

# Lahti – European Green Capital 2021

#egca2021  
#greenlahti

## The background

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*winner 2021*



**EUROPEAN  
GREEN CAPITAL**

An initiative of the  
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An aerial photograph of the city of Lahti, Finland, featuring a prominent tall, lattice-structured communication tower in the foreground. The city is densely packed with multi-story residential and commercial buildings, interspersed with green trees and parks. The background shows a vast expanse of forest under a clear sky.

**Lahti finds solutions  
to global  
environmental  
challenges together  
with citizens,  
businesses and  
university.**

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# Themes for the European Green Capital year 2021



**Carbon-neutral life**



**Citizen participation**



**Circular economy**



**Nature and water**





# Farewell to coal 2019



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# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (tons per capita)

1990

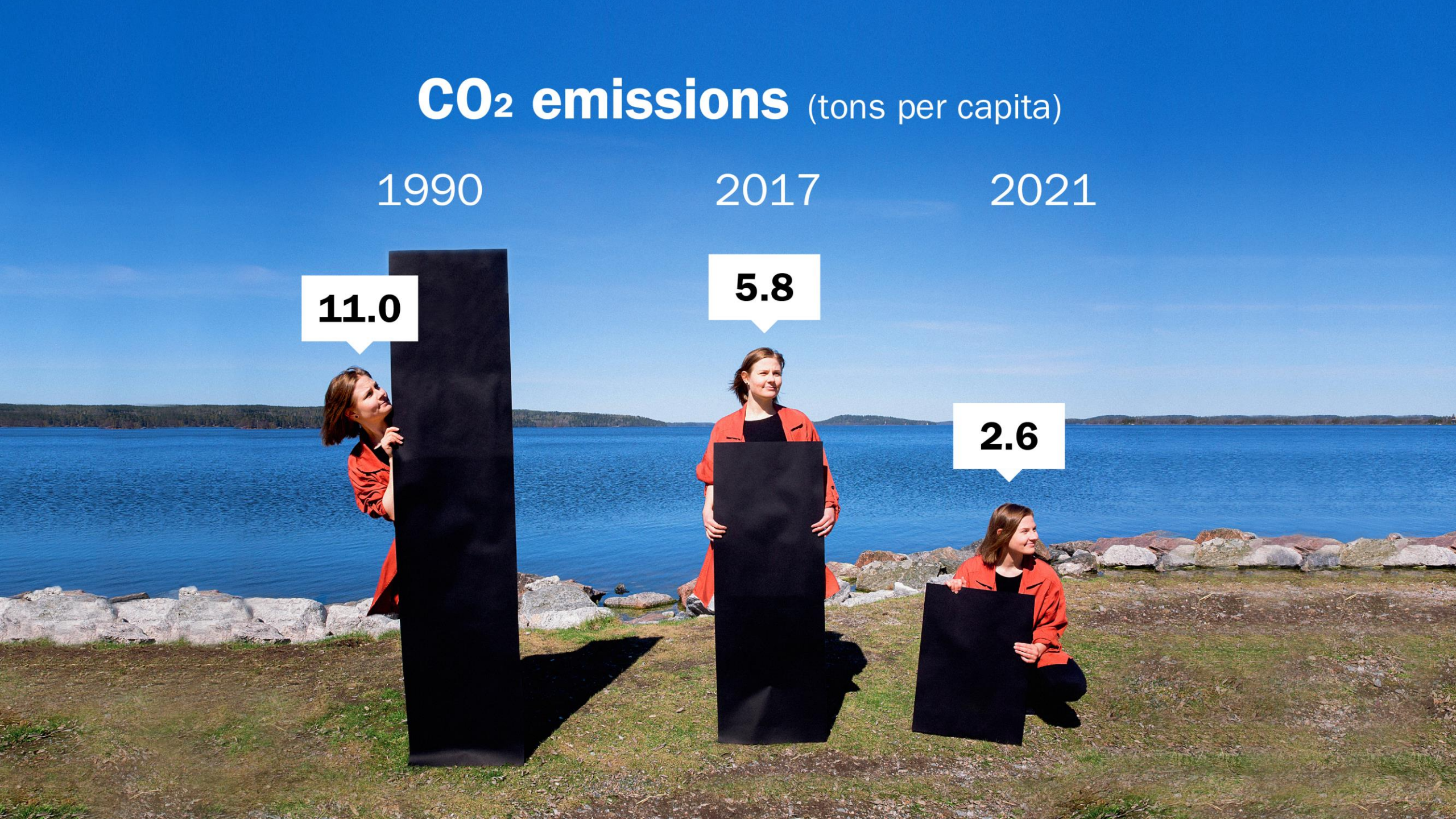
**11.0**

2017

**5.8**

2021

**2.6**





**We engage citizens in  
environmental work with the  
goal of CARBON-NEUTRAL  
DAILY LIFE.**

**1.5 degree project, with 79  
families**

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# CitiCAP

(UIA project 2018-2020)

World's first personal carbon trading launched in autumn 2019







**Unique, continuous  
master planning process**

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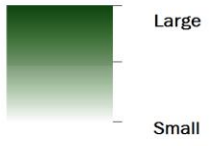


# Biodiversity and participation in the current master planning process



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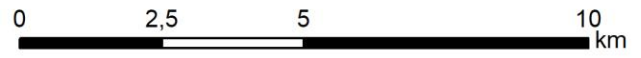




Carbon sinks in  
vegetation in  
Lahti, CO<sub>2</sub>-ekv t/ha

Average  
3.5 CO<sub>2</sub>-ekv t/ha

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# Everyone can engage in city development



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# Environmental awareness for the next generation







**Lahti showcases  
results of long-term  
commitment for  
water protection**

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**Lahti has been reporting to CDP since 2015. Last year's reporting lifted Lahti to A-list**



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# Lahti – transforming cities for a sustainable future

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green life  
contributing  
to wellbeing

Functioning  
and  
sustainable  
cities

European  
Green  
Capital  
visibility

