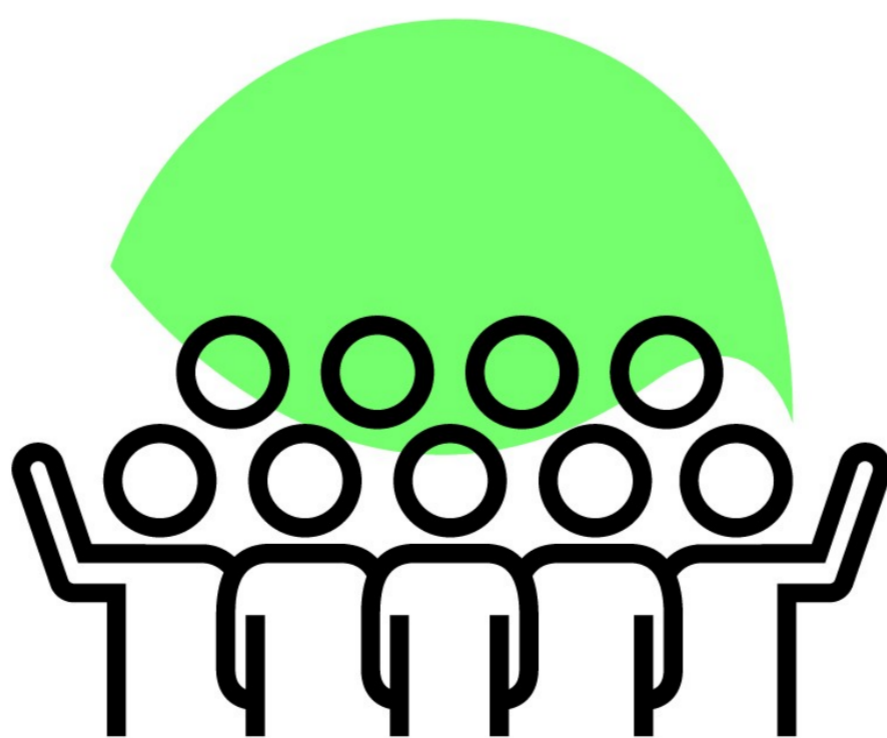




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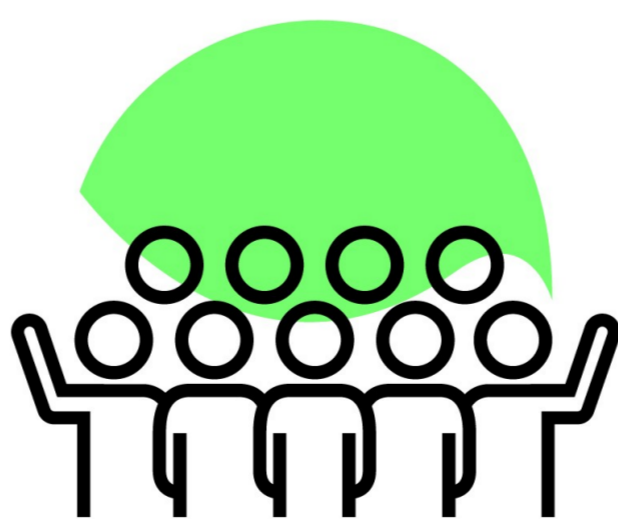
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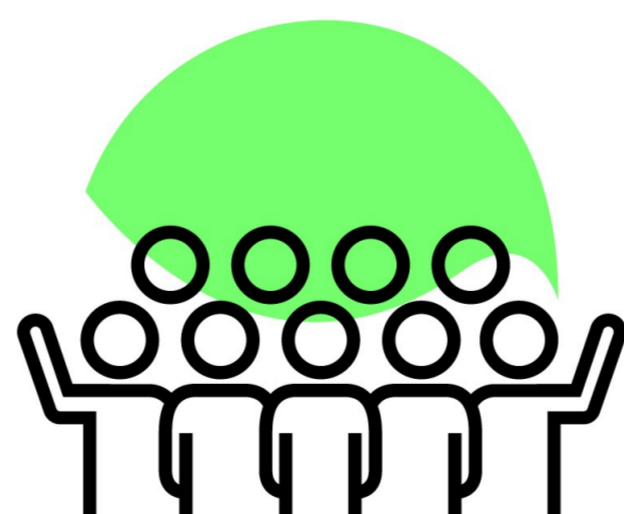
- Climate protection must not be an individual decision
- Climate protection must not be a luxury
- Climate protection must not leave anyone behind
- Those who contribute more to the climate crisis should contribute more to climate protection
- Climate protection requires global responsibility
- Climate protection can only be achieved together
- Climate protection must remain up to date



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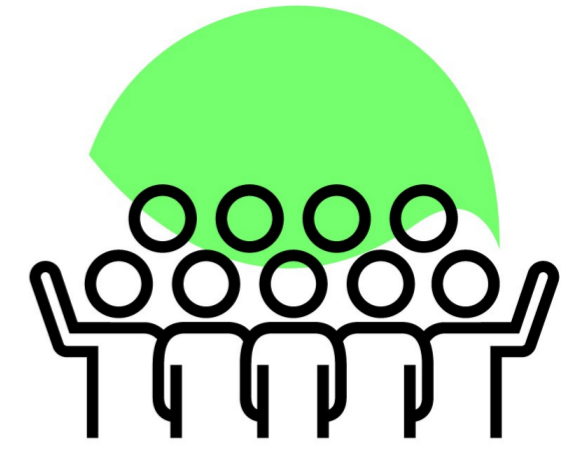
General Recommendations

- Introduce the fundamental right to climate protection
- Abolish climate-damaging subsidies
- Form and expand cross-border alliances for climate protection
- Implement effective carbon pricing
- Support the labor market in regards to climate protection
- Awareness-raising of inconvenient measures



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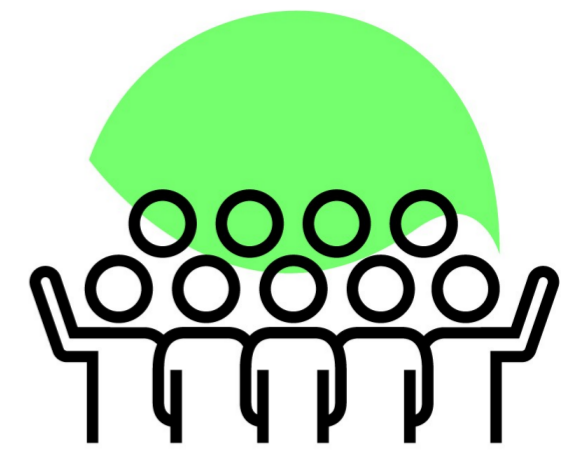
Recommendations Energy



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- Adopt an effective climate protection law immediately
- Expand emission-free energy nationwide with the goal of 100 % supply from renewable energy
- Require energy suppliers to adjust their pricing
- Eliminate subsidies for fossil fuels
- Effective CO2 pricing in the energy sector
- Use areas that have already been sealed already to generate energy to avoid further soil sealing
- Municipalities and public administration – act as role models and use savings potential
- Financial service providers – act as role models and use savings potential
- Companies – act as role models and use potential savings
- Promote green investments
- Mandatory spatial energy planning with citizen participation

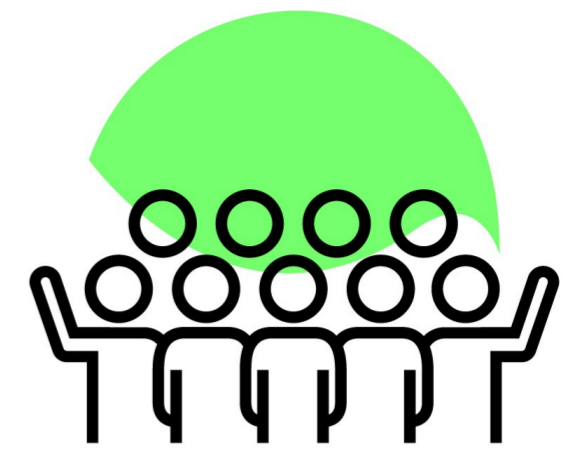
Recommendations Consumption and Production



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- Set up a non-partisan climate commission
- Create experimental spaces for social and technological innovations
- Make reparability of products mandatory
- Prohibit the destruction of newly produced goods
- Energy labels are to become mandatory for more consumer goods and take into account the entire product life cycle
- Expand and tighten the EMAS environmental management seal of approval
- Increase private investment capital in climate-impacting investments: green stock index and green state bonds
- Introduce more favorable credit conditions for climate-impacting projects
- Expand citizens' financial participation in regional climate-friendly projects
- Anchor climate protection in curricula as well as in adult education
- Massively restrict advertising for climate-damaging products and ban particularly climate-damaging products
- Introduce or expand refill stations in supermarkets/drugstores
- Create a coordination office for climate-effective synergies between companies
- Reduction of plastic packaging waste
- Establish a center for circular economy

Recommendations Food and Land use

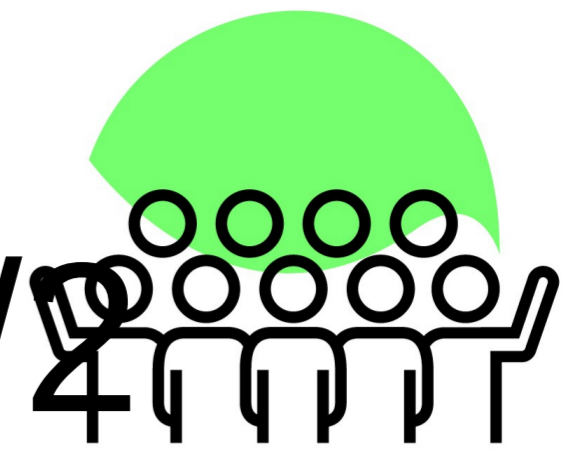


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- Set political incentives for climate-friendly nutrition
- Introduce climate-friendly and respectful food pricing
- Introduce greenhouse gas tariffs for food from non-EU countries based on their climate footprint
- Introduce a ban on destroying food
- Freed up agricultural land shall be used to contain the climate crisis, for example to generate energy efficiently, wherever suitable
- Compulsory use of climate-friendly food in restaurants and canteen kitchens
- Establish a legal framework for portion sizes in canteen kitchens and restaurants
- Implement unit prices instead of bulk packs
- Ban bulk discounts on groceries
- Promote self-sufficiency with renewable energy in communities and farms
- Promote energy production from waste (biomass) and close nutrient cycles
- Check and align agricultural policy measures at EU and national level with regard to their actual climate impact
- Promote CO₂ binding through sustainable forestry and make tree planting mandatory in public spaces
- Create the basis for humus growth
- Targeted support for small and medium-sized companies in the implementation of climate protection measures

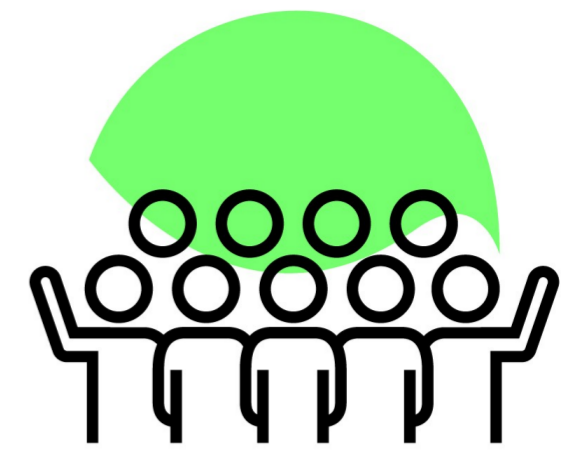
Recommendations Food and Land use 2/4



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- Promote innovative, climate-friendly production and distribution channels for agricultural products
- Promote knowledge and education on climate-friendly nutrition
- Anti-discrimination law for vegetables and fruit: introduce a purchase obligation for crooked vegetables
- Create awareness for the climate-friendly handling of food
- Promote transparency and make it mandatory to label product standards for food
- Promote and advertise public distribution refrigerator

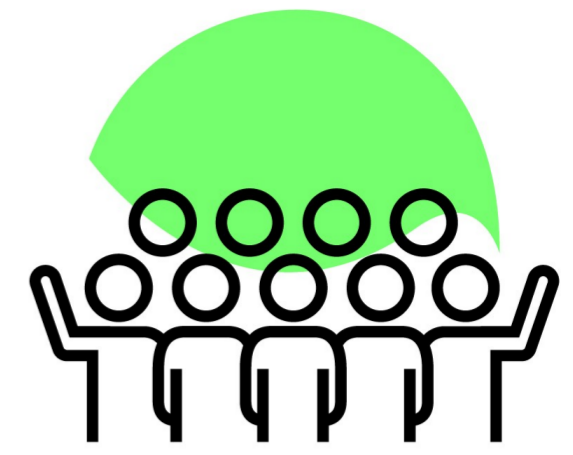
Recommendations Housing



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- SOS 2024 – Immediate emergency-funding for renovation
- Soil sealing stop! – Financially favour renovations over new construction
- Soil sealing stop! – Relocate spatial planning competencies
- Soil sealing stop! – Implement development deadlines for building plots
- Mandatory installation of photovoltaic
- Introduce vacancy tax and make vacancy reporting obligatory
- Create energy self-sufficiency in buildings
- Harmonization of the legal framework for climate-neutral buildings
- Living together - CO housing from 0 to 100+
- Develop and legally anchor the best possible climate-friendly construction and renovation standards
- Introduce CO2 pricing for building materials
- Reduce gray emissions, promote circular economy: recycling of building materials
- Increase residential density in existing buildings
- ZU-KU-NFT*: Climate-friendly retraining and apprenticeship program in the construction industry
- Re-evaluation of risk areas
- Mobilize building land that has already been dedicated
- Energy seal of approval with a refurbishment effect
- Adapt the guidelines for the protection of historical monuments protection to reflect climate needs

Recommendations Mobility



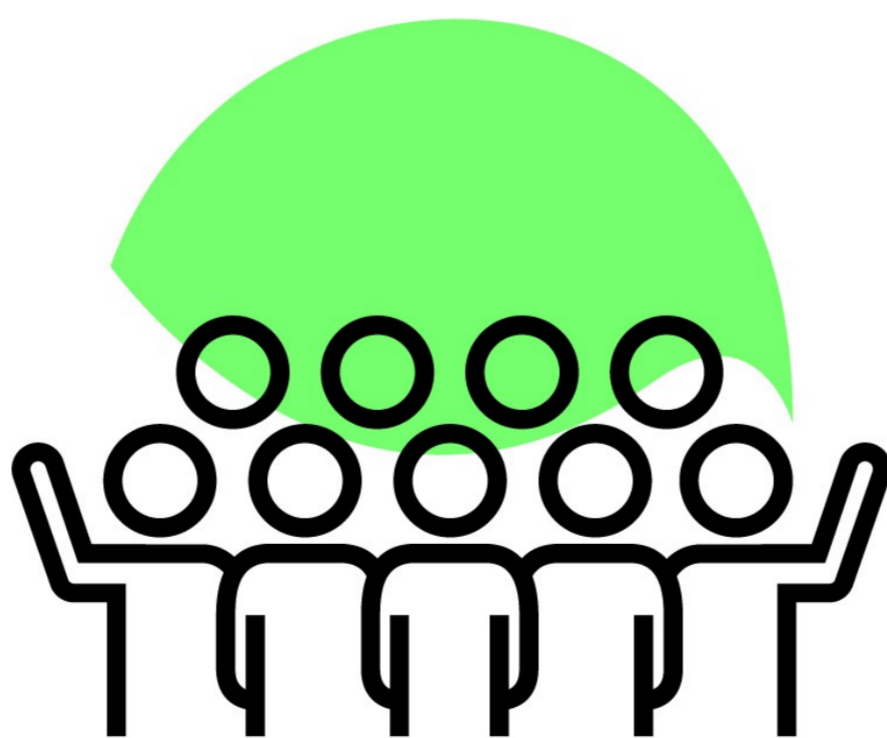
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- Introduce a climate-neutral mobility guarantee
- Promote public transport
- Encourage cycling and walking
- Introduce higher taxes for climate-damaging vehicles
- Move landuse planning competencies from community to regional or state level
- No new registrations (first registrations) of cars with combustion engines from 2027
- Strengthen parking space management, push city tolls and car-free inner cities as further options
- Promote climate-friendly freight transport - introduce equal competitive conditions for rail and road
- Ecologize commuter allowances and mileage allowances
- Reduce speed on roads
- Optimize car sharing
- Reduce company cars
- Introduce a kerosene tax
- Expand international rail traffic
- Charge money for returning goods to online shops
- Implement inclusivity and accessibility in all public transport
- Hand out free public transport tickets
- Set up more charging stations for electric vehicles
- Develop a Car-Lifetime-Calculator
- Enshrine tax deductibility of bicycles in law
- Reduce trips to school and kindergarten with private cars
- Introduce a monthly car-free day



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