

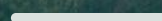


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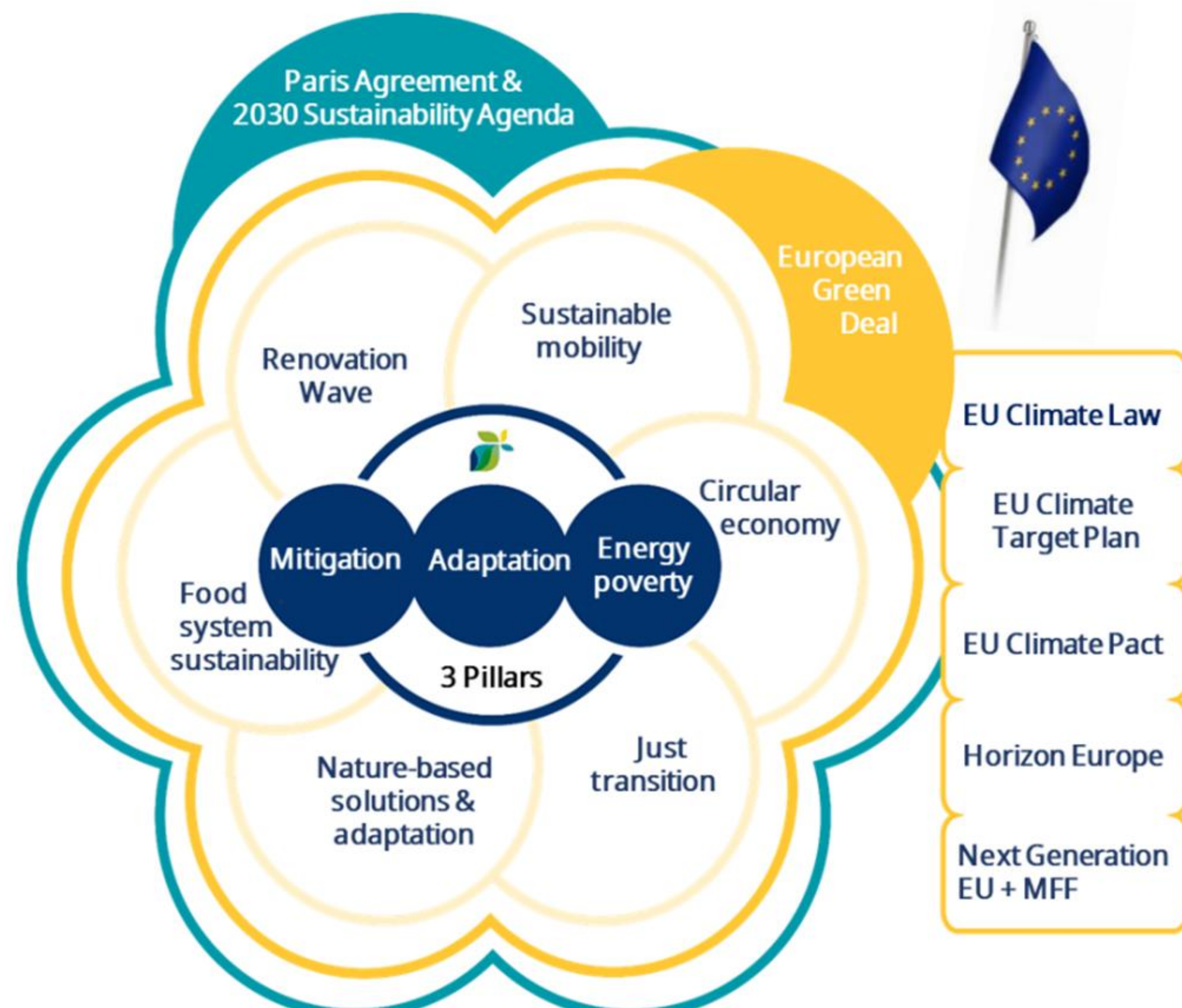
TIPS

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- The world's **largest movement of cities** taking climate and energy action
- Embedded in the EU climate & energy policies (Green Deal, EU adaptation strategy...)
- **Connected to other EU city initiatives** to best support cities in delivering on their ambition (EU Climate Pact, Green City Accord...)
- Allowing **easier access to funding** (LIFE, Horizon Europe, Recovery...)
- Ensuring a **stronger voice** on the international scene



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TIPS 1

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Identify climate hazards (heatwaves, floods, droughts, storms, sea-level rise, etc.) relevant to your region.

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Use scientific data (e.g., IPCC, Copernicus, national meteorological data).

Prioritize hotspots—sectors or areas most affected (e.g., agriculture, water, health, coastal zones).



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TIPS 2

Define a Clear Problem Statement

Describe why adaptation is needed—link it to observed climate impacts and socio-economic challenges.

Make it location-specific and evidence-based.

Example: “Increasing frequency of flash floods in urban areas of X municipality has caused Y damage annually.”



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Set SMART objectives



The objectives should address the core problem in terms of the benefits to be received by the project beneficiaries or target group *as a direct result of the project*. A project will likely have multiple objectives.



Characteristics:

- Specific
- Measurable
- Applicable
- Realistic
- Timely

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Ensure Policy and Strategic Alignment

Link your project to key frameworks:

Paris Agreement (Article 7)

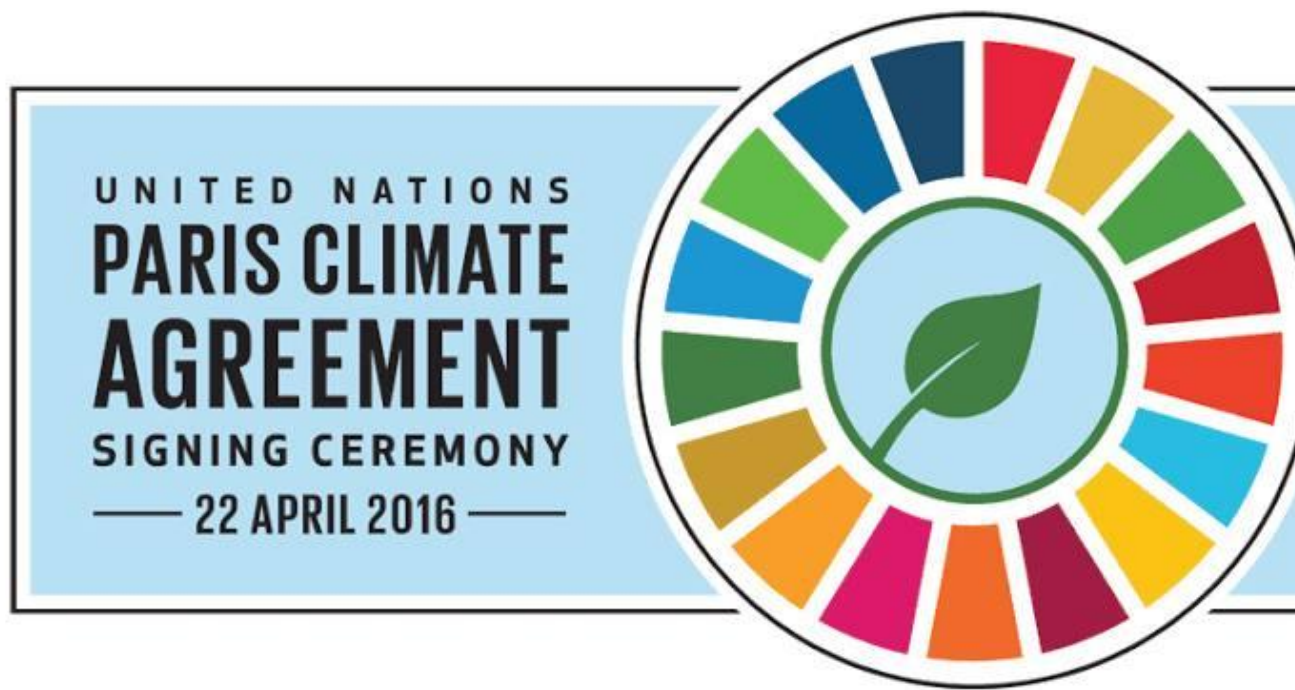
Green Deal Agenda

EU Adaptation Strategy (2021)

National Climate Change Strategy / NAP

Sustainable Development Goals (especially SDG 13)

Highlight how your project contributes to policy coherence and multi-level governance.



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Design Integrated and Scalable Measures

Combine “no-regret” measures (beneficial under any climate scenario) with nature-based solutions and technological innovations.

Examples:

Urban green corridors or permeable pavements

Smart irrigation or water harvesting

Early warning systems

Climate-resilient infrastructure



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Engage Stakeholders and Local Communities

Map and involve key actors: municipalities, ministries, private sector, NGOs, academia, and citizens. Use co-design and participatory planning.

Use multi-level governance (national–regional–local) and build ownership



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Develop a Realistic Budget and Financing Strategy



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TIPS 9

The Logframe Matrix

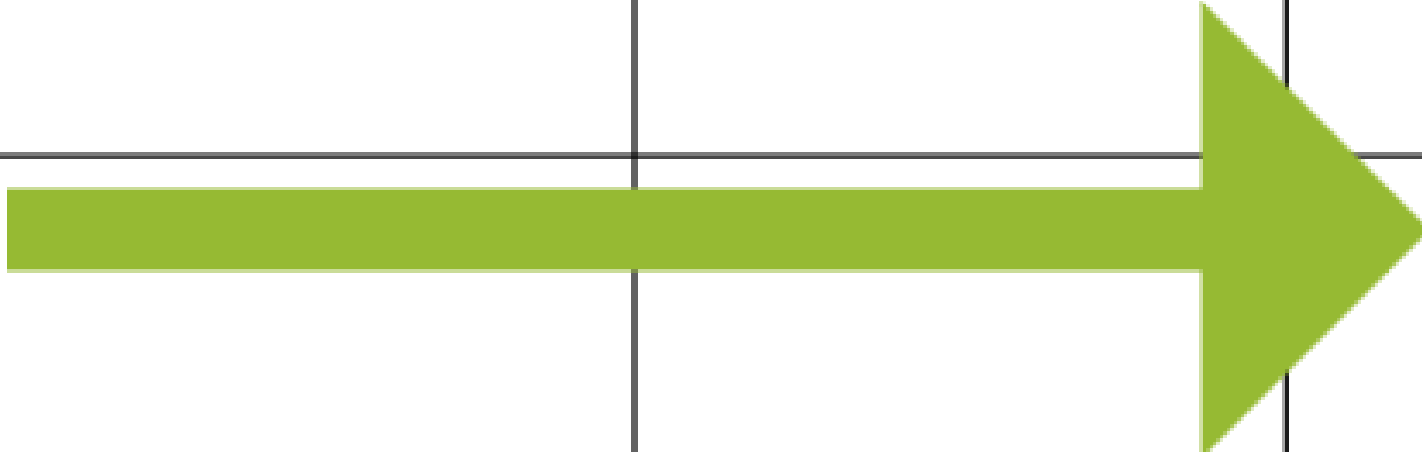
First step: Top-Down

Project Structure	Indicators of performance	Means of verification	Risks and Assumptions
Goal			
Purpose			
Outputs			
Activities			



The Logframe Matrix

Second step: Work Across

Project Structure	Indicators of performance	Means of verification	Risks and Assumptions
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Define the means of verification



What are **the sources of information/data** to **verify** outcomes and accomplishments?

These may include:

Publications;

Surveys;

Project notes, minutes, reports and records;

Photographs, tapes, videos etc.

Identify important assumptions/risks



Conditions which are important to the outcome of the project but may not be controlled by the project

May be external to the project

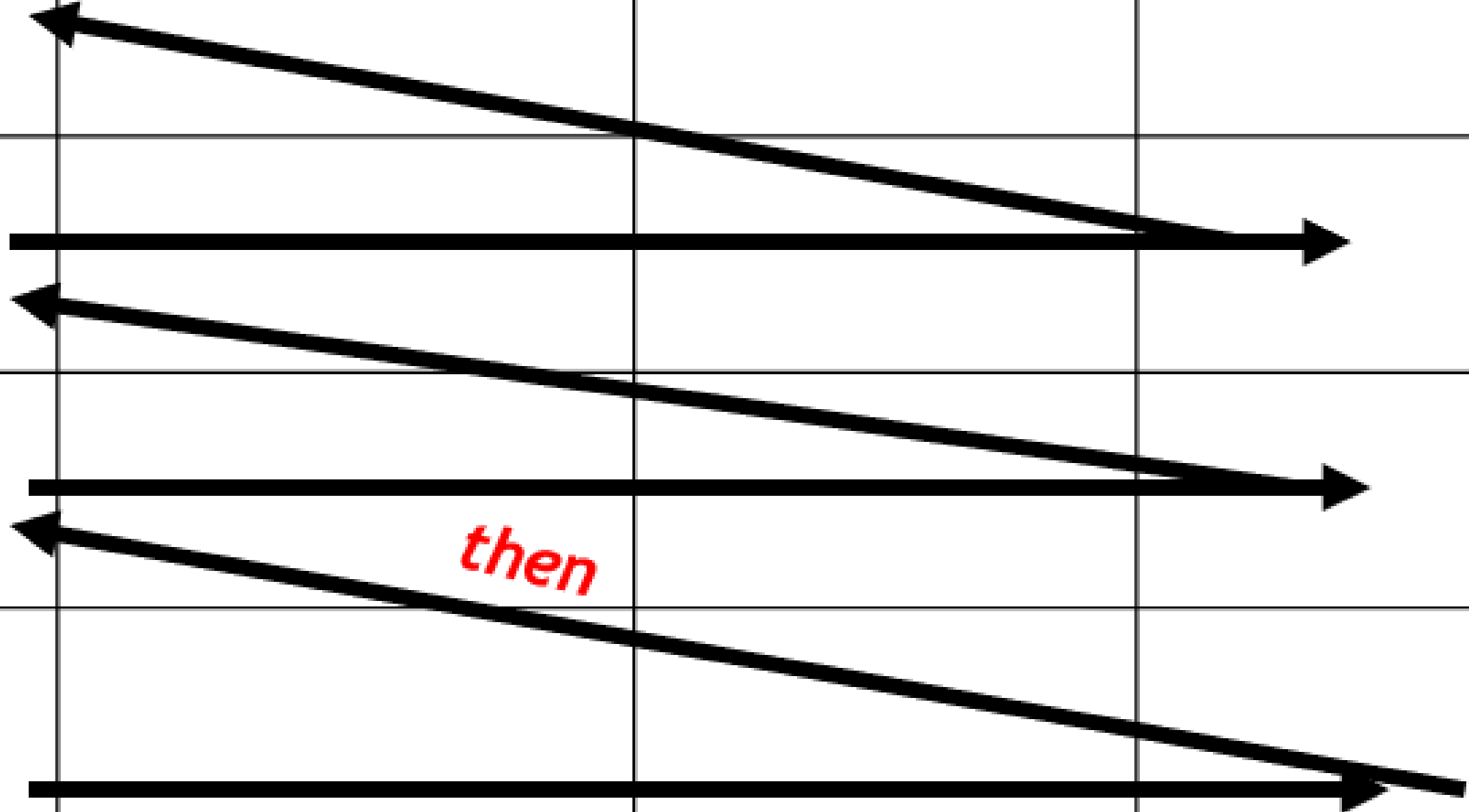
Important to the project success

Closely related to sustainability issues

Third step: bottom - up

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If *then* *and*



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TIPS 10



When you once get an idea
in which you believe with
all your heart, work it out.

Henry Ford



Trees are poems that the earth
writes upon the sky

Khalil Gibran

