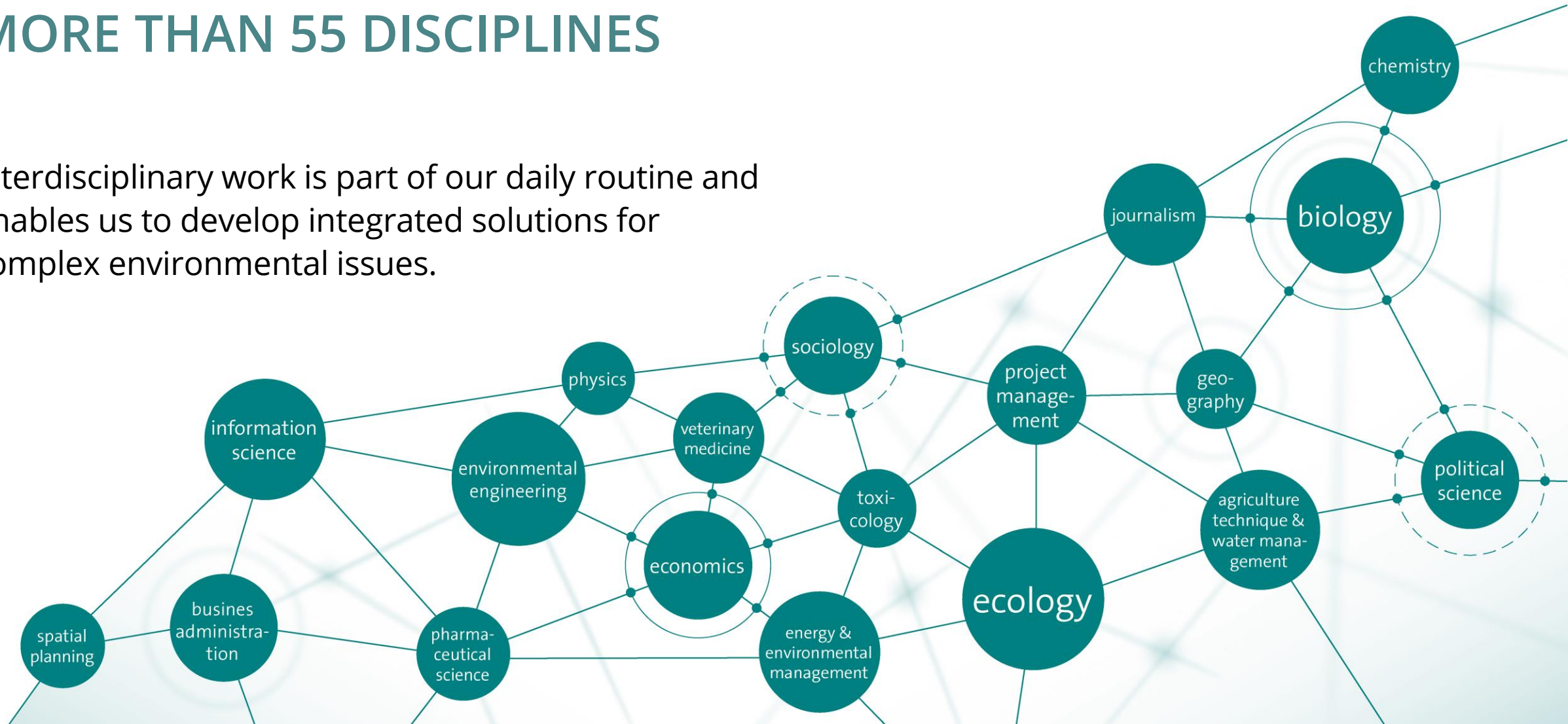
# FACTS & FIGURES



- Austria´s most important **environmental expert institution**
- standing for a **transformation** of the economy and society to ensure **sustainable living**
- in **dialogue** with politics, administrations, business, science and civil society
- developing solutions for
  - the federal administrations, states and regions
  - the EU and international institutions
  - Regions and countries
  - companies
- more than **20 languages**
- experience in more than **60 countries**

# MORE THAN 55 DISCIPLINES

Interdisciplinary work is part of our daily routine and enables us to develop integrated solutions for complex environmental issues.



## 11TH ENERGY AND CLIMATE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP – ENERGY COMMUNITY

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# EU Support for Climate Action in IPA II Beneficiaries

**TRATOLOW – Transition towards the low  
emissions and climate-resilient economy in the  
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# General MRV principles in EU ETS

- **Completeness:** All sources covered, no data gaps
- **Consistency:** To use the same monitoring methodologies and data sets over time subject to changes and derogation approved by a CA
- **Comparability:** See consistency
- **Transparency:** To enable the reproduction of the determination of emissions by verifier and CA
- **Accuracy:** High level of certainty; uncertainty assessment based on evidences by installation operator
- **Integrity:** Using appropriate monitoring methodologies, no material misstatement, avoid bias, balance accuracy against additional costs
- **Continuous improvement**



# key elements for a robust MRV GAPs in the region

- Legal framework, mandatory data collection, MRV regulation directly binding for operators
- Accreditation: Who verifies the verifier?
- A powerful competent authority with professional scepticism, strict enforcement incl. financial penalties (sanctions) => to avoid market distortions and guarantee a level-playing-field!
- Use of IT – electronic formats – wherever possible



# Working Group 3

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## Support for further development and implementation of EU ETS roadmaps

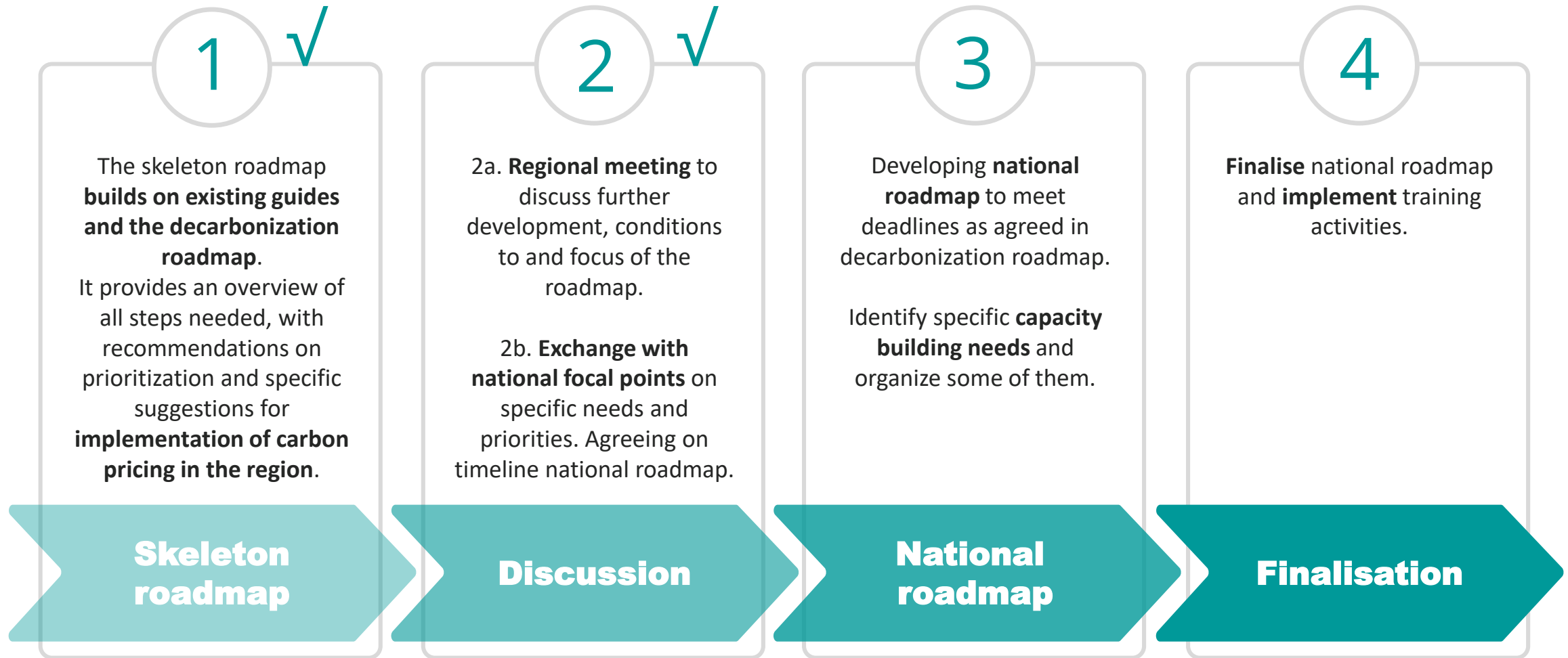
- Development of a tailor-made roadmap per beneficiary state
- With recommendations on the legal & organisational framework for MRVA and other ETS aspects

2

## Capacity building on ETS implementation

- Regional trainings for wider audience
- Tailor-made national trainings





## Challenges

- **Various national roadmaps** already developed; more has limited added value
- Beneficiaries have **limited time** while roadmapping requires significant inputs
- Rapid developments; **higher need for short-term action and capacity building**

## Opportunities

- **Higher sense of urgency** increases political understanding and readiness
- **Decarbonisation roadmap** guides timeline for implementation carbon pricing
- High understanding among experts of added value for **regional coordination**

## Proposal

- **Develop national roadmaps** for those beneficiaries that give this high priority
- For other beneficiaries increase opportunities for **capacity building**
- **Increase work** on regional coordination of carbon pricing

F.ex. white paper, follow-up technical meetings, high-level meeting, design of selected, joint infrastructure

- Good momentum for training
- Need for direct support instead of longer-term planning

## Training competent authorities

- **ME: study tour to Croatia (2&3 March 2022)**
- **RS: helpdesk and ad-hoc support (continuous)**
- **TK: Use of benchmarking in ETS (31 October 2022)**
- **XK: preparation ETS legislation (March 2023)**

## Training for operators

- **RS: MRR workshop (11&12 October 2022)**
- **ME: 2 x as-if verification MP/AER (14&15 Dec. '22)**
- **XK: kick starting ETS implementation process (April 2023)**
- **RS: sectoral MRR workshops (from 3/4-23)**

## Other training

- **Regional training on carbon pricing (May '21)**
- **Regional workshop on carbon pricing cooperation (6 & 7 Sept 2022)**

# Activity 3.2: Capacity building on ETS implementation



## Training competent authorities

- **AL: ETS design choices and implementation preps**
- **BA: identification ETS installations**
- **MK: decree on cap setting**
- **MK: bottom-up data collection for cap setting**
- **TK: reviewing MP/AER/VR**

## Training for operators

- **BA: awareness raising ETS requirements**

## Other training

- **RS: study tour to learn on practical ETS implementation**
- **TR: training TURKAK for in-depth ETS expertise**



Earlier suggestions



## Challenges

- Opportunities for **in-person capacity building** was limited in covid times
- **National decision making/legislation** often takes more time than we hoped for
- Beneficiaries have multiple tasks which **limits absorption capacity**

## Opportunities

- Significant number of **national climate legislation** in preparation
- Brings **direct need** for capacity building and **momentum** for larger workshops
- Active exchange and cooperation with other donors gives **high synergy**

## EU4 Green Recovery: Support the implementation of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans

Quelle: Umweltbundesamt, M. Deweis



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## 4 Outcomes

### OUTCOME 1

Beneficiaries are empowered in the **implementation of the Green Agenda action plans**, and its five main areas of implementation through a fit for purpose setup

### OUTCOME 2

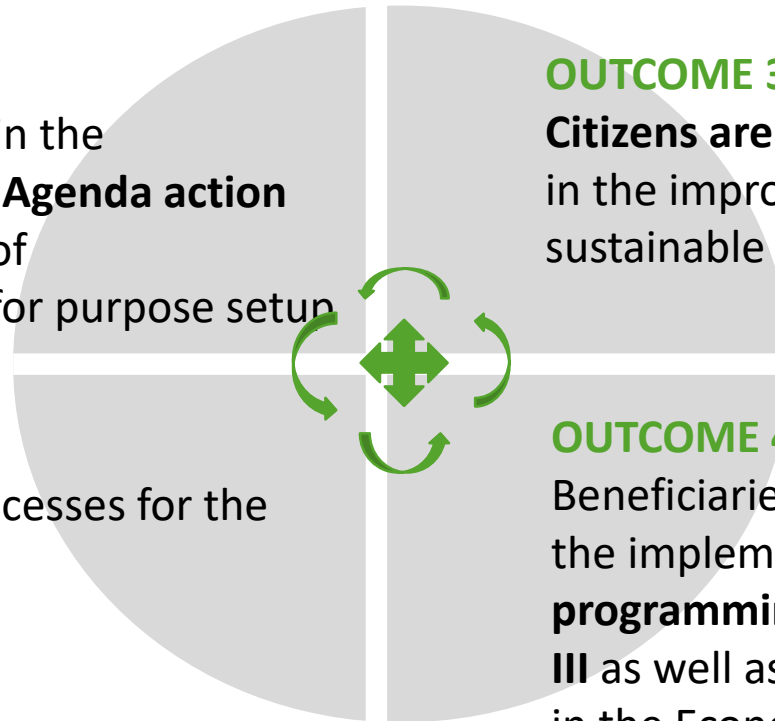
**Monitoring and reporting** processes for the GAWB are operational

### OUTCOME 3

**Citizens are aware** of the EU's efforts and contribution in the improvement of living conditions and sustainable green recovery in the 6 economies

### OUTCOME 4

Beneficiaries will be able to articulate needs relating to the implementation of the Green Agenda in the **programming of the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) III** as well as the relevant **investment flagships defined** in the Economic and Investment Plan



## Decarbonisation Pillar

- 28 from 58 actions in WB GA Action Plan
- Many initiatives, programmes, projects with the focus on decarbonisation
- Two very well functioned and professional operated regional organisations, EnCS and TCPS
- Many donors and IFIs are implementing/planning projects on decarbonisation

=> No activities under decarbonisation pillar planned now



## BUT.....

- Regular exchange of information and promotion of project activities and results of Tratolow and other projects through participation in the relevant EU4Green, RCC, and EnCS meetings
- The synergies with other pillars will be established and the decarbonisation will be permanently considered in other ‘parts of EU4Green’ – circular economy, agriculture, biodiversity etc.
- Most of the needs discussed within the inception phase planned in TRATOLOW
  - Improvement of GHG Inventories, underlining strengthening of capacities of data holders and establishment of the QA/QC procedures and finalization of national implementation plans,
  - A significant number of national climate legislation in preparation – support in drafting and compliance review,
  - Further discussion of NECPs and alignment of targets with other relevant documents,
  - Establishment of ETS and trainings for the beneficiary administrations and operators,
  - Preparation of recommendations on the legal & organisational framework for MRVA and other ETS aspects,
  - Discussion of “transition scenarios” with the countries, regional players and Member States and preparation of Guidance on the development of emission scenarios,
  - Carbon Pricing

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