

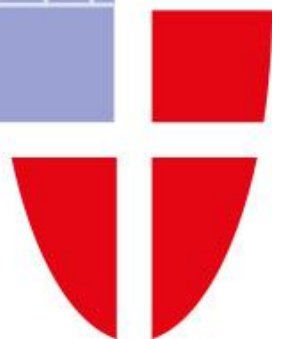
Vienna's Climate Governance

climate-neutral, climate-adapted and circular
until 2040

City of Vienna
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- **Management of strategic climate agendas** in the City of Vienna
- Coordination and management of the implementation of the **Vienna Climate Guide**
- Development, establishment and evaluation of **standards and processes**
- **Raising awareness** for a climate-neutral, resilient and circular city
- Climate-related coordination and **information** for all organisations in the City of Vienna's sphere of influence
- **Knowledge exchange** and networking

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Pillars of Vienna's climate governance

1 Development of **strategic foundations & goals**

- Support for future-oriented overall management
e.g. Climate Act, Vienna Climate Guide & Updating, Circular Economy Strategy

2 Development and establishment of suitable **instruments, processes & standards**

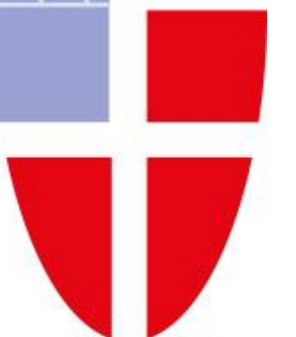
- Ensuring the management and implementation of strategic goals
- e.g. climate budget, climate check for construction projects, heat action plan, climate campus

3 **Stakeholder management**

- Promoting the exchange of knowledge
- Opening up scope for action
- Strengthening the culture of climate-resilient, climate-neutral and recyclable cities
- e.g. Climate Council, Climate Network, Climate Education Network

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Strategic foundations



From strategy to implementation

Strategic elements of Vienna's Climate Governance

The Goal

The Path

Activities

Smart Climate
City Strategy

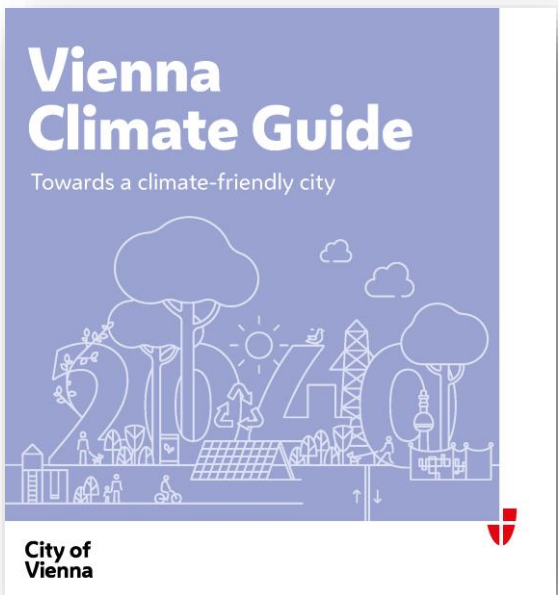
Climate
Neutrality 2040

Vienna
Climate
Guide

Sectoral
strategies,
concepts,
programmes

Climate Budget

Measures



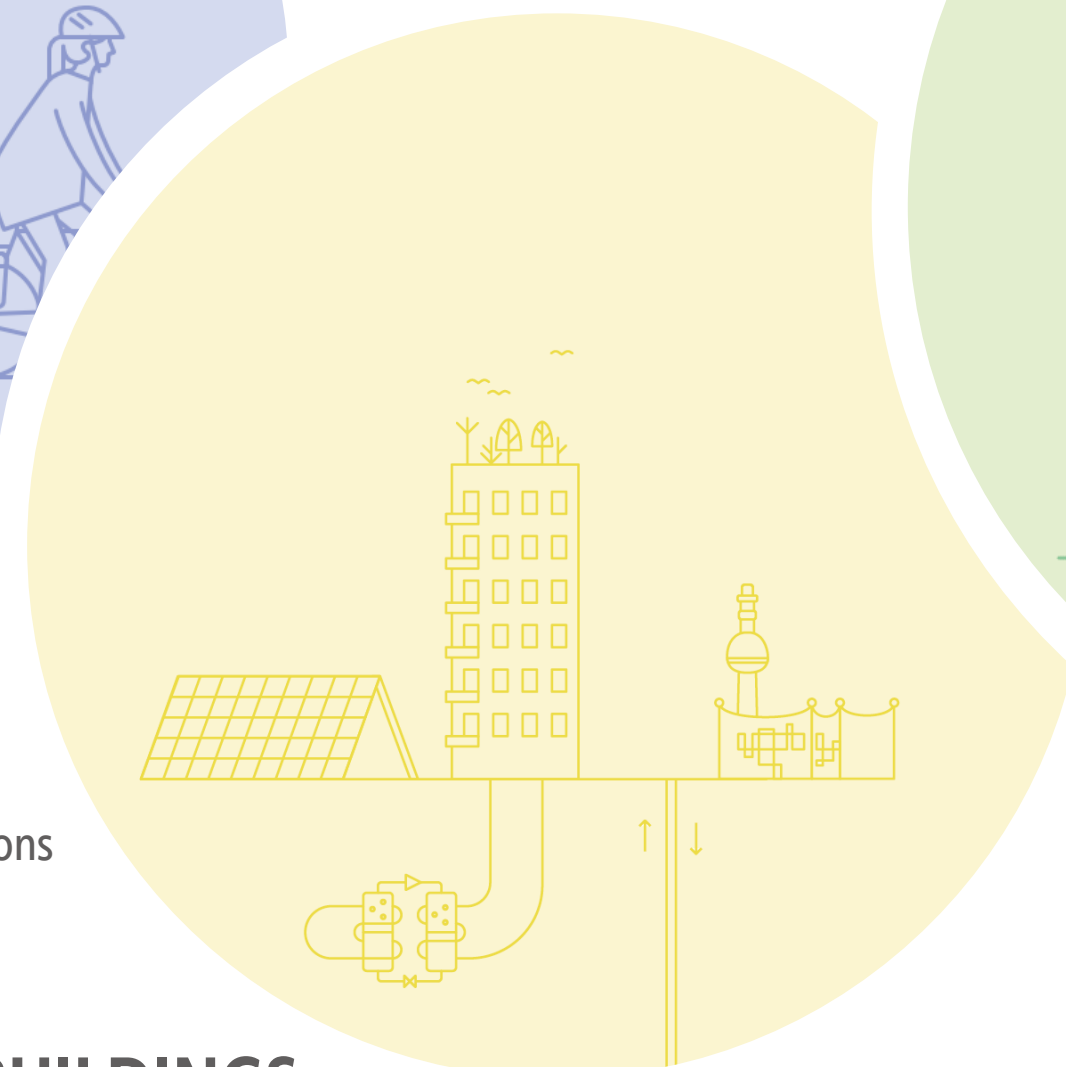
Vienna becomes climate-neutral

We reduce and avoid greenhouse gas emissions by decreasing energy **consumption**, increasing overall **efficiency**, transitioning to **renewable energy**, and orienting our actions and decisions towards a significantly **reduced resource consumption**.

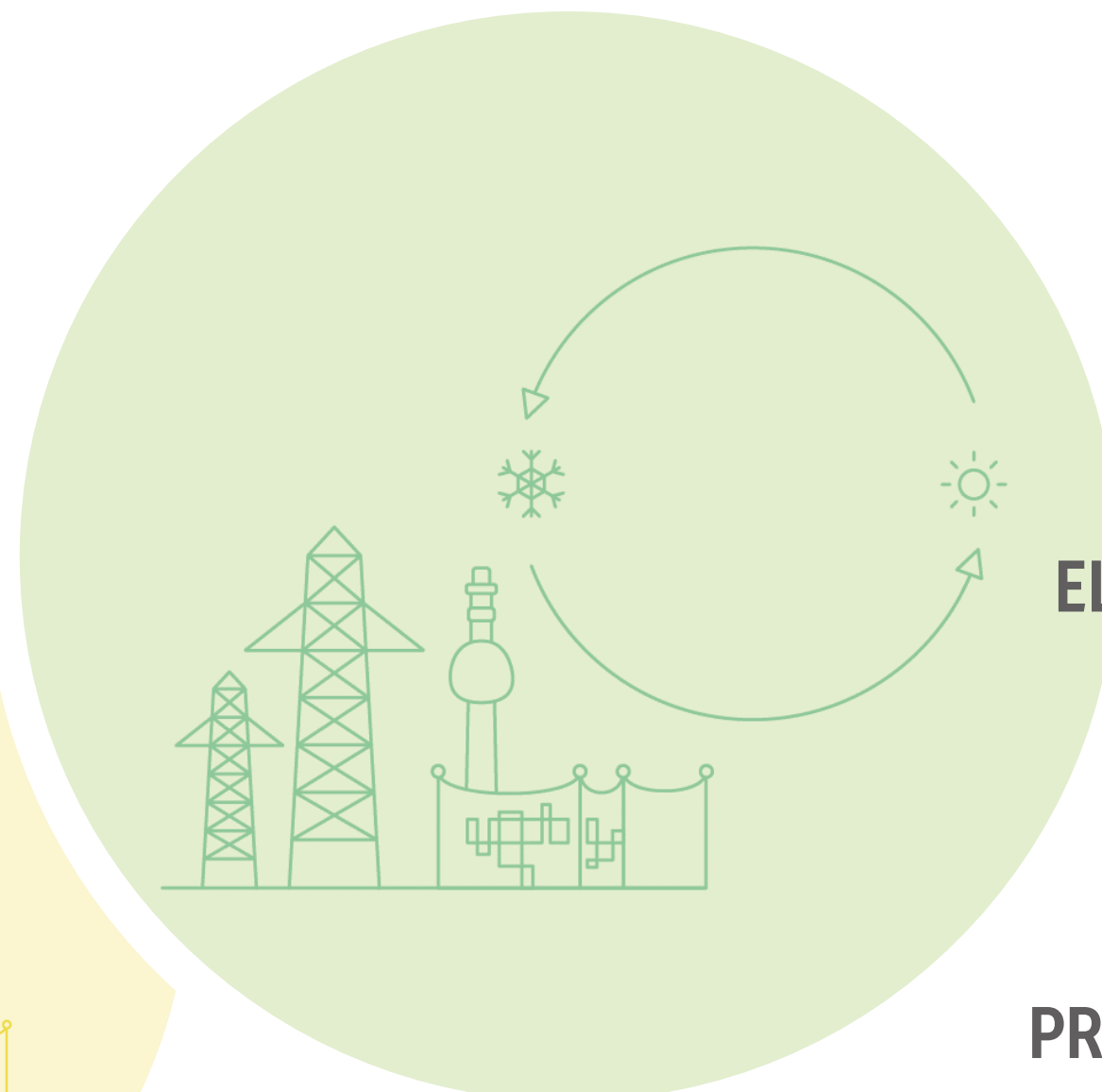


MOBILITY

approximately 3/4 of emissions

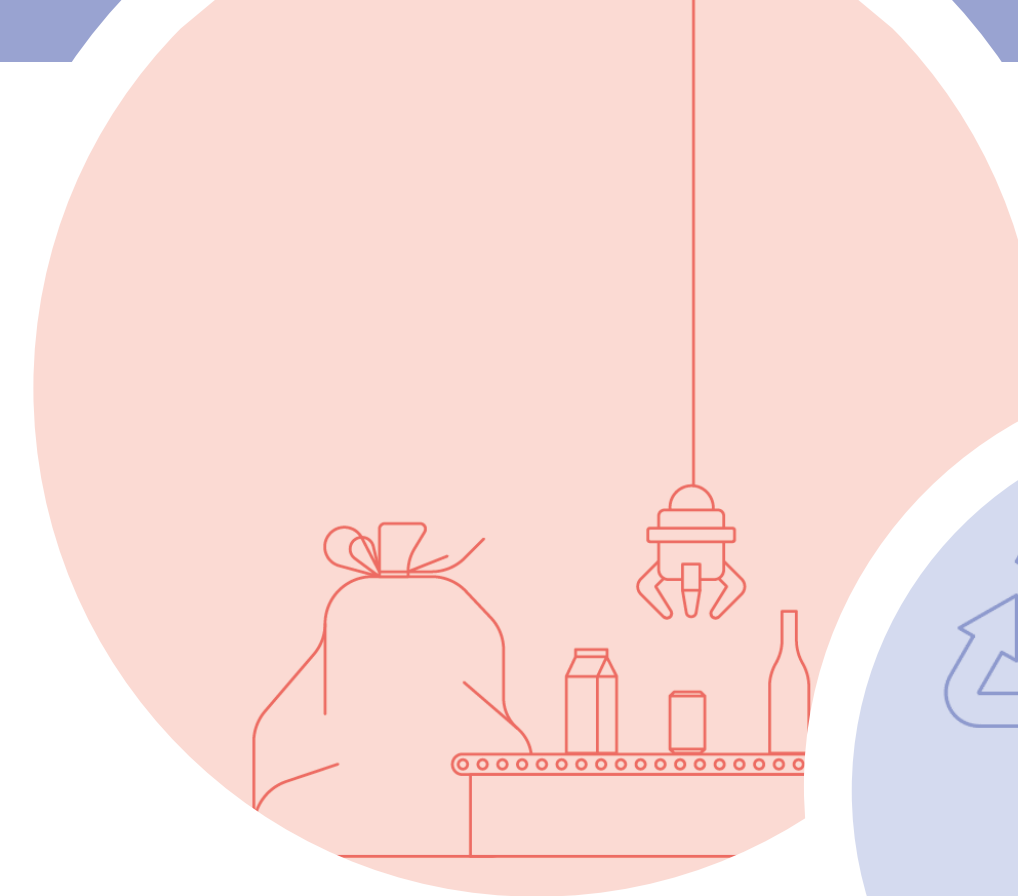


BUILDINGS

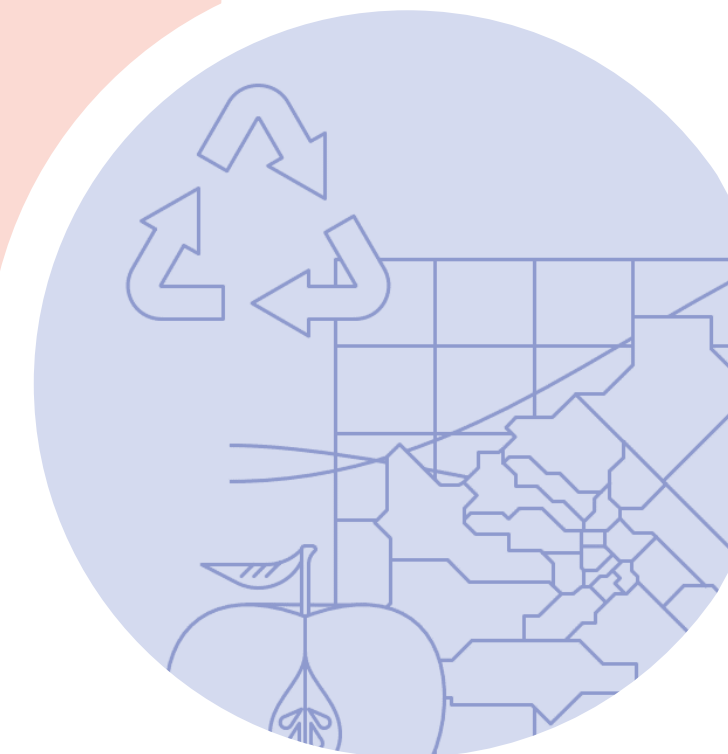


ELECTRICITY AND DISTRICT HEAT GENERATION

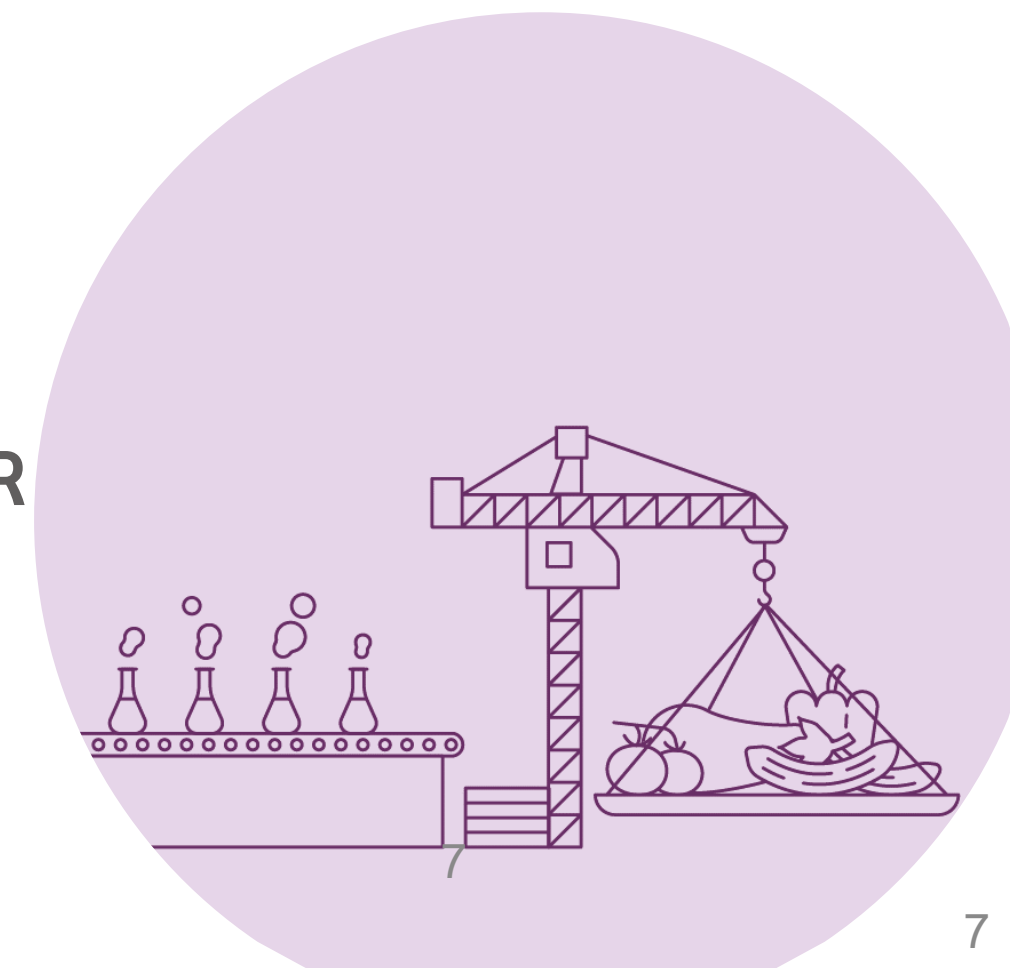
PRODUCTION SECTOR (INDUSTRY, TRADE, AGRICULTURE, FLUORINATED GASES)



WASTE MANAGEMENT

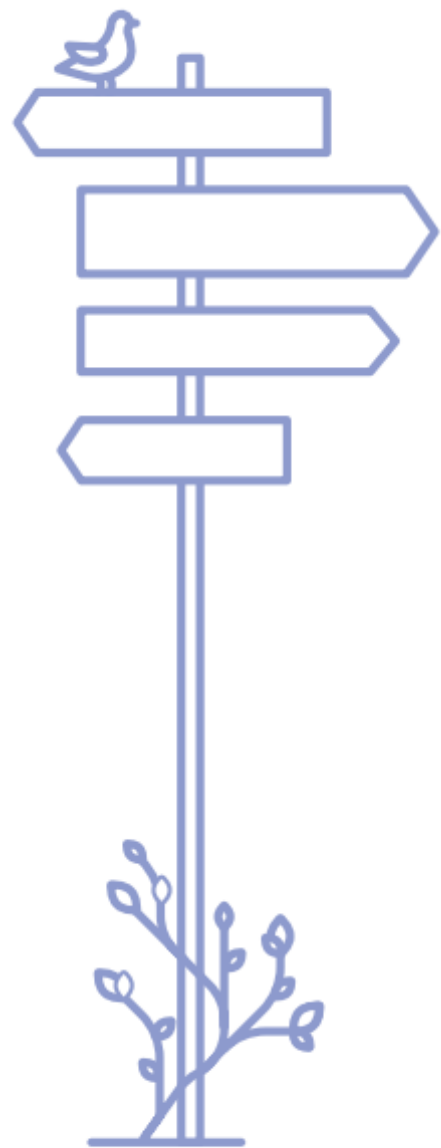


CIRCULAR ECONOMY



Most important levers

Climate protection



Moving away from fossil fuels in the transport sector

Switching to electric drives, changing mobility behaviour, expanding public transport and infrastructure for cycling and walking

No more gas in heat generation

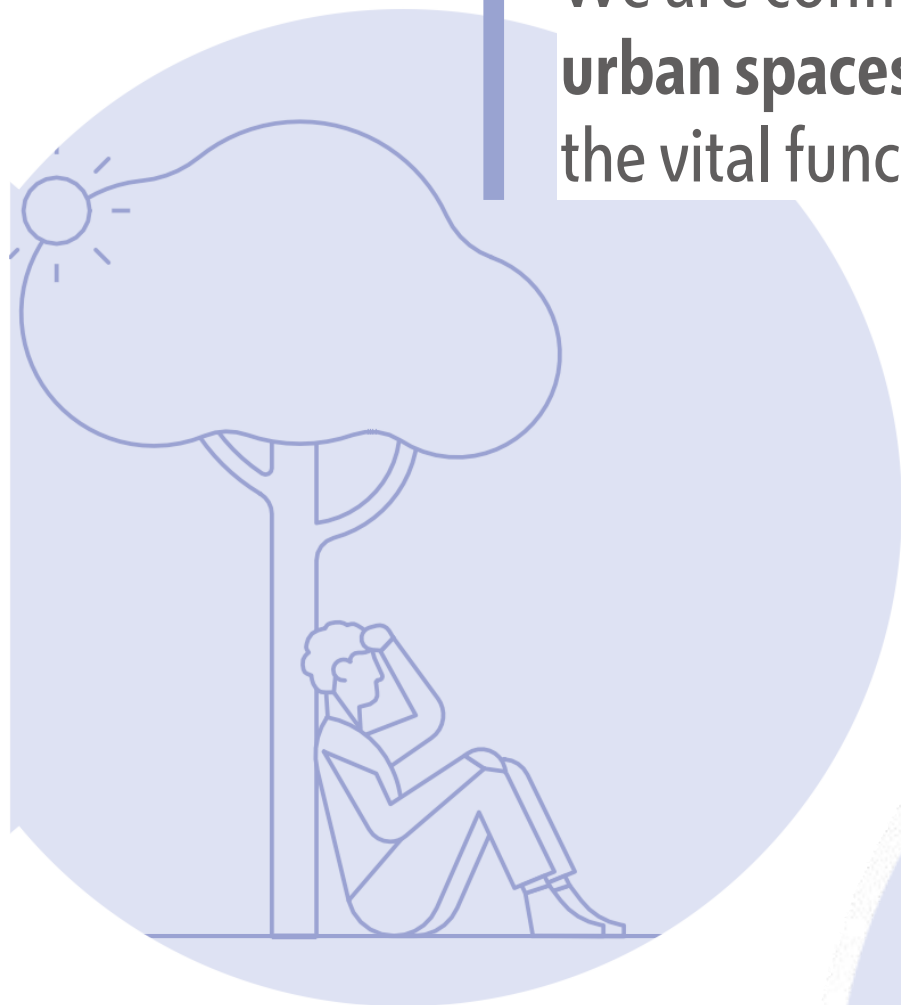
Reducing heat consumption in buildings, switching to district heating, using ambient heat with heat pumps

Decarbonization of electricity and district heating generation

Expanding renewable energies in Vienna and Austria, using green gas for combined heat and power plants and other high-energy applications

Vienna becomes climate-resilient

We are confronting the consequences of climate change by **making urban spaces livable, adapting urban infrastructure, and preserving the vital functions of our environment.**



**HEALTH AND
WELLBEING**



**ECOSYSTEMS, NATURAL
AND RECREATION AREAS**



**URBAN DEVELOPMENT
AND PLANNING**



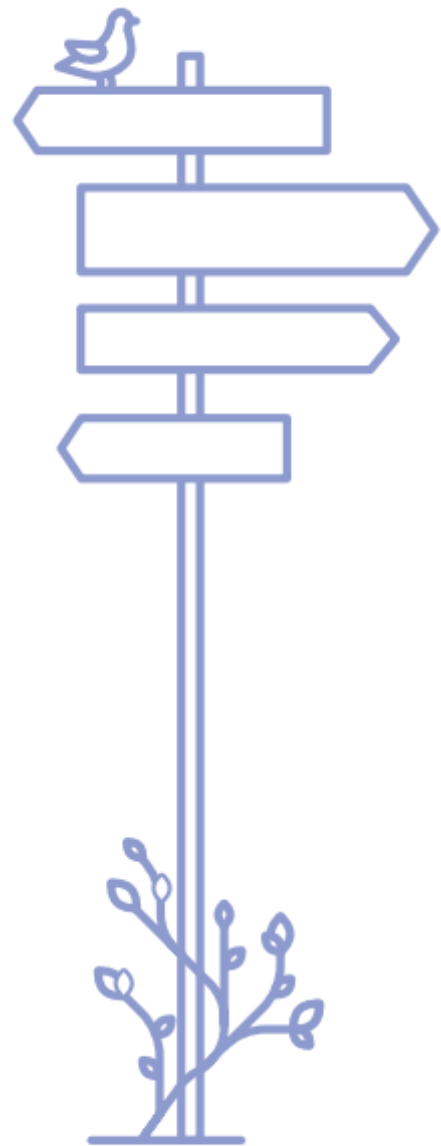
**PUBLIC SPACE AND
BUILDINGS**



**INFRASTRUCTURE AND
SERVICES OF GENERAL
INTEREST**

Most important levers

Climate adaption



Increasing the heat resilience of the population

Preventing, informing and educating,
implementing measures for extreme heat events

Maintaining and strengthening ecosystems

Green and recreational spaces, biodiversity

Climate-sensitive planning

of urban development, buildings/quarters, public spaces

The Climate Roadmap Monitoring 2025 shows: We have achieved a lot!

100 „Phasing Out Gas“ and WienNeu+ projects: lessons learned on decarbonising existing buildings heated with fossil fuels

“Vienna Heat Plan 2040” as a spatial target on the path to climate-neutral heat supply

Numerous implementations and strategic decisions in all areas of action of the Climate Roadmap

31% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (since 2005)

Renewable electricity and district heating generation through waste and wastewater disposal

Free job ticket for city employees+

Decarbonisation of the Wiener Linien bus fleet: 60 new electric buses and 10 hydrogen buses

100 million euro investment in cycling (2021-2025)

Expansion and modernisation of the railway infrastructure

Expansion of advisory services for the heat transition

Amendment to the Vienna Building Regulations 2023 with climate-related content and extension of the PV obligation for residential buildings

Updating of the Vienna Climate Guide

2027 - 2031

- Regulated in the Climate Law: every 5 years
- Stronger focus on **resource conservation** and **circular economy** as a cross-cutting theme in all areas
- **Climate-neutral administration** as an additional objective by 2040
- Expanded focus also on **biodiversity**
- Integration of measures for **raising awareness** (climate education and climate communication)
- With broad participation of all departments and companies of the city
- With public involvement

Wiener Klimafahrplan

Unser Weg zur klimagerechten Stadt



Stadt
Wien



Strategic foundations of Vienna's climate governance

Vienna Climate Act

Vienna Climate Act

The Vienna Climate Act is a **self-binding and governance** law that ...

- anchors the **goal of climate neutrality by 2040** and defines climate adaptation and the circular economy as target dimensions in addition to climate protection.
- bundles **objectives, structures, instruments and measures** that are within the sphere of influence of the City of Vienna
- emphasizes **social design** and joint cooperation

Section 1:
Objectives and principles

Section 2:
Governance

Section 3:
Instruments and measures

Section 4:
Public participation and legal
protection

Vienna Climate Act

defines

- Steering group - climate issues
- Climate affairs coordination office
- Vienna Climate Council
- Vienna Climate Guide: Update at least every 5 years
- Climate budget
- Climate check for construction projects/ Climate check for laws and regulations
- Climate alliances

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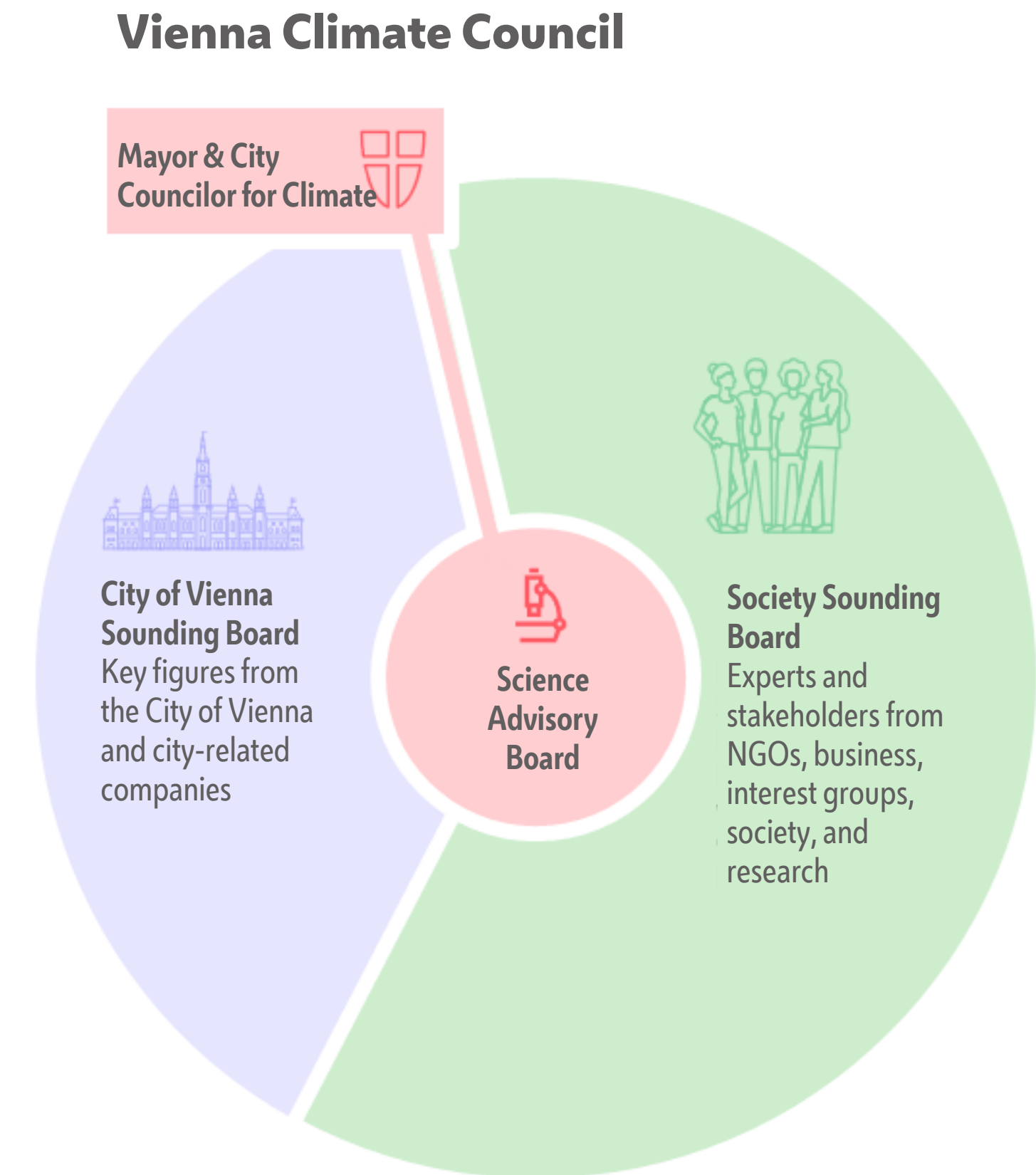
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Vienna Climate Council

- Consists of **Advisory Board, City Board, and Sounding Board**
- **Advises** the steering group – climate issues
- Works together in various constellations
- Currently consists of **45 active members**
- Two meetings a year
- 10th anniversary celebrated in May 2025



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Vienna climate budget

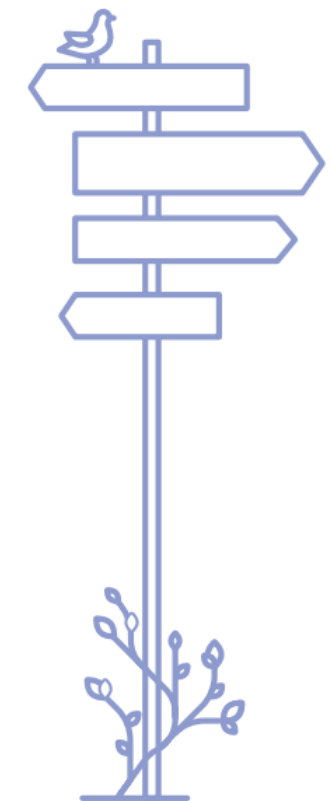
Product



The **climate budget** is a **collection of prioritized climate measures**. It is published in the appendix to the City of Vienna's budget estimate.

The city's internal **climate budget process** supports politicians and administrators in **planning and prioritizing climate measures**.

Together with **climate budget coordinators** for each business group, goals and responsibilities are developed. This ensures that **targeted climate measures** are included in the climate budget.



Pathway

Vienna climate check for laws and regulations

- examines the **impact of draft laws and regulations on climate-related areas**
- low-threshold and easy to use
- highlights **positive and negative effects**
- climate impacts are considered from the outset
- results are included in the cover sheet of the legislative proposal



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- Public participation
 - update of Vienna Climate Guide
- Legal protection
 - citizens and environmental organisations

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