

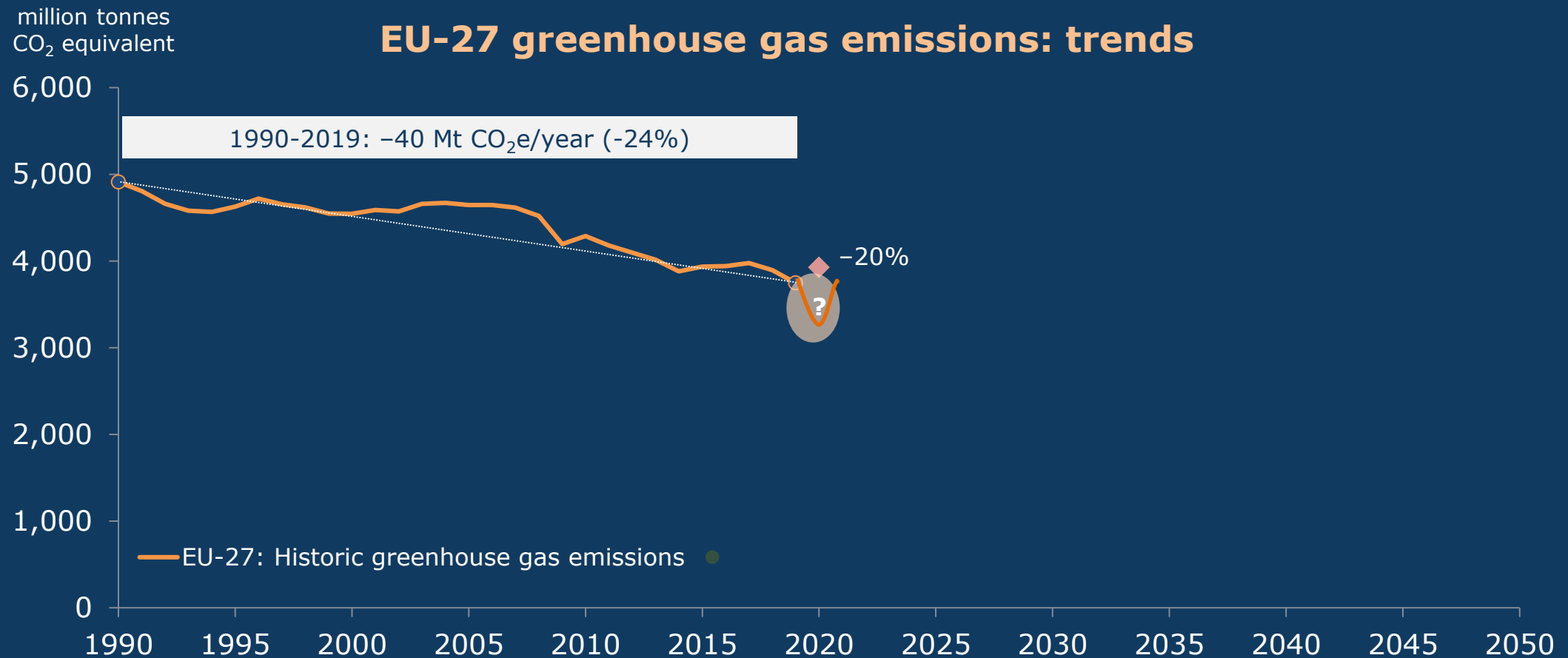
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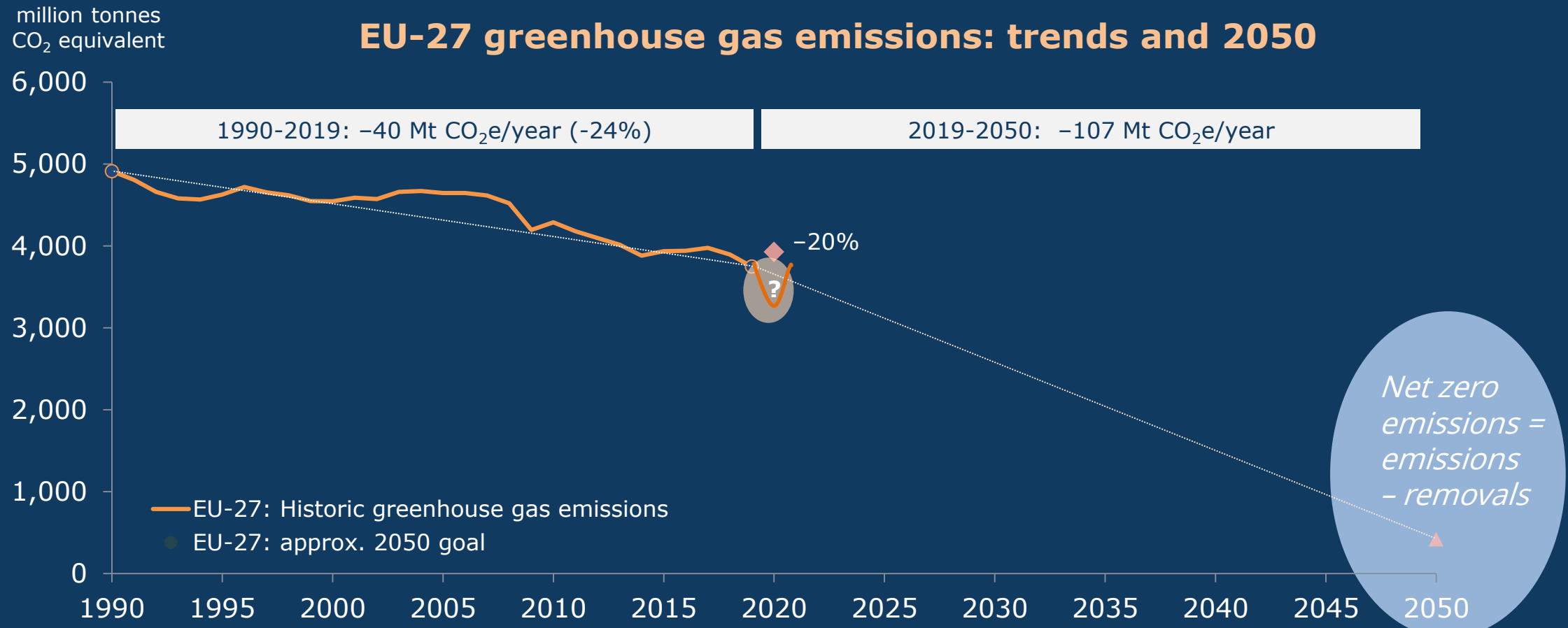
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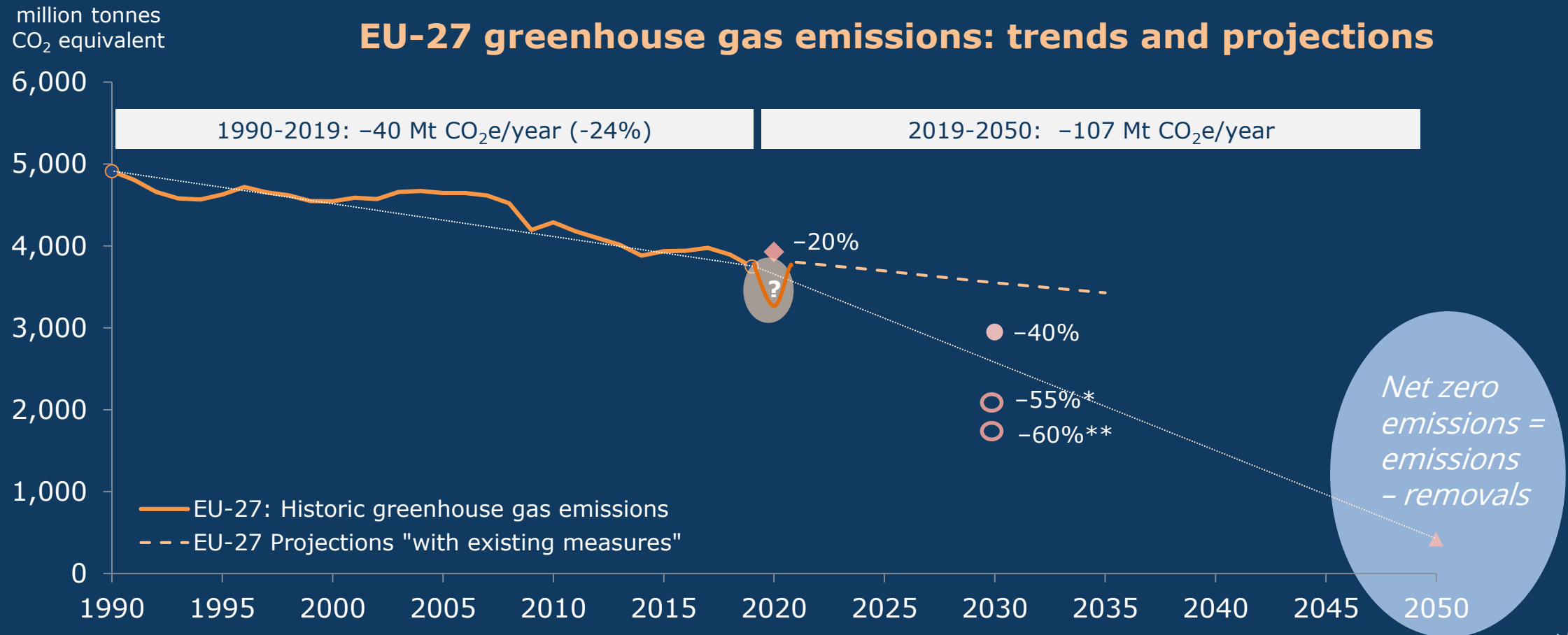
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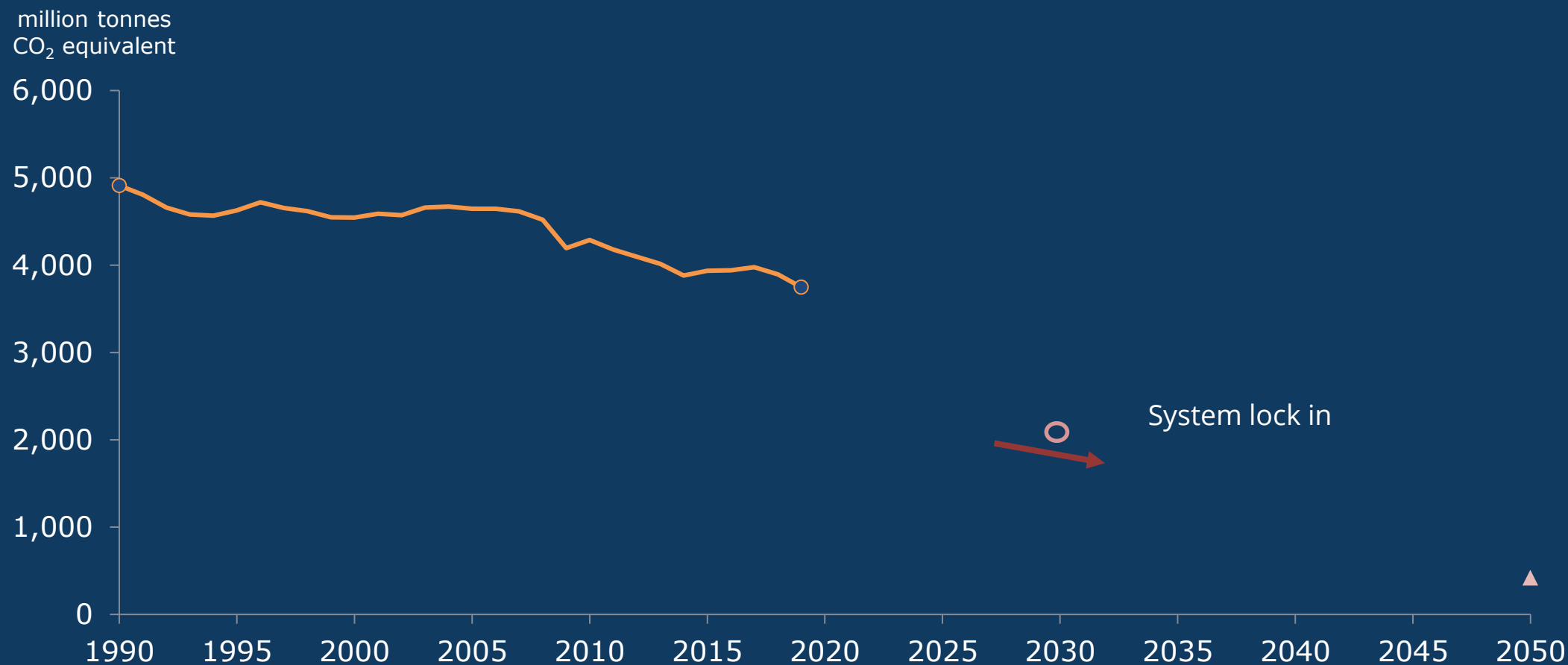
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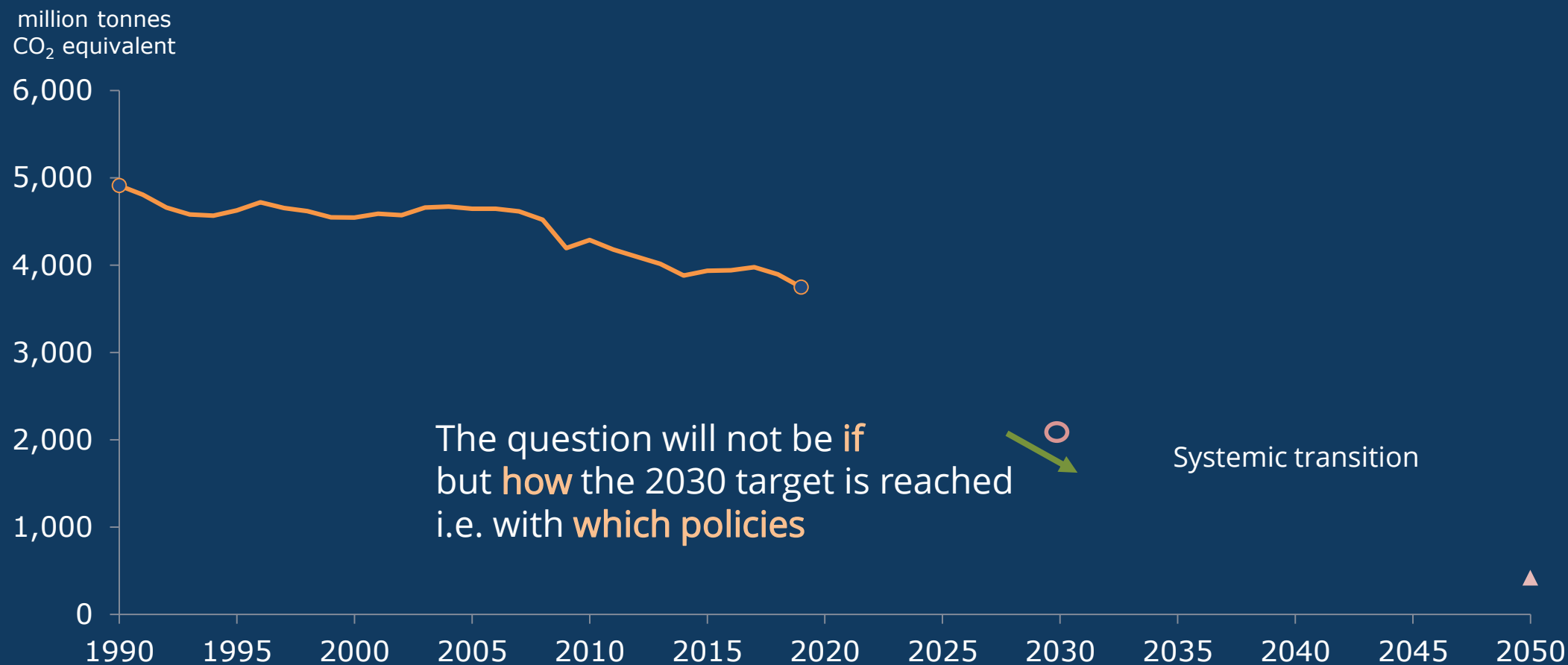
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# Targets can be reached 'the wrong way'



# Keeping the long-term perspective in sight



# Properly designed long-term strategy is a **very powerful tool** to:

- show commitment and directions
- identifying necessary structural changes
- estimate and direct investments
- push right technologies
- risk management (avoiding lock-ins)
- align climate objectives with other goals
- ensure short-mid-long term coherence
- steer national discussion (multi-ministerial dialogue)
- involve stakeholders and public
- help organizing international cooperation and support



*"The best way to  
predict the future is to  
create it."*

*Abraham Lincoln*





# Sobering exercise: **less than half of Member States** developed a proper long-term strategy (2018)



- Many of the reported strategies **failed to systematically address:**
  - clearly defined targets or objectives,
  - coverage of sectors other than energy,
  - key policies and measures to achieve the strategy's objectives,
  - political commitments,
  - information on financing aspects,
  - impact assessment,
  - cost and benefit analysis,
  - details on progress monitoring.
- **New EU framework for long-term strategies** (EU2018/1999)
  - Still 11 MS missing





# Common **challenges** for many Member States:

- great diversity 27+1 processes
- insufficient political commitment
- consistency (short-mid-long term)
- lacking inter-ministerial dialogue
- insufficient practical guidance and tools
- uncertainties and data gaps
- estimating economic impacts
- implementation
- communication



*The easy part is reducing emissions. The hard part is that all stakeholders need to communicate and cooperate for years*



- EU Long-term strategy ([https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2050\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/strategies/2050_en))  
-> National strategies, available [here](#)
- OECD, Key questions guiding the process of setting up long-term low-emission development strategies, available [here](#)
- Making Long-Term Low GHG Emissions Development Strategies a Reality, a guide available [here](#)
- 2050 Pathways Platform: [project website](#)
- 'Climate Recon 2050: Dialogues on Pathways and Policy': [project website](#)
- 'MaxiMiseR - Ticking boxes, or marking success?': [project website](#)
- The Deep Decarbonization Pathways Project (DDPP): [project website](#)



# Thank you for your attention!

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