



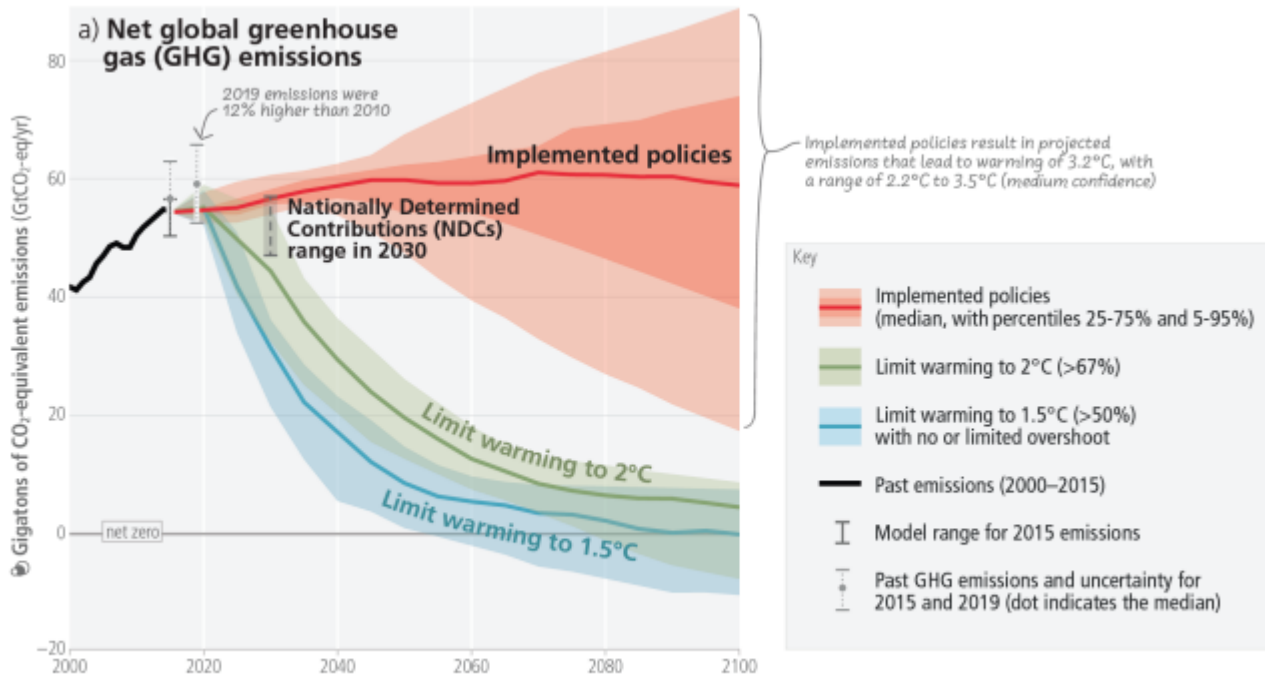
Climate Mainstreaming in EU external action

Achieving our Climate and Environment Objectives

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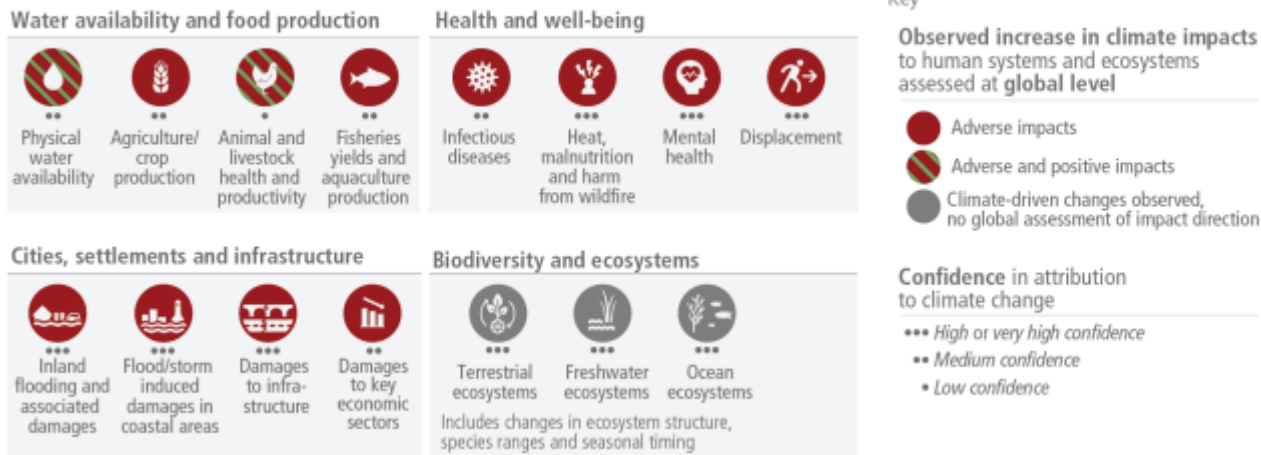
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Source: IPCC AR6 Figure SPM. 5 (a), 2023

a) Observed widespread and substantial impacts and related losses and damages attributed to climate change



The latest science

Emissions:

We're not on track to meet 1.5C target, but there is increasing evidence of climate action

Emissions need to peak before 2025, and be reduced by 43% by 2030

Impacts:

Adverse impacts will continue to intensify

Limiting global warming to 1.5°C avoids the most dangerous impacts of climate change compared to 2°C

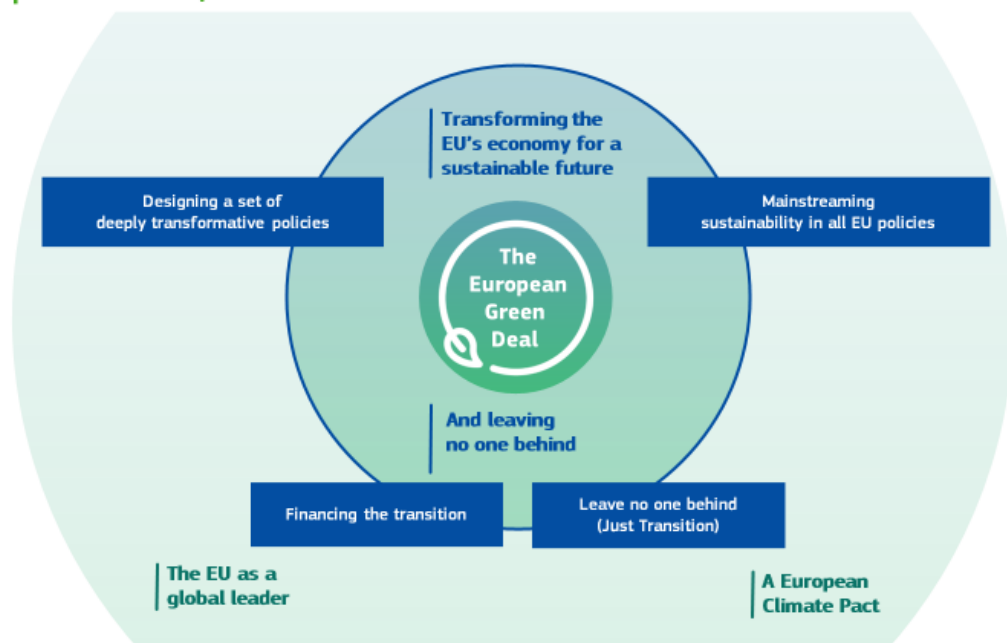
Even at 1.5C global warming we would still see multiple hazards

Impacts are becoming increasingly complex and difficult to manage

There is progress in adaptation, but uneven

Our climate and environment ambition

| The European Green Deal



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- The EU is fully **committed** to contribute to address the triple planetary crisis and lead the green transition
- Strong **mandate and policy basis** – the **European Green Deal** – an ambitious and cross-cutting agenda with a strong international dimension
- **Global Gateway projects the Green Deal ambition** – focus on the green and digital transition and includes a '**green & clean**' principle

Climate change and environmental degradation need a global solution



———— The European Union firmly committed to: ————

Lead by example

**Use diplomacy, trade and
development cooperation
to advance climate action**

**Set standards for
sustainable growth** across
global value chains

Climate change action and mainstreaming

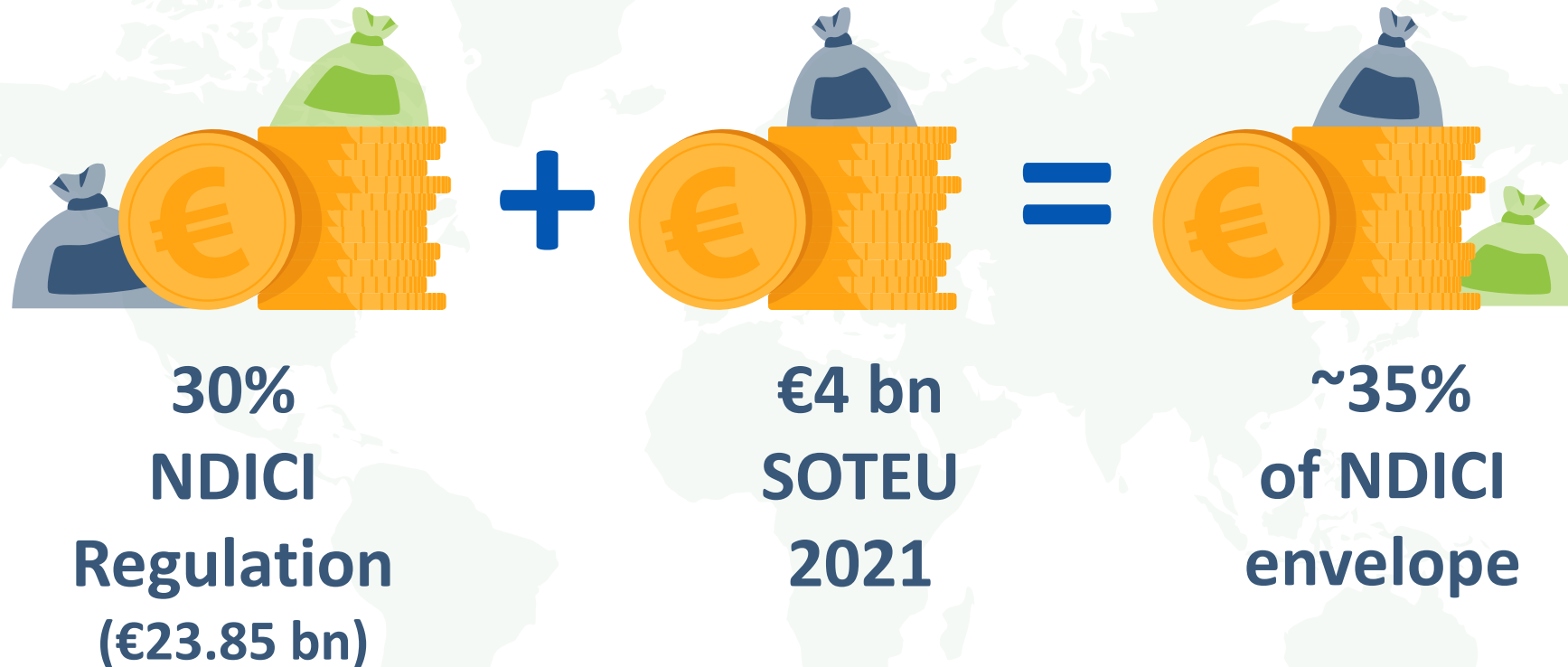
NDICI Regulation – Recital 49

*"[...] the Instrument should contribute to **mainstream** climate action in the Union policies [...]. Actions under the Instrument are expected to contribute **30 % of its overall financial envelope** to climate objectives"*

NDICI Regulation – Article 8.8

*"Programmes and actions under the Instrument shall **mainstream** the fight against climate change, environmental protection, human rights, democracy, gender equality and, where relevant, disaster risk reduction [...]. They shall be guided by the principles of '**do no harm**' and of 'leaving no one behind'"*

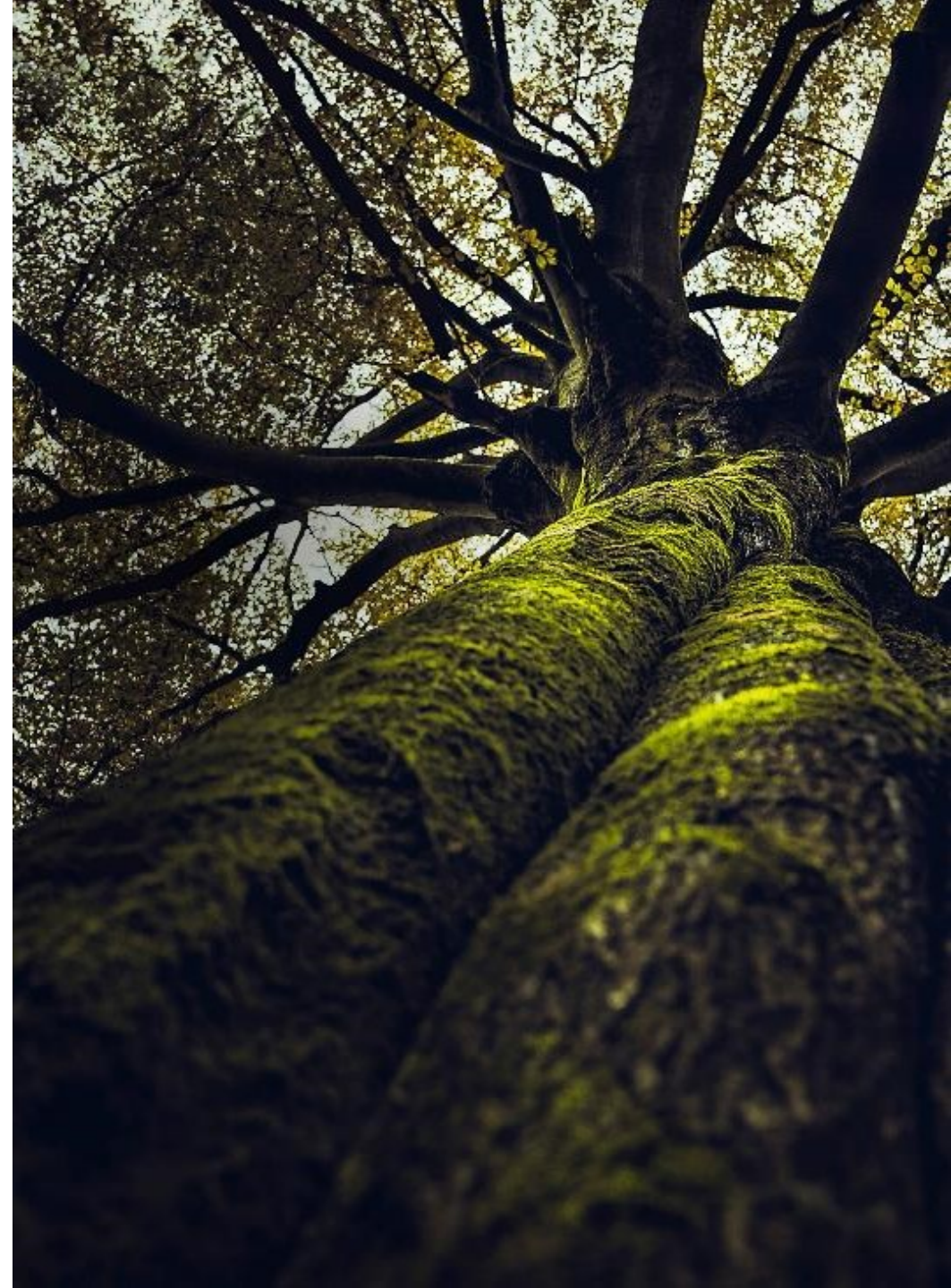
Climate target (NDICI – GE)



Total NDICI budget: € 79.5 bn

Neighbourhood and enlargement: a green transition

- **Policy frameworks:** Economic and Investment Plans and Global Gateway
 - **Western Balkans:** Green Agenda for the Western Balkans
 - **Eastern partnership:** resilience at the centre, with a focus on twin green and digital transitions
 - **Southern neighbourhood:** fight climate change, decrease emissions, use resources sustainably and speed up the green transition
 - **Global Gateway:** for sustainable and trusted connections that work for people and the planet
- **Programming:** good **alignment to the EGD** – many green TEIs and flagships – we must ensure this is translated into actions



Key areas of attention

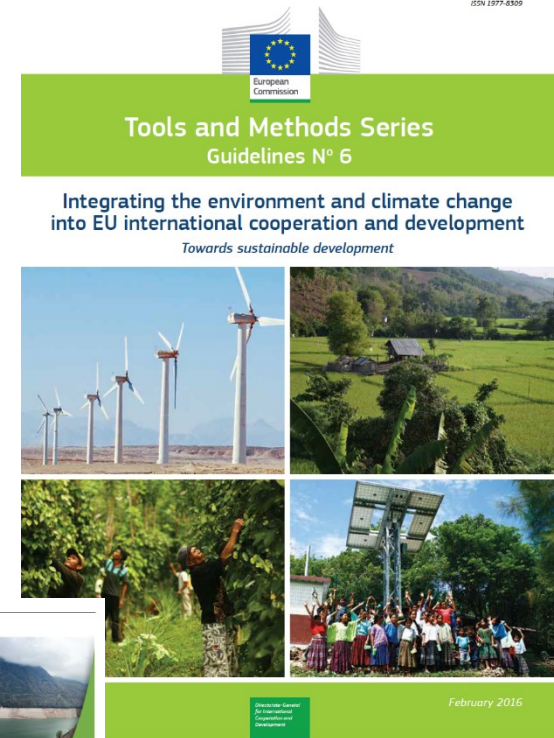
- **Starting point for all actions:** how to align with- and contribute to- environmental and climate objectives?
- **Focus on transformational areas** (e.g. energy, green urban development, agriculture and land use, circular economy...)
- **Do No Harm** as minimum requirement
- **Look for synergies:** one € can contribute to various targets
- **Seize untapped opportunities in under-performing areas**
- **Invest in Nature-based solutions**

Key areas of attention - investments

- Promote our values and engage upstream in the generation and screening of investment pipelines
- Prioritise investments that contribute to our targets
- Promote strategic planning to identify investments geared towards sustainability
- Understand the applicable E&S safeguards and the environment and climate risks of projects
- Engage downstream in M&E to ensure environmental and climate performance of investments

The greening toolbox

- Environment & Climate Change Integration **Guidelines** – under revision, including key tools:
 - Environment & Climate Risk Screening
 - SEA, EIA, CRA, ‘green lenses approach’
- **Quick Tips** for environment & climate change integration in specific sectors



Concluding remarks

- Ambitious **spending targets** on Climate Change and Biodiversity
- Qualitative and quantitative shift - from “Mainstreaming” to “Greening”
- **All sectors and instruments have to contribute**
- Beyond “Do no harm” (a minimum) ... to “Do more good” – achieving more than one objective with each interventions!
- Supporting the right programmes in transformative areas
- **Policy dialogue**: keep the momentum, build alliances
- **Reforms, enabling environment, public and private finance**

Thank you



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