Turku - a leading climate and nature city

Carbon neutral 2029
Nature positive 2030
Resource-wise 2040

Mayor's Programme and City Strategy



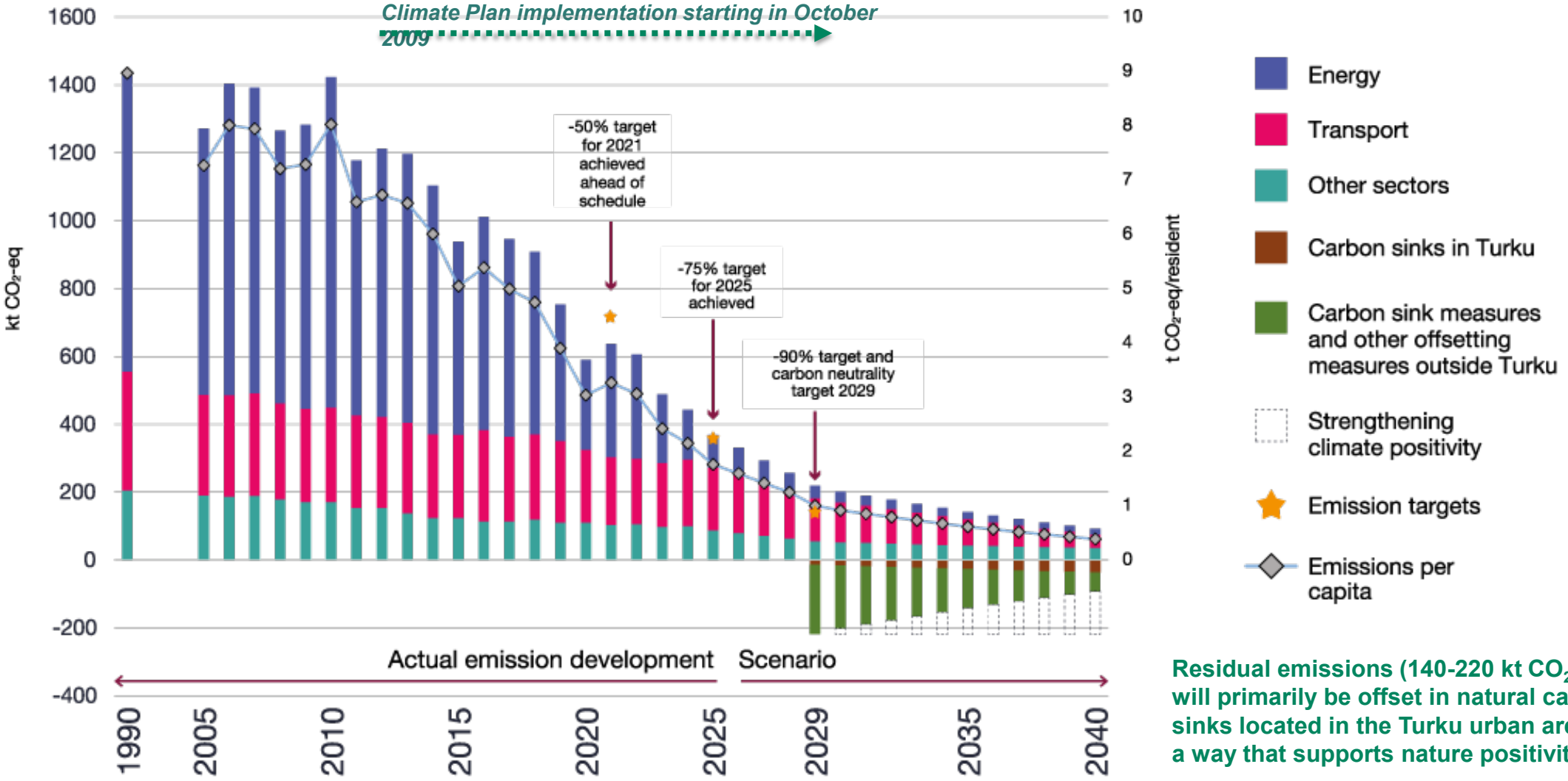
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

City of Turku supports the Sustainable Development Goals

Emissions development, scenario and attainability of the target



Residual emissions (140-220 kt CO_2-eq.) will primarily be offset in natural carbon sinks located in the Turku urban area in a way that supports nature positivity.

Climate budgeting in Turku

Turku has implemented climate budgeting in the citys financial and operational planning since 2023, to ensure that **the city's investments are aligned with the city's climate, circular economy and nature goals** while the city is experiencing rapid growth.

Targeting investments in a growing city enables mobilizing a large financial share and aiming for a large impact.

The core of Turku's climate budget is **the EU taxonomy – based investment sustainability assessment.**

By October 2026, **investments worth over 1,3 billion have gone through the assessment.**

The approach enables more resource-wise planning and brings credible data for decision making and financing negotiations.

Using the EU taxonomy opens access to green financing and significant economical benefits.

EU Taxonomy environmental objectives


Climate change mitigation


Climate change adaptation


Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems


Transition to circular economy


Pollution prevention and control


Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources