

Leaving no one behind (1)

- **Close the knowledge gap** regarding interlinkages between poverty, multidimensional inequality and sustainability
- Systematic assessment of the potential negative/positive side **effects of the transition on Europe's poor population**;
- Better understanding of **intergenerational drivers of inequality**: energy costs for older households, impact of environmental degradation on future options for the young.
- Air pollution: agree plans to reduce pollution (indoor as well as outdoor) with all Member States individually, **prioritising places with the most severe levels** using poverty maps to understand interlinkages



Leaving no one behind (2)

- Ambitious, **green social** housing policies (access to energy, energy efficiency, quality housing, access to nature)
- Promoting the **social economy** within the sustainability transition (e.g. circular economy, energy transition).
- Moving away from cheap food policies in lieu of social policies, with new approaches to rebalance the cost of food where **healthy and sustainable products become cheaper and more accessible to lower income consumers**
- **Role for cohesion policy:** how to not leave Eastern and Central Europe behind (multi-speed Europe, MFF)



Towards 'a good life' in Europe?

- Having a much wider understanding of “Just transition” (beyond coal) and building an **effective European Social Pillar in support of Just Transition**
- **Identify policy win-wins:** policies which reduce poverty, inequality and enhance sustainability
- Sustainability considerations within reforms of redistributive systems (**tax and social protection**)
- Adopt a **comprehensive EU environmental health approach** within health policies
- Establishing an **EU Guardian for future generations**
- Design a strategy to **ensure not only cities but also rural communities** become more inclusive, resilient and sustainable.

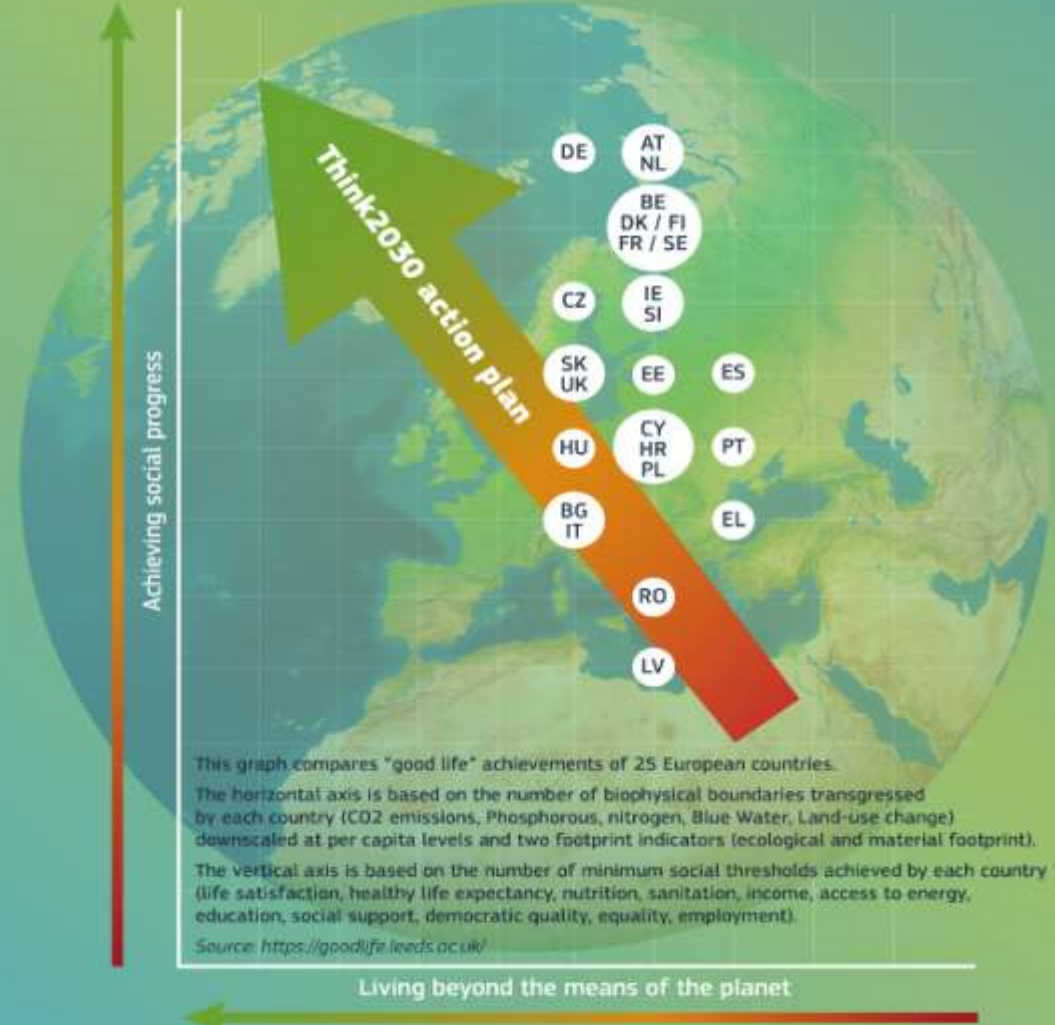


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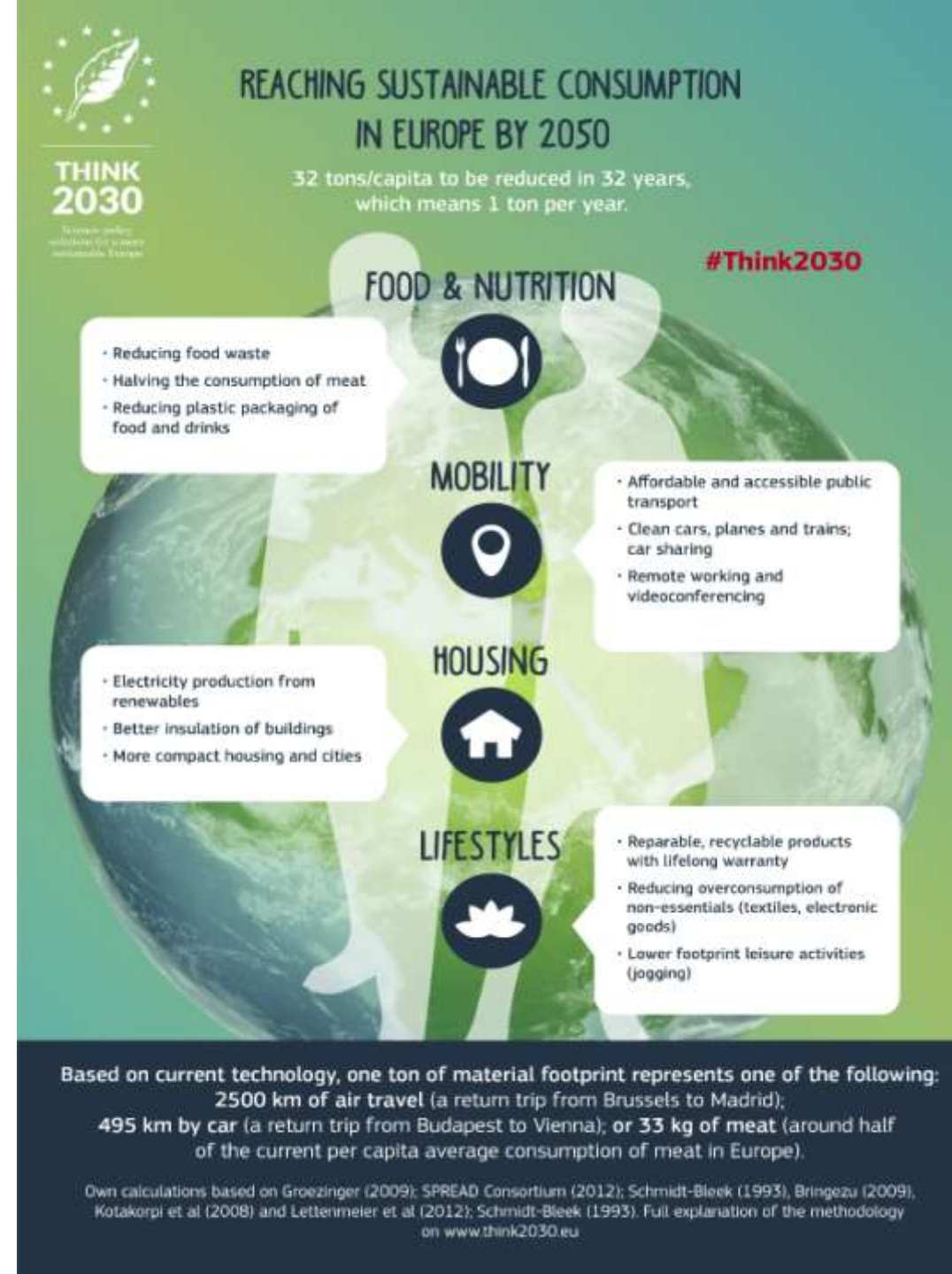
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Within a context marked by unparalleled challenges.....

- Building a new growth model truly decoupled from the use of natural resources, e.g.
 - How to move away from mass consumption societies (efficiency and sufficiency policies)?
 - Social impacts of the circular economy (e.g. employment effects of transforming products into services)
 - Interlinkages with innovation, digitalisation and AI, incl. a sharing economy?
 - Aging Europe: what impact on growth, public revenues and expenditures, poverty and sustainability?





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