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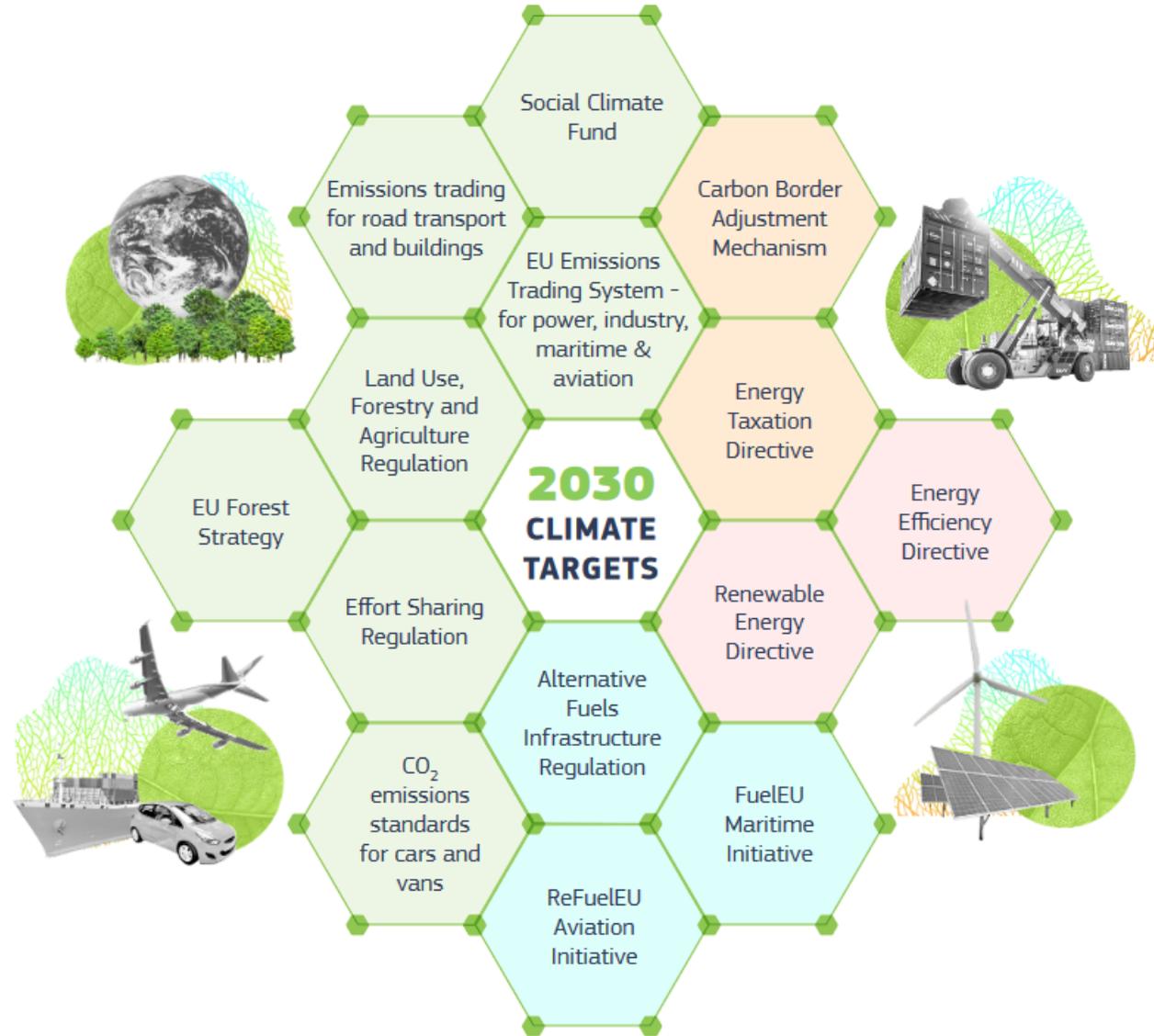
The role of social innovation in ensuring a fair transition
towards climate neutrality

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The Green Transition

- European Commission adopted a set of proposals to make the EU's climate, energy, land use, transport and taxation **policies fit for reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030**, compared to 1990 levels.
- Achieving these emission reductions is crucial to Europe becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050 and making the European Green Deal a reality.





Opportunities

New opportunities

55%



Reducing emissions



Creating jobs and growth



Reducing external energy dependency and strengthening security of supply



Addressing energy poverty



Improving our health and wellbeing

THE FUTURE OF JOBS IS GREEN

- Policies delivering a 55 % reduction in greenhouse gas emissions **can lead to positive effects on the total number of jobs** in the EU.
- Additional jobs can be expected in sectors such as electric goods, equipment goods, agriculture and forestry, and the electricity.
- In the energy sector, the green transition is expected to continue generating demand for **low- and medium skilled jobs**.

Threats

Some people will be more affected than others in this transition



New geopolitical and energy market realities

- end the EU's **dependence on Russian fossil fuels**, used as an economic and political weapon
- accelerate our **clean energy transition**
- tackle the **climate crisis**

REPower EU

- A roadmap to reduce the dependence on Russian fossil fuels and fast forward the energy transition
- Based on **3 pillars**:



Energy saving and energy efficiency



Massive acceleration of investment in renewables



Diversification of our energy supplies

New Emergency Measures

- A mandatory target to reduce electricity consumption by **5% during in peak hours.**
- **An EU-level cap on revenues** of companies that produce electricity at a low cost, and **a temporary solidarity contribution** from fossil fuel energy companies.
- The possibility to temporarily set a price for the supply of electricity to small and medium-sized enterprises to **further support SMEs struggling with high energy prices.**

Fair Transition towards climate neutrality



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Social Innovation for fair green transformations

- **Social innovation** can be used to improve the social fabric by improving working conditions, education, community development or health, or through tackling critical problems such as poverty or discrimination
- **Council Recommendation on Ensuring a fair transition towards climate-neutrality**, Member States, are encouraged to incentivise social innovation solutions for sustainable consumption and promote cost saving opportunities linked to the circular economy.



Thank you



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