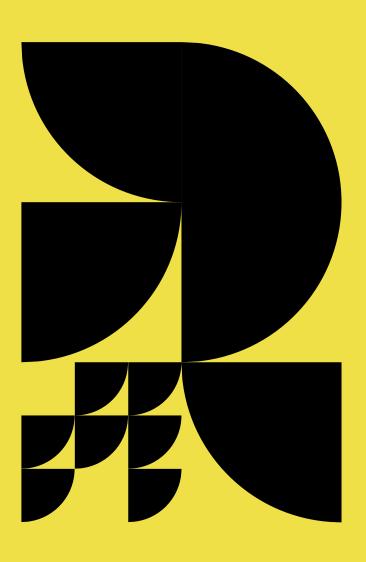
From Data to Action: Empowering Policies for Sustainable Choices

estyle conference

Brussels • 13 May 2025 • 09:30-17:30 CET



Morning: Spotlight sessions and policy insights

Time	Session	Speakers
9:00 - 9:30	Registration and welcome coffee	
9:30 - 10:00	Opening session - why this, why now?	Emmanuelle Maire Jussi Nevanlinna
10:00 - 10:30	Plenary 1 – Decoding sustainable living: key findings from PSLifestyle	Jussi Nevanlinna Luca Coscieme
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break & discovery space	
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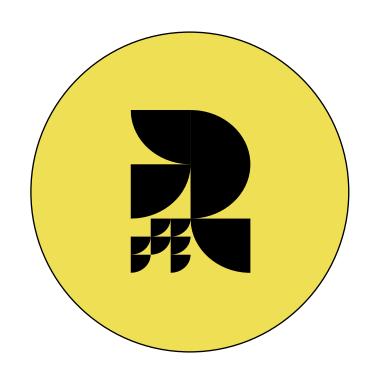
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11:40 - 12:45	Plenary 3 – From data to decision: policy that enables change	Alba Godfrey Alison Burns Fred Dorsimont Samuele Tonello Vanessa Timmer Faustine Bas-Defossez Monica Pisani
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch break	
13:45 - 14:00	Morning session closing remarks	

Afternoon: EU-level workshop

Time	Session
14:00 - 14:15	Setting the stage for collaboration
14:15 - 15:15	Turning insights into action - working group session
15:15 - 15:35	Coffee break
15:35 - 16:30	Plenary discussion – Scaling solutions across Europe
16:30 - 16:40	Final remarks
16:40- 17:30	Closing & networking drinks

Opening session: why this, why now?



Erwin Goor,
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Jussi Nevanlinna,
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Emmanuelle Maire, Head of Unit, Circular Economy, DG ENV



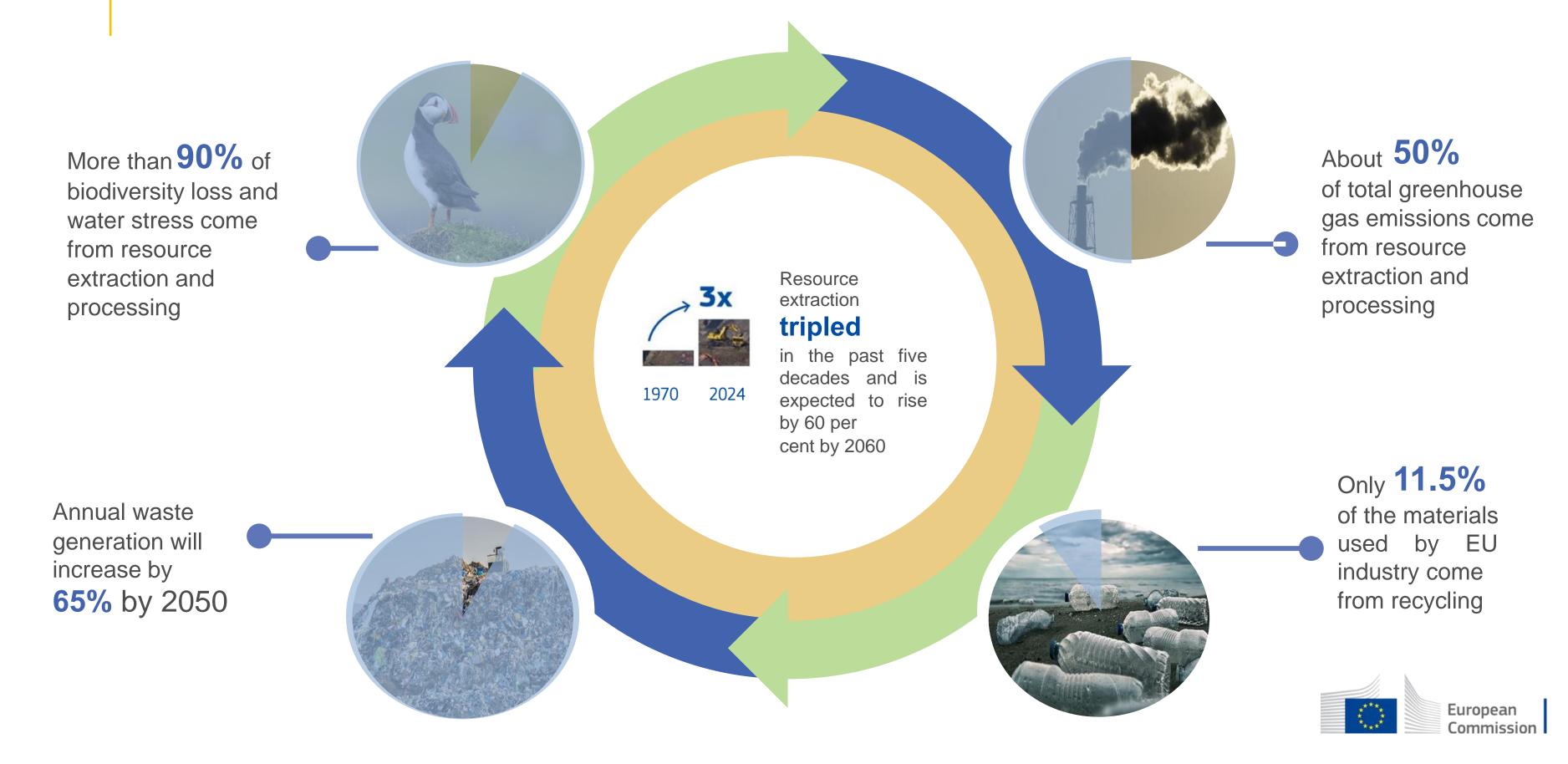
Circular Economy

Emmanuelle Maire

Head of Unit "Circular Economy, Sustainable Production and Consumption"

DG Environment, European Commission

Why act?

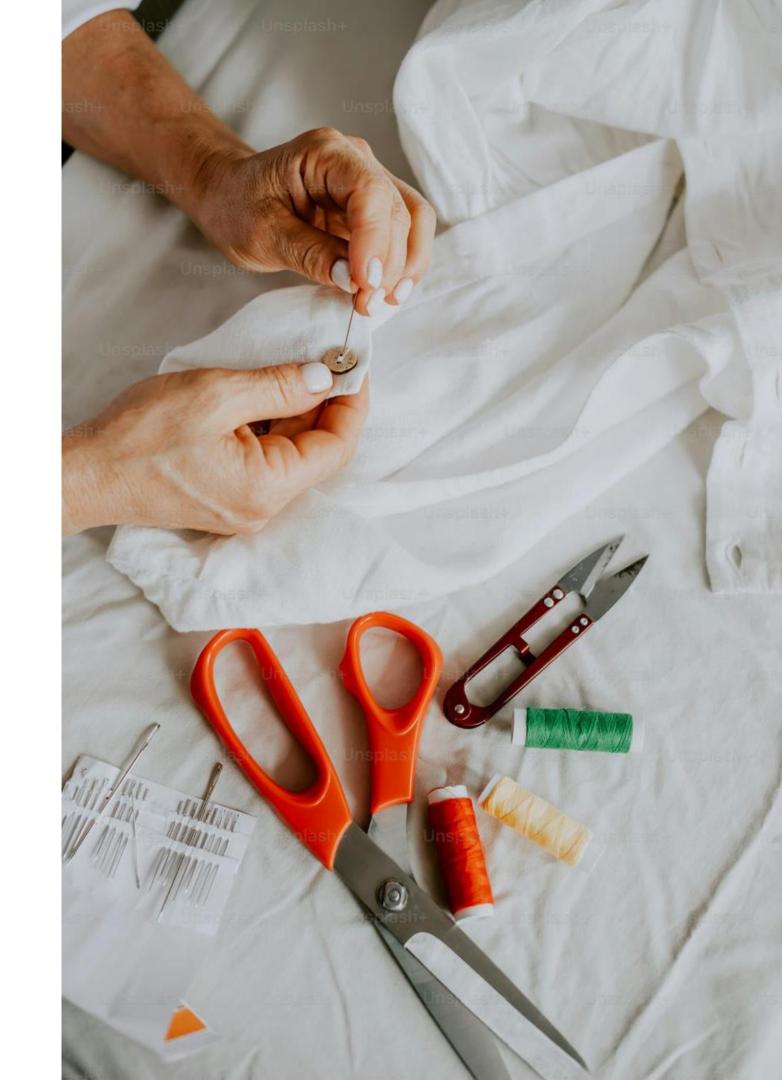


Sustainable lifestyles

- Essential to reduce environmental and climate footprints
- Shift from linear to circular and sustainable production and consumption models
- Includes also: sustainable energy use, transportation choices, food choices, water conservation, waste management

To on-board citizens:

- Raising awareness
- Giving access to resources
- Proposing actionable solutions





Use of collected data

For Policymakers

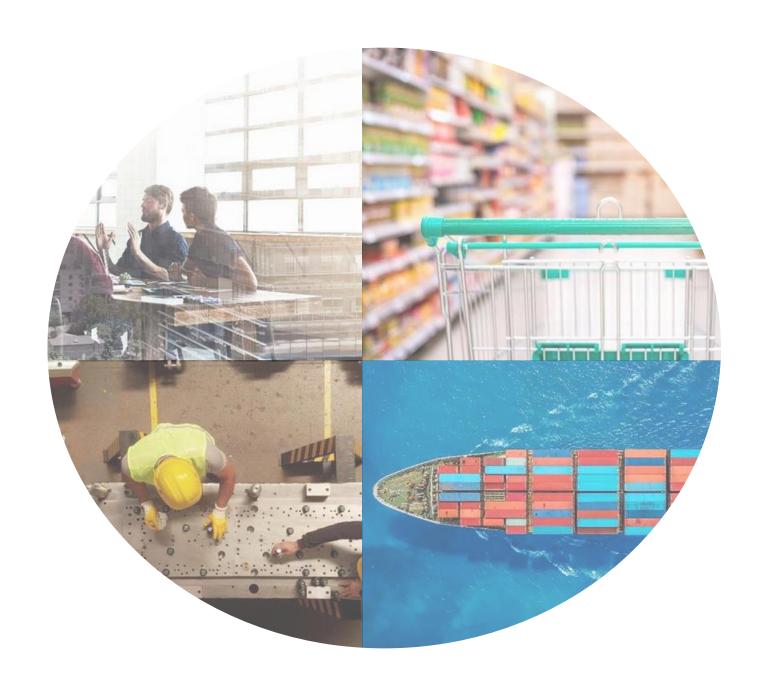
- Monitor progress in terms of lifestyle changes
- Design targeted, data-driven policies
- Tailor incentives and awareness campaigns

For Businesses

- Guide sustainable product development
- Track trends and preferences



The potential of Circular economy



- Stimulate innovation and innovative business models
- Increase resource productivity by up to 3% annually
 - → GDP increase of 7% relative to BAU
- 700 000 new jobs
- Decrease vulnerabilities, increase open strategic autonomy
- Resilient supply chains
- Foster competitiveness
- Reduce operational costs

New business opportunities and new markets



Consumers' demand for more sustainable and circular products and services

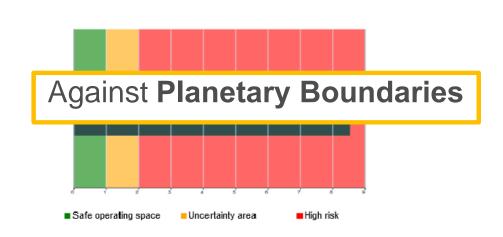


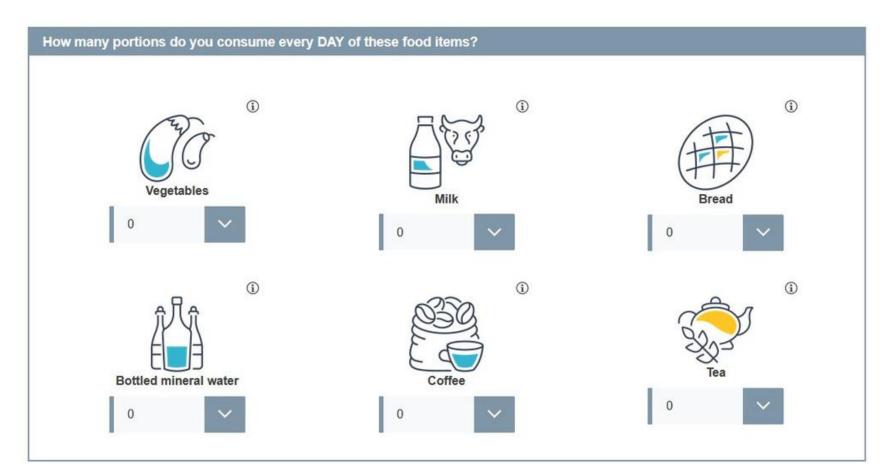
The Consumer Footprint Calculator

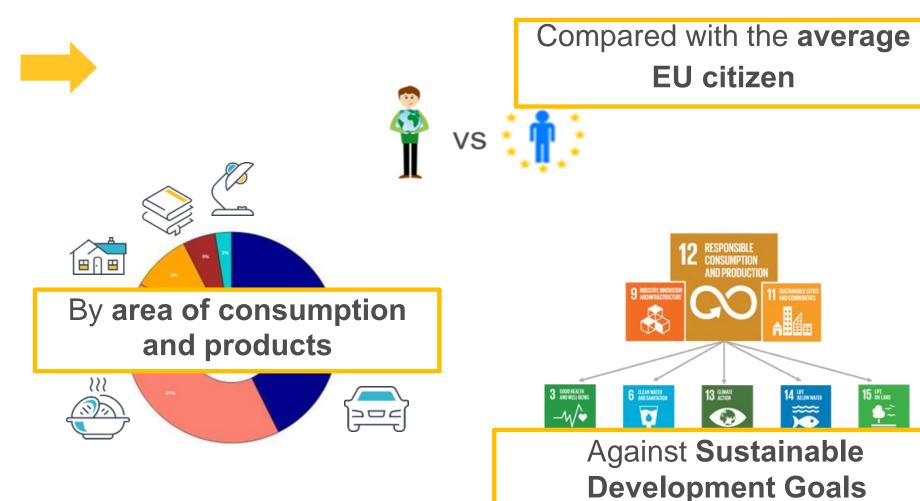
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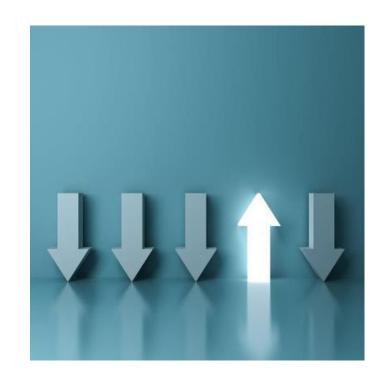
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Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation



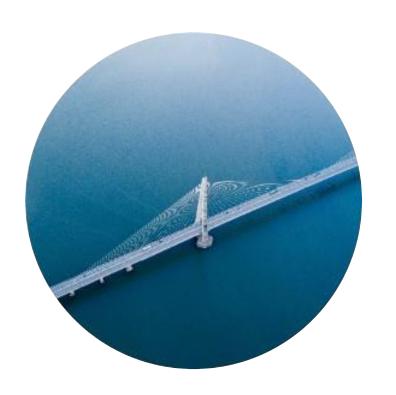


Moving beyond energy-related products to a wide product scope



New sustainability & ecodesign aspects

e.g. Durability, CO₂ footprint, Recycled content, etc.



Horizontal measures

Common ecodesign requirements for products with similarities



Strong focus on product information

Digital Product
Passport &
Labels



Key product aspects under <u>ESPR</u>

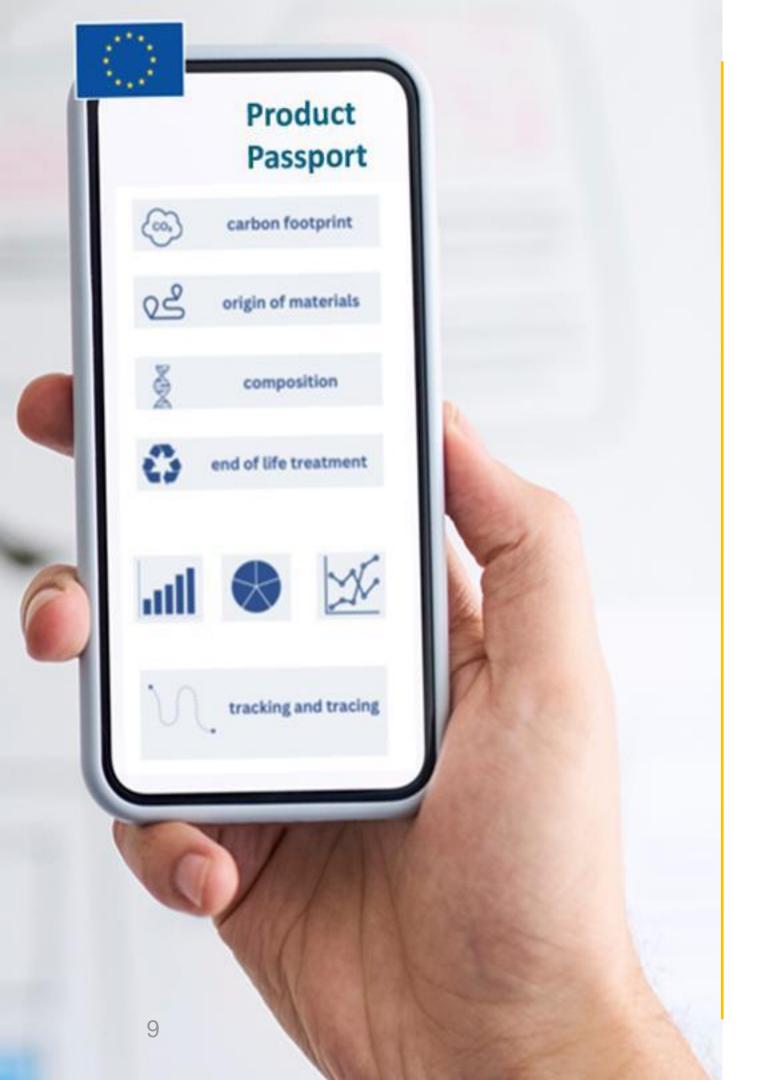
- Durability
- Reliability
- Reusability
- Upgradability
- Reparability
- Possibility of maintenance and refurbishment
- Presence of substances of concern
- Energy use and energy efficiency

- Water use and water efficiency
- •Resource use and resource efficiency
- Recycled content •Possibility of remanufacturing •Possibility of recycling
- Possibility of recovery of materials
- Environmental impacts, including

carbon and environmental footprint

Expected generation of waste materials





Digital Product Passport (DPP)

- A single, digital entry point to access product information throughout the product life cycle, on a need-to-know basis:
 - For consumers: data on environmental impacts, circularity, carbon footprint, etc.
 - For companies:information to facilitate reuse, repair remanufacturing, recycling etc
 - For authorities: compliance information (e.g. technical documentation, customs authorities)





Empowering consumers



- Information requirements and a Digital Product Passport
- Ban of generic environmental claims and rules to provide trustworthy product information to consumers \rightarrow ban greenwashing
- Ensure voluntary environmental claims and labels are substantiated,
 verified and well communicated
- Create a Right to Repair
- Mark environmental excellence through <u>EU Ecolabel</u>



Unfair Commercial Practices Directive

<u>Application</u> required as of September 2026

New rules:



Generic
environmental
claims banned
e.g. 'sustainable'
'ecological' 'climate
neutral'



All
sustainability
labels must be
certified
by third party



Future performance
claims based on
implementation plan
with targets, allocation
of resources &
regularly verified by
independent 3rd party

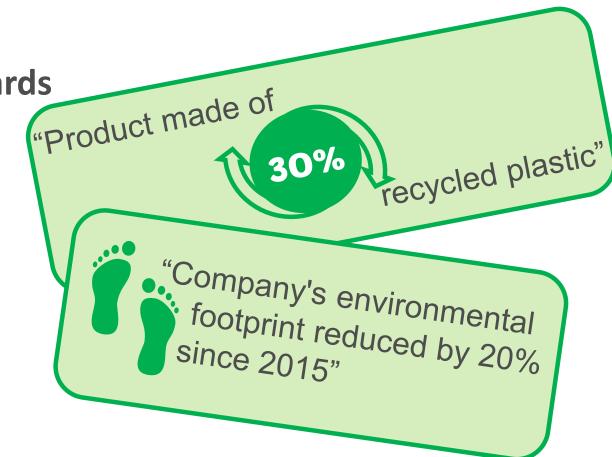


Claims on products
of neutral, reduced
or positive impacts
are not allowed, if
based on GHG
emissions offsetting

Proposed Green Claims Directive

Adoption expected in 2025

- **➣** Green Claims Directive complementary to Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (amended)
 - how companies should back environmental claims
 - business-to-consumer commercial communication does not apply to environmental
 - claims regulated by other EU rules (e.g. organic label)
- Rules on substantiation of claims:
 - widely recognised scientific evidence / relevant international standards
 - demonstrates significance of the claim from a life-cycle perspective
 - identifies trade-offs between impacts



Stakeholder engagement



- News, events, good practices
- Coordination Group of 24 stakeholders
- Leadership groups
- CircularTalks (webinars)
- Annual conference: Green Week 2025

Submit your own good practices, knowledge, strategies and voluntary commitments

Learn more and keep in touch



Circular economy action plan (europa.eu)



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EU Environment and Climate



ourplanet_eu



JRC Consumer Footprint Calculator: https://knowsdgs.jrc.ec.europa.eu/cfc



Thank you



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Plenary 1: Decoding sustainable living: key findings from PSLifestyle



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PSLifestyle Project Lead,
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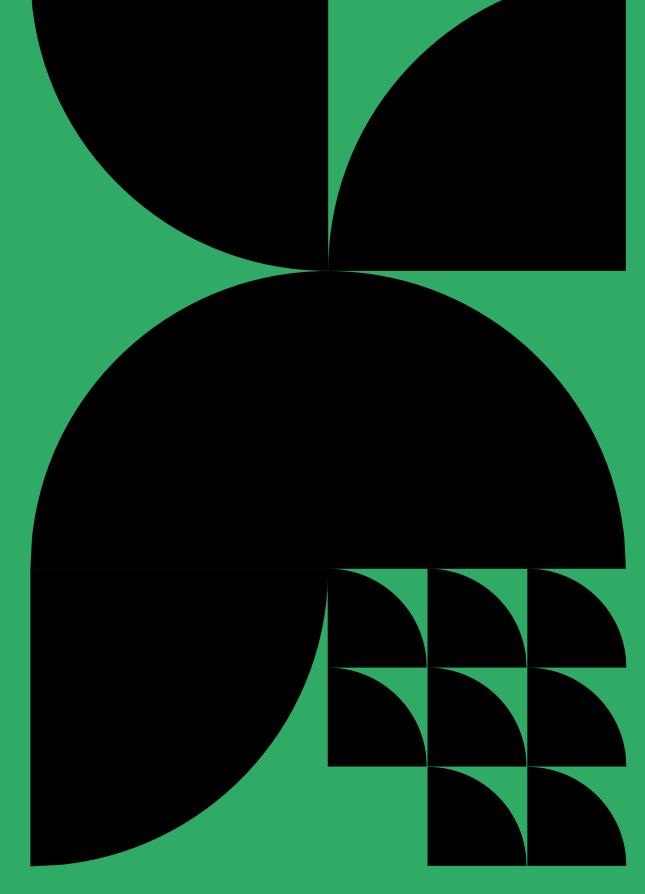
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Programme Lead
Sustainable Lifestyles,
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Decoding sustainable living

Key findings from PSLifestyle

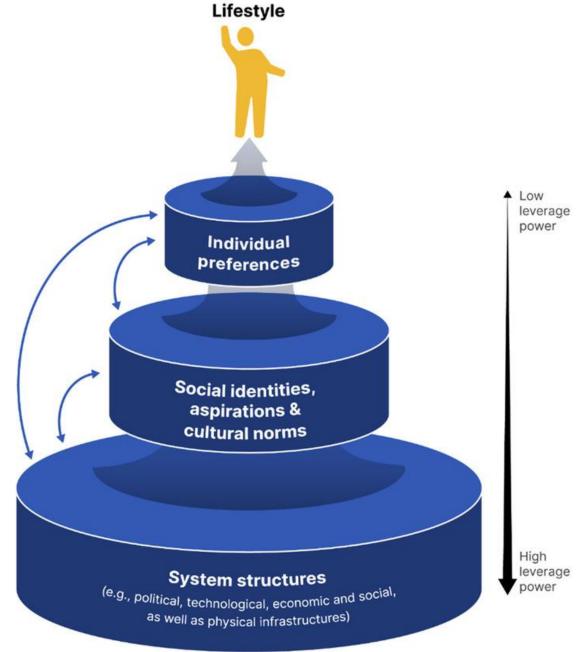
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How lifestyle change happens



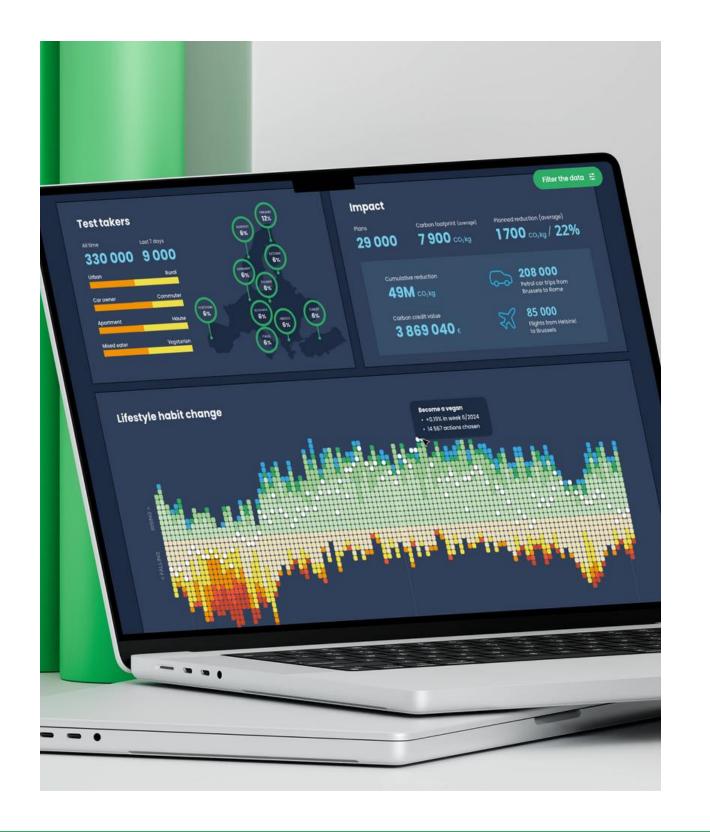




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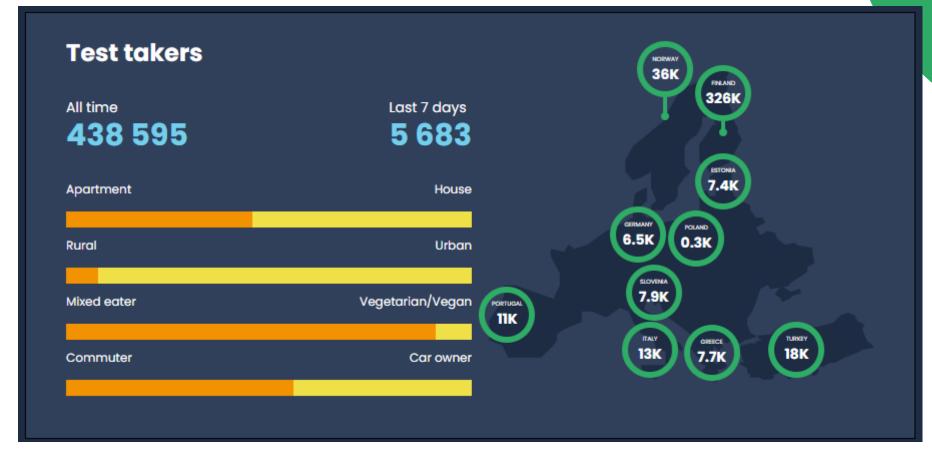






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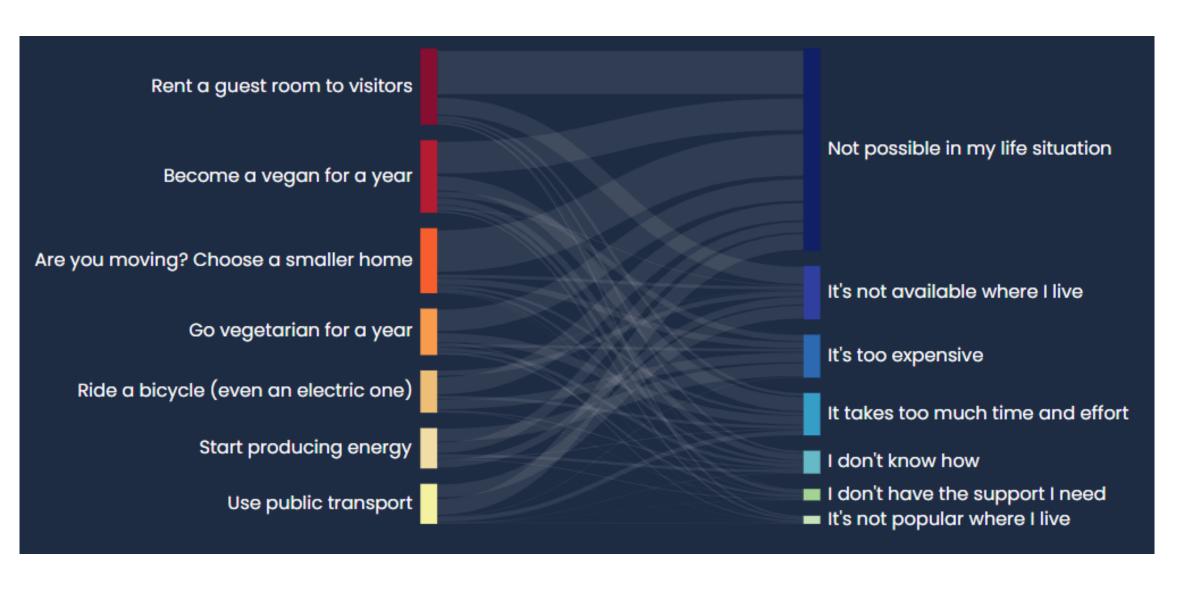




Barriers to action

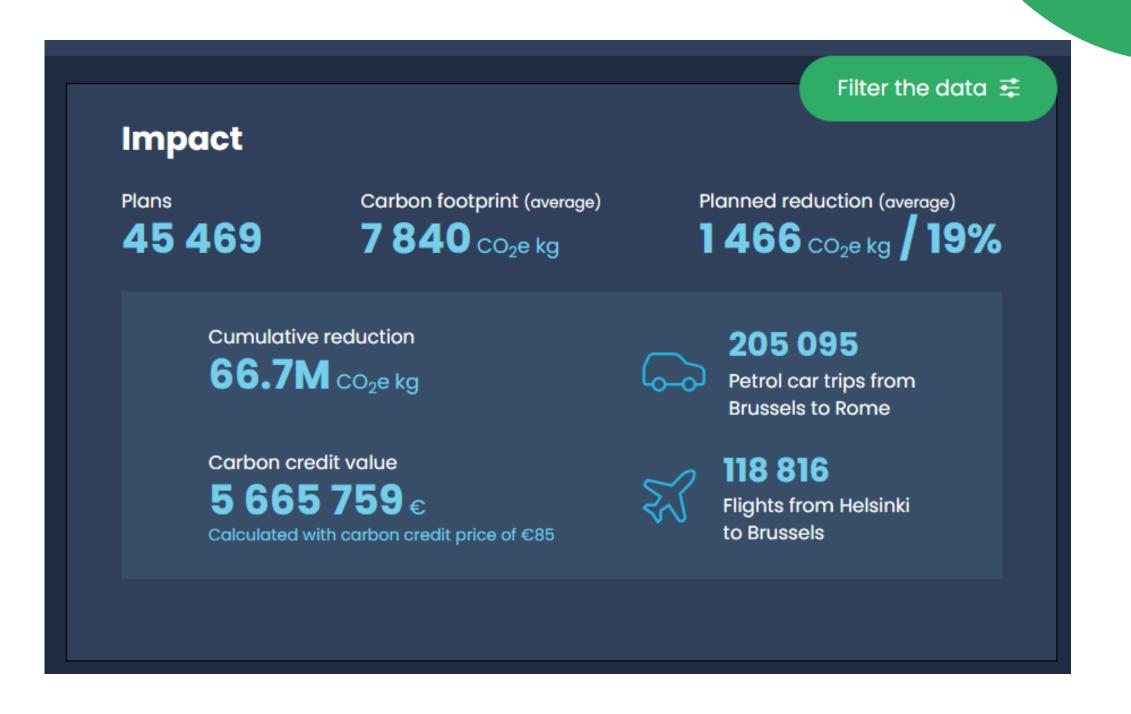


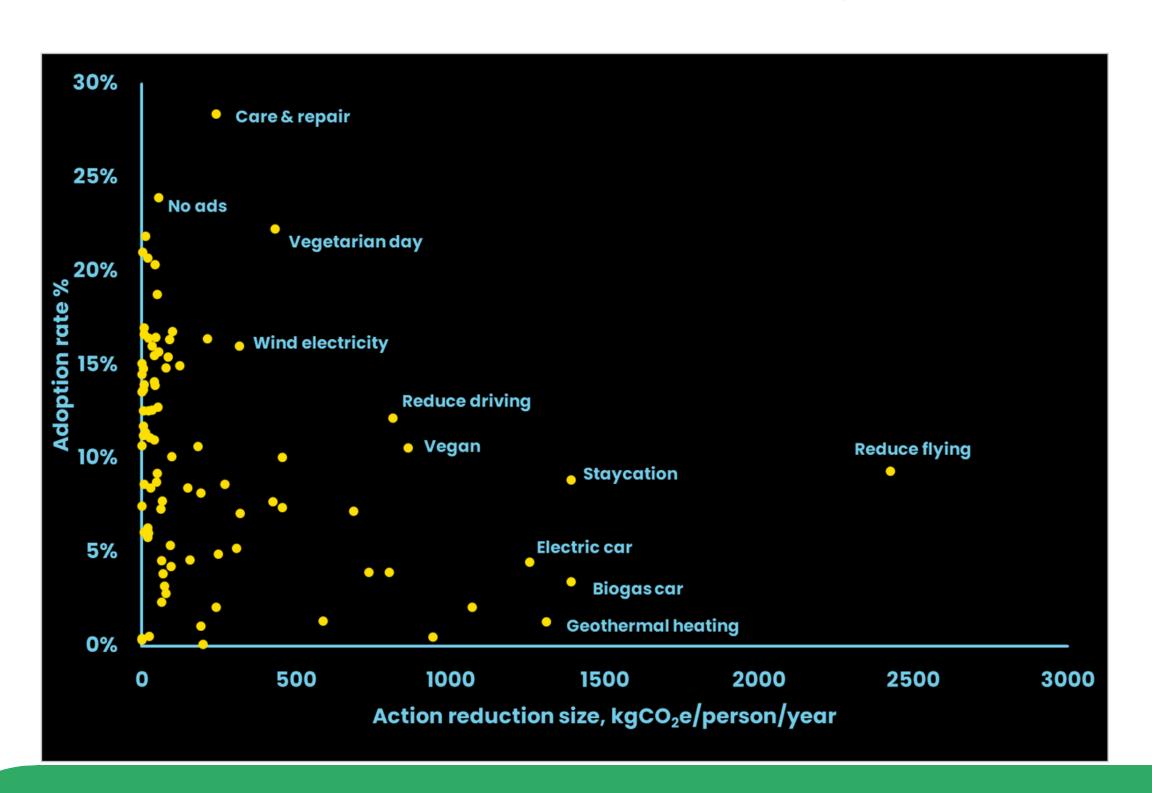




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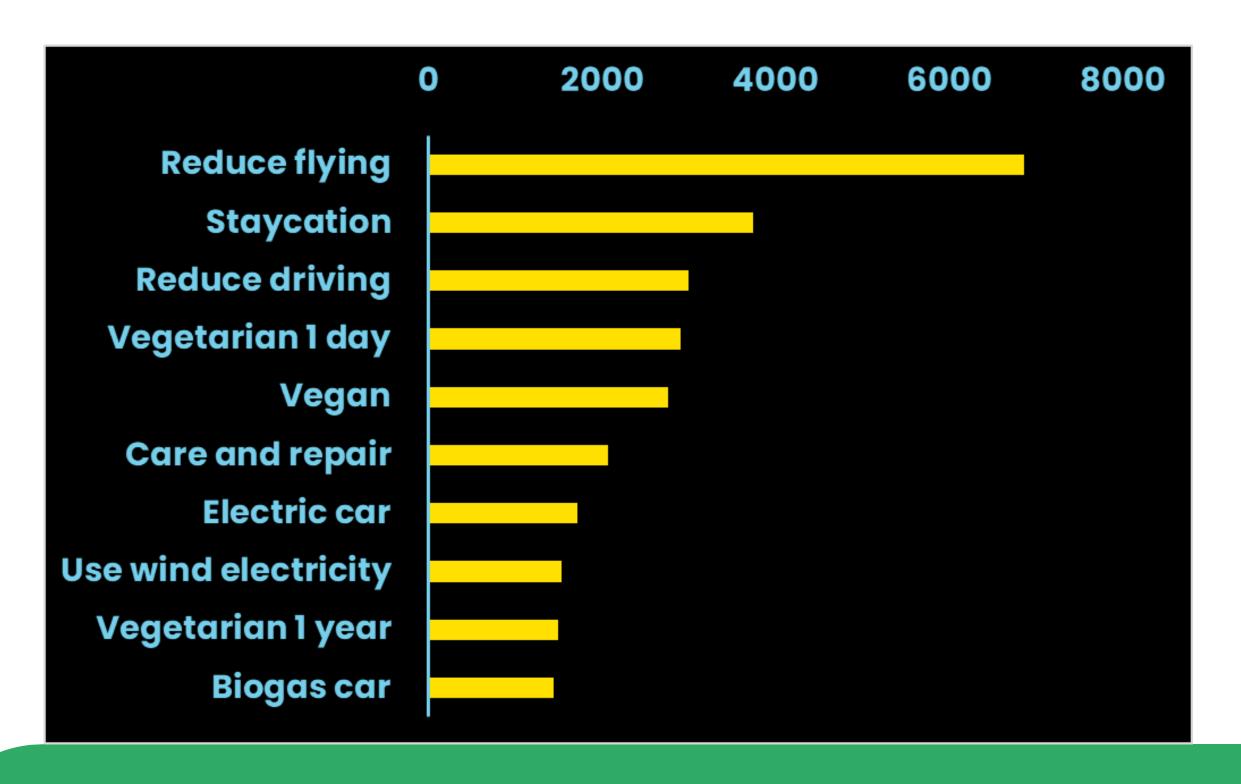






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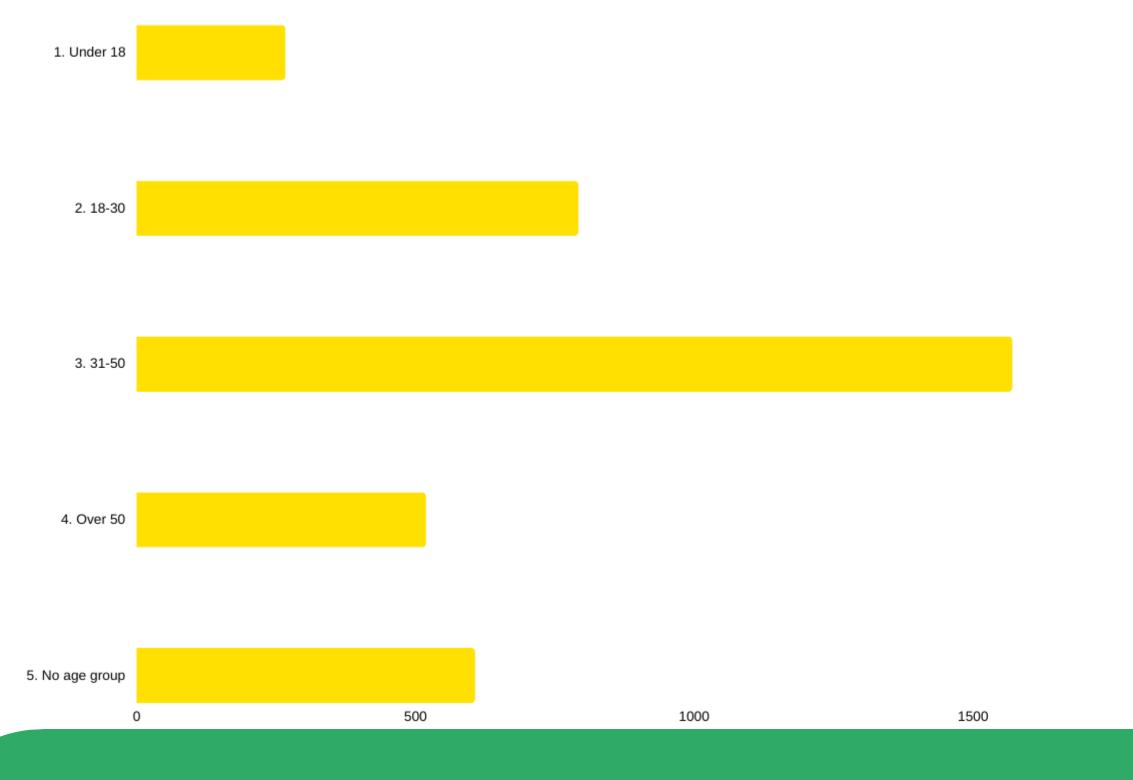
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Transport is a Dominant Emissions Driver – Even in Urban Areas

Urban policy needs to go beyond offering public transport—address convenience, safety, and culture around car use.



Meat Consumption Decline Is Not Linear Across Age or Gender

Shifts in food behavior are **not purely generational**—cultural

and economic factors play a

more significant role than

often acknowledged

Structural lock-ins determine unsustainable living



- People with **high motivation** to live sustainably often still have relatively high carbon footprints, highlighting **systemic constraints**.
- Affordability is one of the top barriers to sustainable living—much more than lack of knowledge.
- Transport emissions remain high even in **urban settings**, primarily due to car usage.
- Meat consumption is only poorly related with demographics

Unlocking Positive and Sustainable Lifestyles



Green Deal/Green Industrial Deal: Smart policies that enable sustainable lifestyles also support industrial competitiveness, energy independence, and social cohesion.



European Climate Pact: emphasizes citizen engagement, but often lacks behavioral insight that can guide *targeted messaging, peer learning models*, and demonstrate how to bridge the attitude-behavior gap.

Unlocking Positive and Sustainable Lifestyles



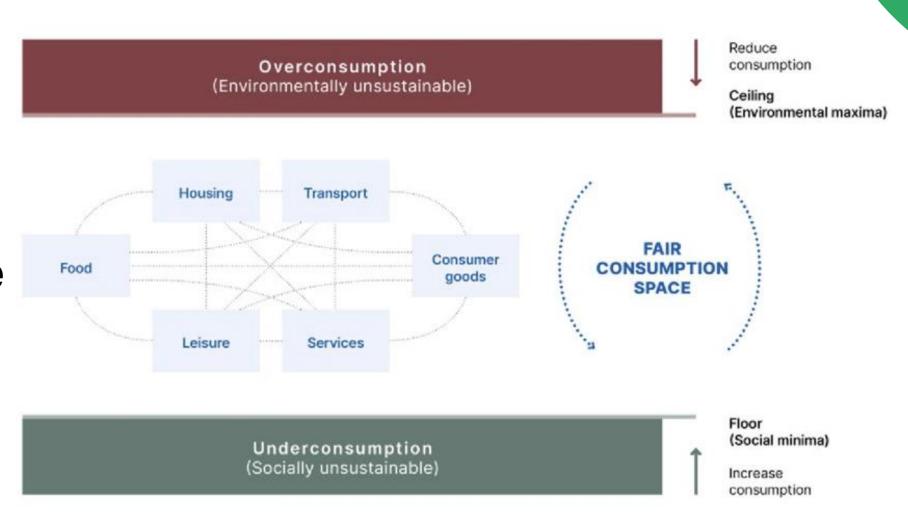
Circular Economy Action Plan: data shows that empowerment is not just about information—affordability, access, and convenience matter more.

Horizon Europe and Mission-Driven Research Agendas:

Missions like "100 Climate-Neutral Cities" need behavioral data and public engagement tools that innovate in lifestyle metrics, sustainable behavior modeling, or citizen transition pathways.



Just Transition: data reveals opportunities from reducing overconsumption and climate impact from high-income groups.



Social Climate Fund: data helps identify social groups facing barriers and tailor support programs.































City of Ljubljana



Coffee break & discovery space

11:00-11:15



Take the test



Plenary 2: Lifestyle change in action: local stories from the ground



Meneviş Uzbay Pirili, Local Coordinator, Zeytince



Meta Pezdir,
Stakeholder Curator
and Project Manager,
Circular Change



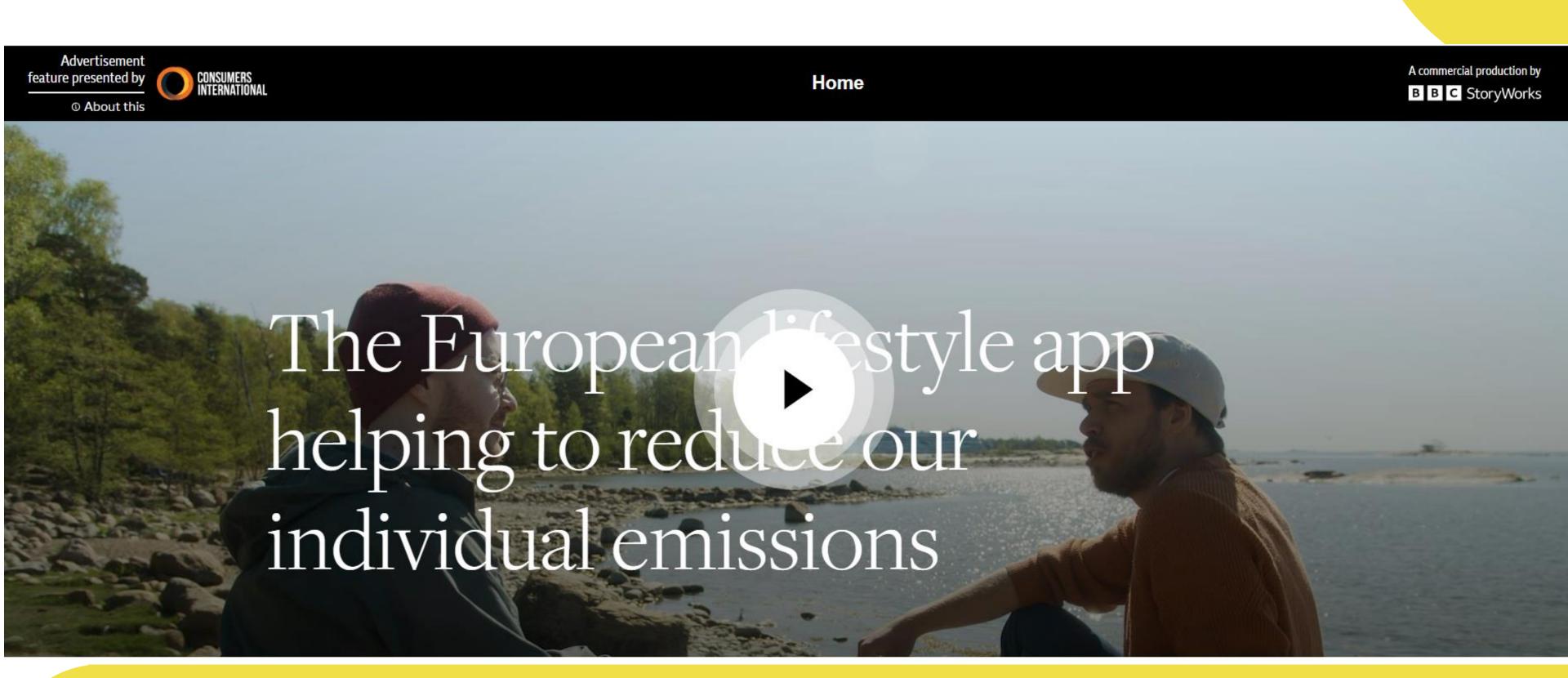
Gregory Eve, CEO, Green Apes



Alexander Haneng,
Director of Innovation
and Sustainability,
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BBC Storyworks series







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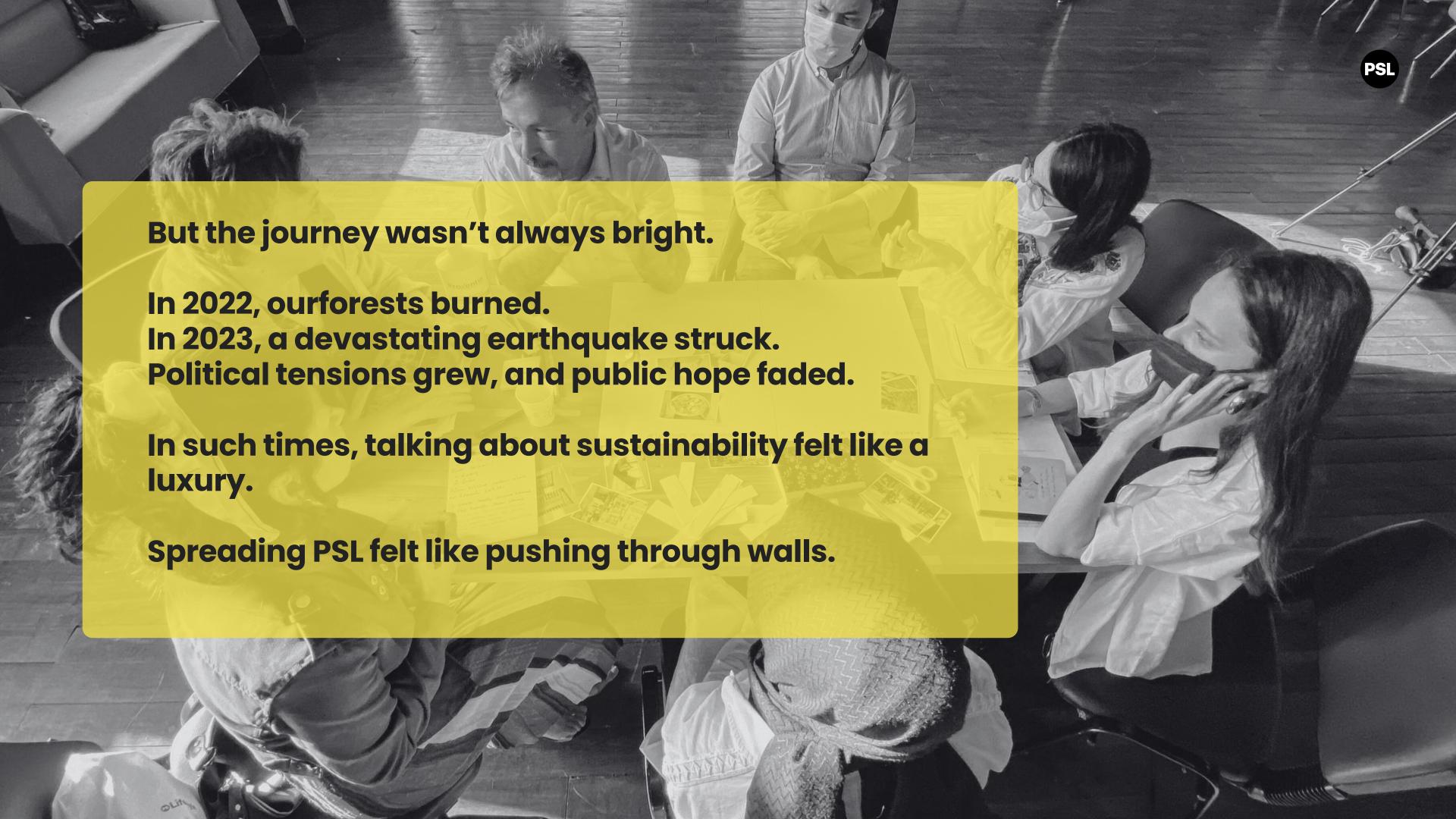
















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PARTNER MUNICIPALITIES IN IZMIR

Signed official protocols with 11 District Municipalities



YOUNG VOICE



LIFESTYLE TEST IN IZMIR'S HIGH SCHOOLS

- More than 30 high school...
- Students became part of the change
- List of Anatolian High Schools in Izmir
- MEV College
- Konak Anatolian High School
- Bornova Anatolian High School
- olzmir Girls' High School
- Yunus Emre Anatolian High School
- ∘ 15 July Martyrs Anatolian High School
- Karşıyaka Atakent Anatolian High School
- ∘Salih Dede Anatolian High School
- Balçova Anatolian High School
- Nevvar Salih Işgören Anatolian High School
- Narlidere Anatolian Imam Hatip High School
- Private Sahil Evleri Ege Bil Schools Anatolian High School
- Vali Nevzat Ayaz Anatolian High School
- Fatih Sultan Mehmet Anatolian High School
- ∘Buca Anatolian High School
- o Private Camlaraltı Anatolian High School

- Private Turkish Science High School
- Menderes Martyr Mehmet Kıvık Anatolian HighSchool
- Martyr Gökhan Bayraktar Anatolian High School
- Martyr Furkan Yavaş Anatolian High School
- Mimar Kemalettin Anatolian High School
- Gaziemir Nevvar Salih Işgören Anatolian HighSchool
- Mehmet Seyfi Eraltay Anatolian High School
- Narlidere Cahide Ahmet Dalyanoğlu Anatolian
 High School
- Güzelbahçe Borsa Istanbul Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School
- Sakize Lahur Girls' Anatolian Imam Hatip High School
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- Bayraklı Anatolian High School

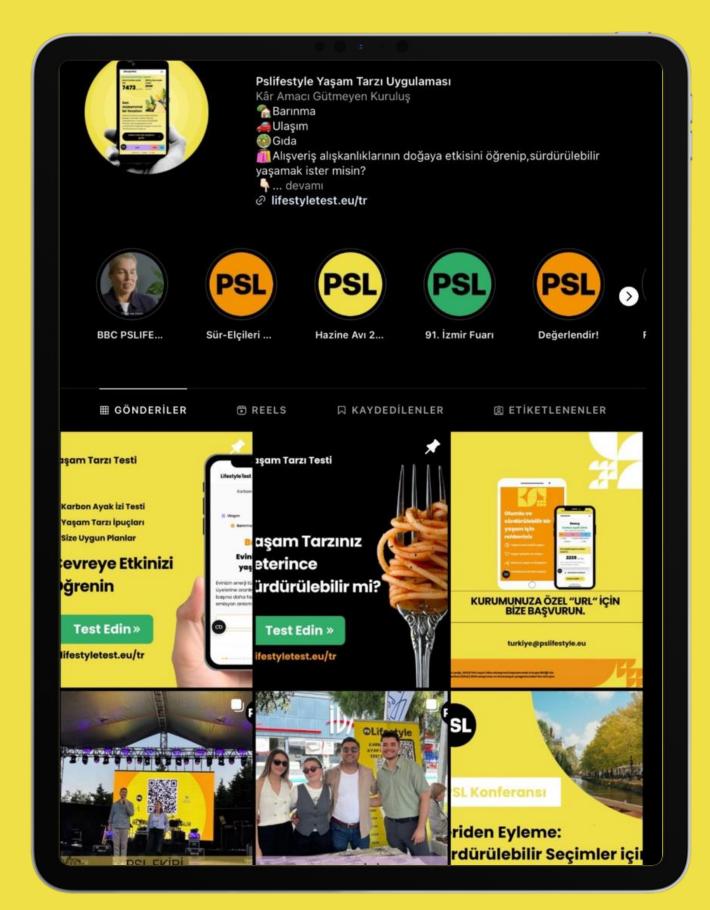
COLLABS



COLLABORATION WITH BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY

- ESIA
- Izmir Ticaret Odası
- Natural Rotary Foundation
- Social Climate Assoc.
- UNDP
- Foundation of Seeds
- Bayetav
- olzmir Youth Assoc.
- Izmir Youth Assoc
- Nature Associaiton.

DIGITAL PULSE



DIGITAL PULSE WITH INSTA

- 3800 New Instagram Followers
- 293 Tailored Posts
- Instagram & Facebook Storiesfor Each Day since 2022







2 INT. FAIRS









17 POP CONCERTS

6 FESTIVALS



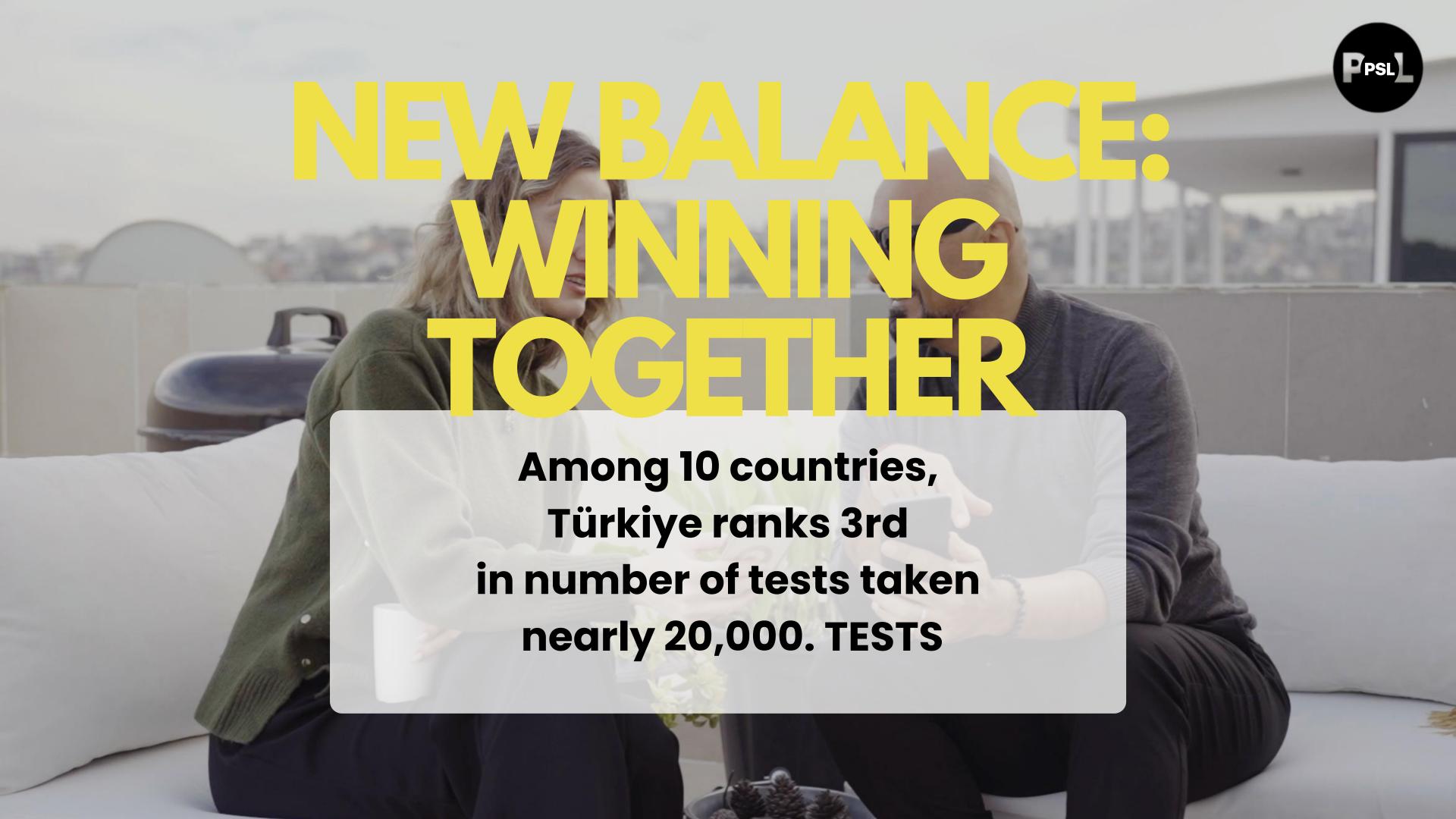


26 POLICY
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EVENTS



10 OPEN AIR CINEMA NIGHTS



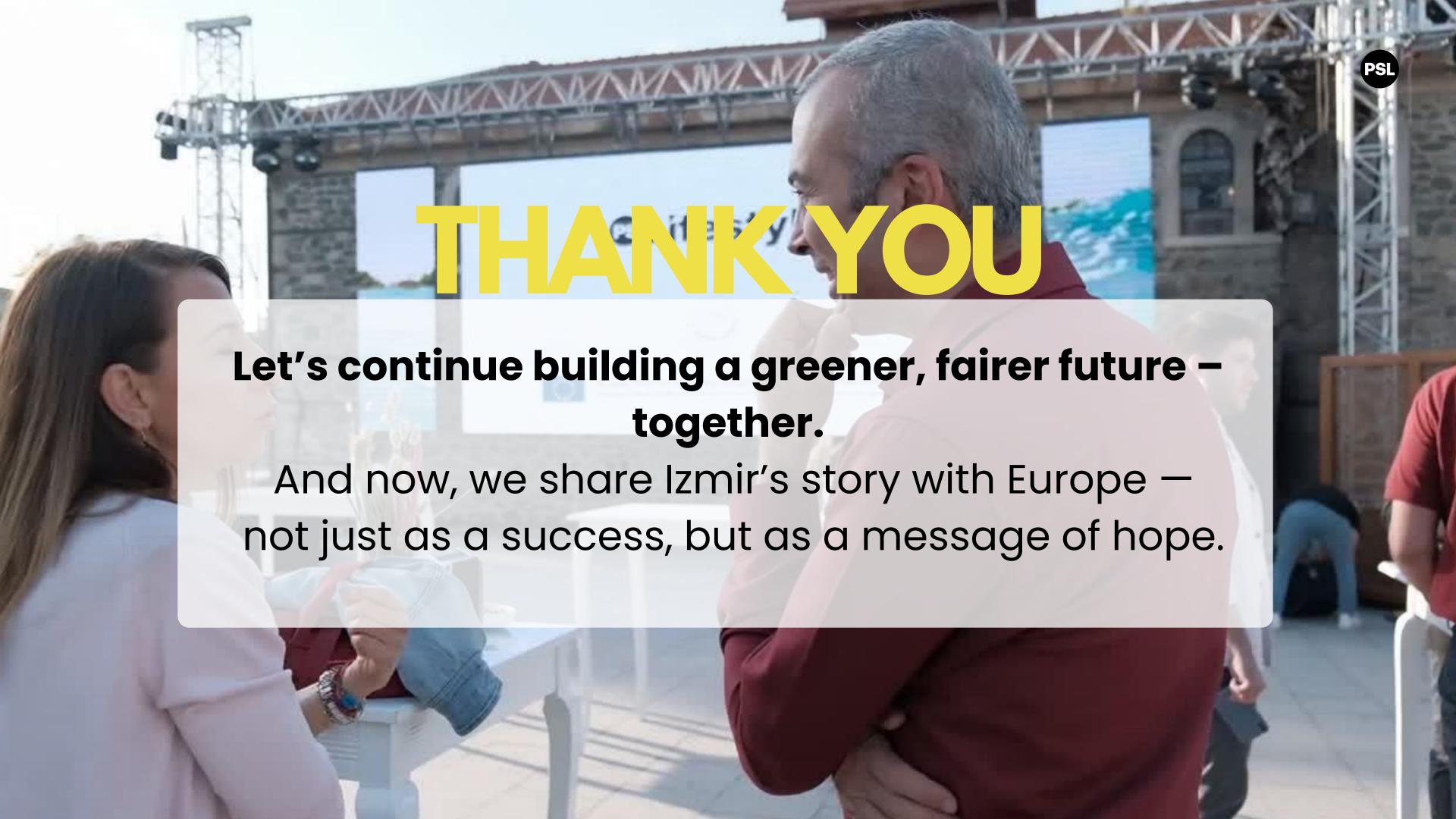






LIFESTYLE TEST





From a Digital Tool to a Living Community

PSLifestyle in Slovenia











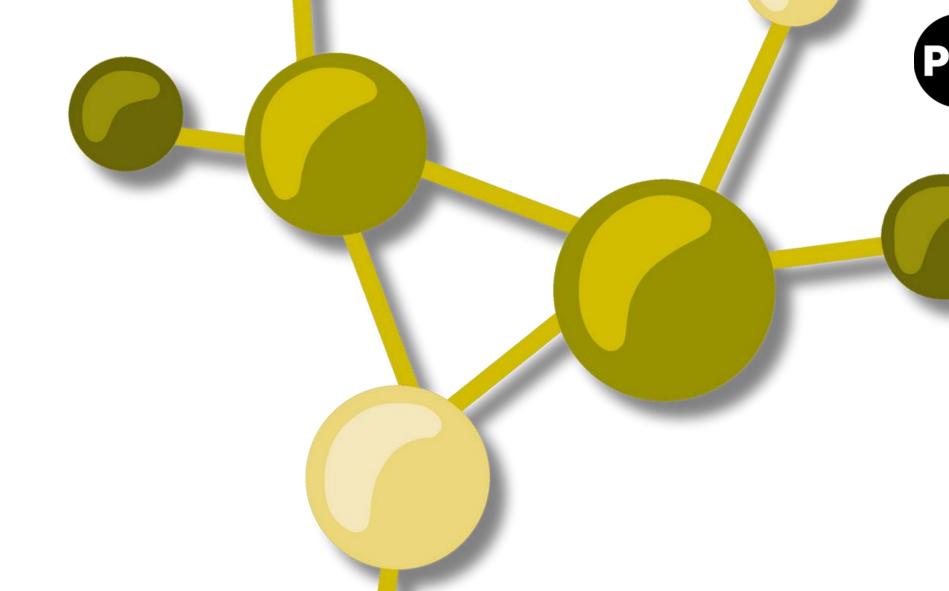




Got a Potato? Then You're Lucky!

During the 18th century, Empress
Maria Theresa introduced
potatoes to the Habsburg
Monarchy to fight hunger and
improve food security. Many
people were skeptical and
believed they were poisonous ...





Living a 'potato-full' life ...

It's about a good quality of life.

The Lifestyle Test offers a valuable opportunity to spark concrete, actionoriented conversations.

The Lifestyle Test is a powerful tool and catalyst.

When you know where you are, you can plan where you want to go.

We wanted the impact to last beyond the project itself.

Our goal was to build a meaningful and lasting local PSL community.



How can we build the PSL community?

Coming into the community – to connect and engage.



"Less, but better" - The President of Slovenia Nataša Pirc Musar, PhD

Listening to the community — to respond.



"My friend encouraged me, and then curiosity led me to find out how sustainable my lifestyle really is." – Lifestyle Test user





Inspiring potatoes to grow ... with fairytales!

"I was a bit shocked at how high my score actually was. I also felt a bit of despair and confusion."

"Mia was thinking about how to destroy the heart, but she couldn't remember what could stop such waste. **Just as she was about to give up**, she heard the voice of a robin:

'Mia, don't look for strength in your hands — seek it in your heart. This heart of trash was created by humans — and only human love for nature can melt it."

Ariana, primary school

"/.../ In these difficult times, marked by extreme weather conditions, they realized that nature is governed by a fragile balance that can be disrupted by even the smallest mistake. That's why they must respect nature and give back to it as much as they take."

Darka, retiree







Meet our Slovenian PSL community!

1200 + members of our social media community.

Local name is ,Na zeleni veji' (Engl. On a green branch).

More than 25 personalised Lifestyle test URLs.

Ownership over PSL within the communities.

More than 150 active members of the PSL community!

Living Labs were a great entry point.



Nike to talk to my kids about how our lifestyle impacts the world and together we look for better ways to have less impact and make more green/wise choices.



Grandparents' Wisdom on Living a Long and Happy Life - full of 'potato luck'

"Live each moment to the fullest — right here, right now."

"Consider quitting smoking — for your health and for the planet."

"Taking a walk in beautiful nature every day."

"Patience and a cheerful perspective on life."



What is your advice?

"Everyone has their place in the world," said the little donkey, "We just have to remember that we must share it."

- Veronika H.



Become a part of our community!

www.circularchange.com join@circularchange.com

https://www.ljubljana.si/en/misija100@ljubljana.si













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Lifestyle change in action Postcards from Italy

Country partners:

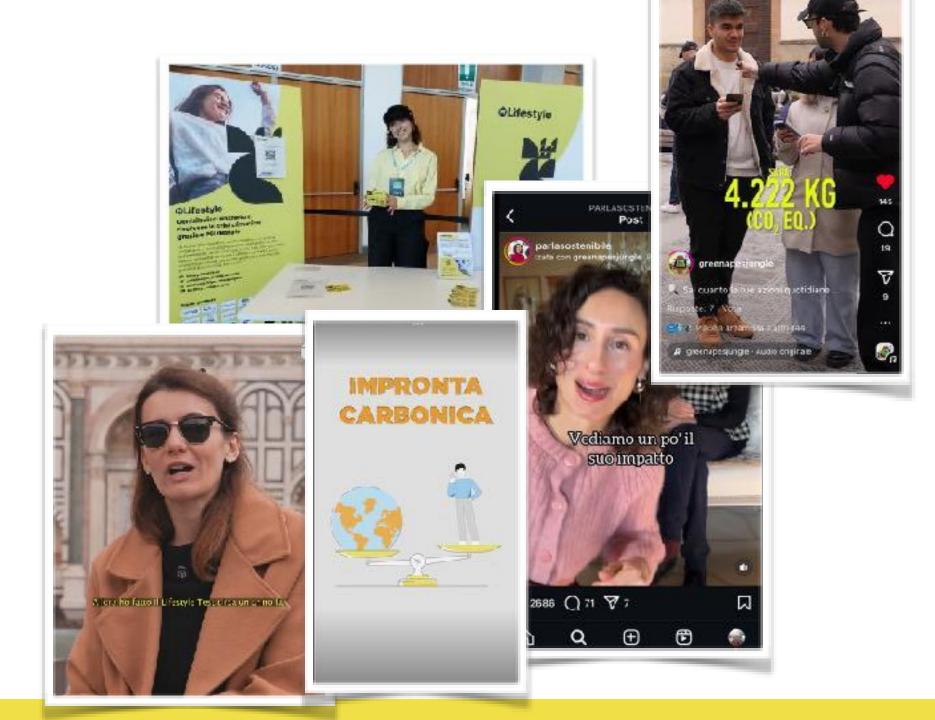
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Promoting the Lifestyle Test

Reaching different audiences, creating value for stakeholders

- Newsletters & Press Releases
- Social Media Presence
- Videos: street reactions and testimonials
- Community of practice via greenApes
- La Green Influencers challenging their audiences
- Campaigns with cities / municipalities
- Employee engagement with corporates



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Two stories from Italy

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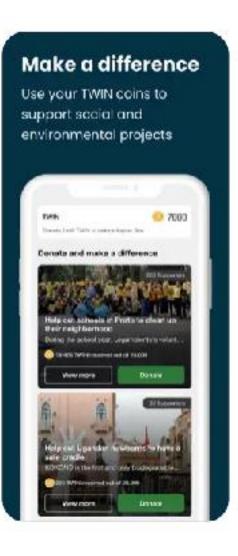
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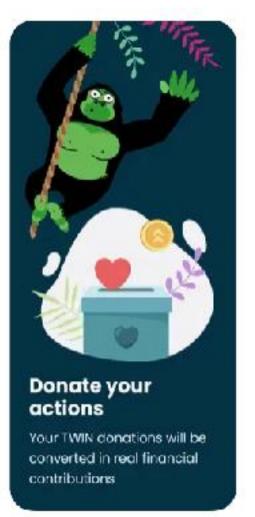
1 - Community of Practice

Getting citizens to reflect and evaluate changes, via greenApes









greenApes is an app and digital platform rewarding sustainable actions.

Citizens uptake positive actions, **collect** virtual credits, **donate** credits to support environmental and social projects (and **get rewarded**).

Two **dedicated challenges** were opened to engage citizens with the Lifestyle Test and **follow their actions**.

1 - Community of Practice

Getting citizens to reflect and evaluate changes, via greenApes





Participants were invited to:

- take the test & build their plan;
- share their immediate **reaction**;
- after some months, which behaviours they adopted vs. which they had a hard time with;
- provide ideas to improve the test.
- **300+** citizens took part
- 800+ reflections, ideas and practices were shared
- **12k+** active interactions (likes, comments)

Choices

1 - Community of Practice

Getting citizens to reflect and evaluate changes, via greenApes





Some takeaways:

- Even informed citizens lacked knowledge of key behaviours driving their environmental impact;
- Committed users saw results as motivation for action, not as a source of discouragement;
- Transport caused most frustration: limited options locally, resistance to modal shift and some false myths;
- Peer sharing and horizontal learning boosted engagement and adoption of new behaviours.

2 - Supporting Municipalities

Florence: the first city using the custom URL

Florence is one of the Italian cities selected by the EU among the 100 Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities aiming for carbon neutrality by 2030.

The Municipality used the Lifestyle Test to collect data and raise citizen awareness, within its campaign "Firenze per il Clima".







2 - Supporting Municipalities

Florence: the first city using the custom URL

The city ran communication campaigns on social media and several channels, directing citizens to the dedicated PSL link.

Citizens could complete the test and build plans.

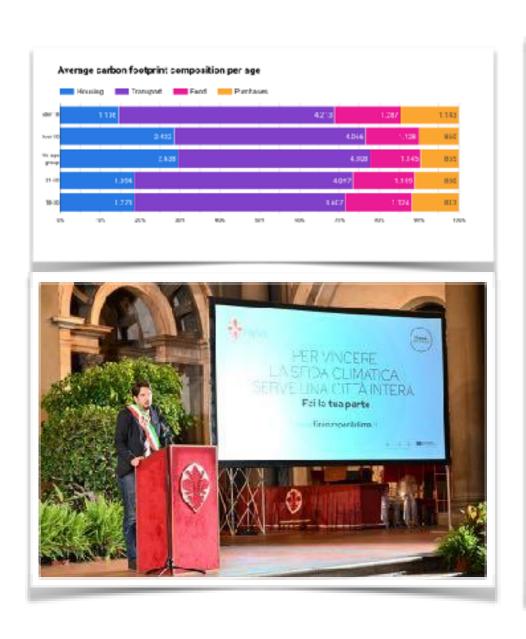
The city received aggregated data about the impact of citizens, plans and actions.





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Data provided a snapshot of the current drivers of impact among citizens.

Chosen or discarded actions (within the reduction plans) provide valuable insights on barriers/opportunities to drive lifestyle changes.

2500+ citizens took part

★ 600+ plans built

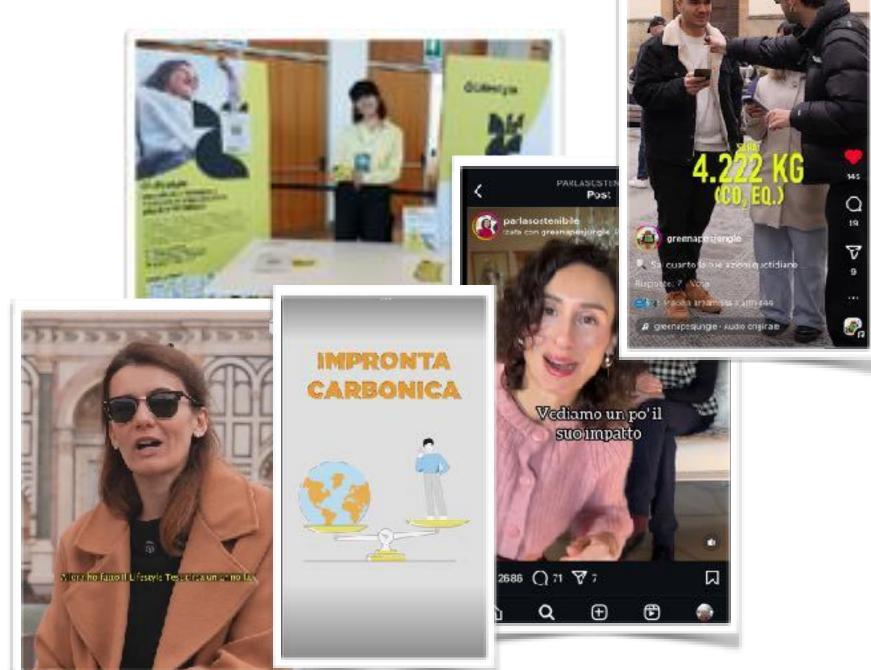
5+ cities/municipalities followed

10+ companies employee engagement (so far)

And we keep going:)

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PS Lifestyle Test Norway







The partners in taking the test to Norway



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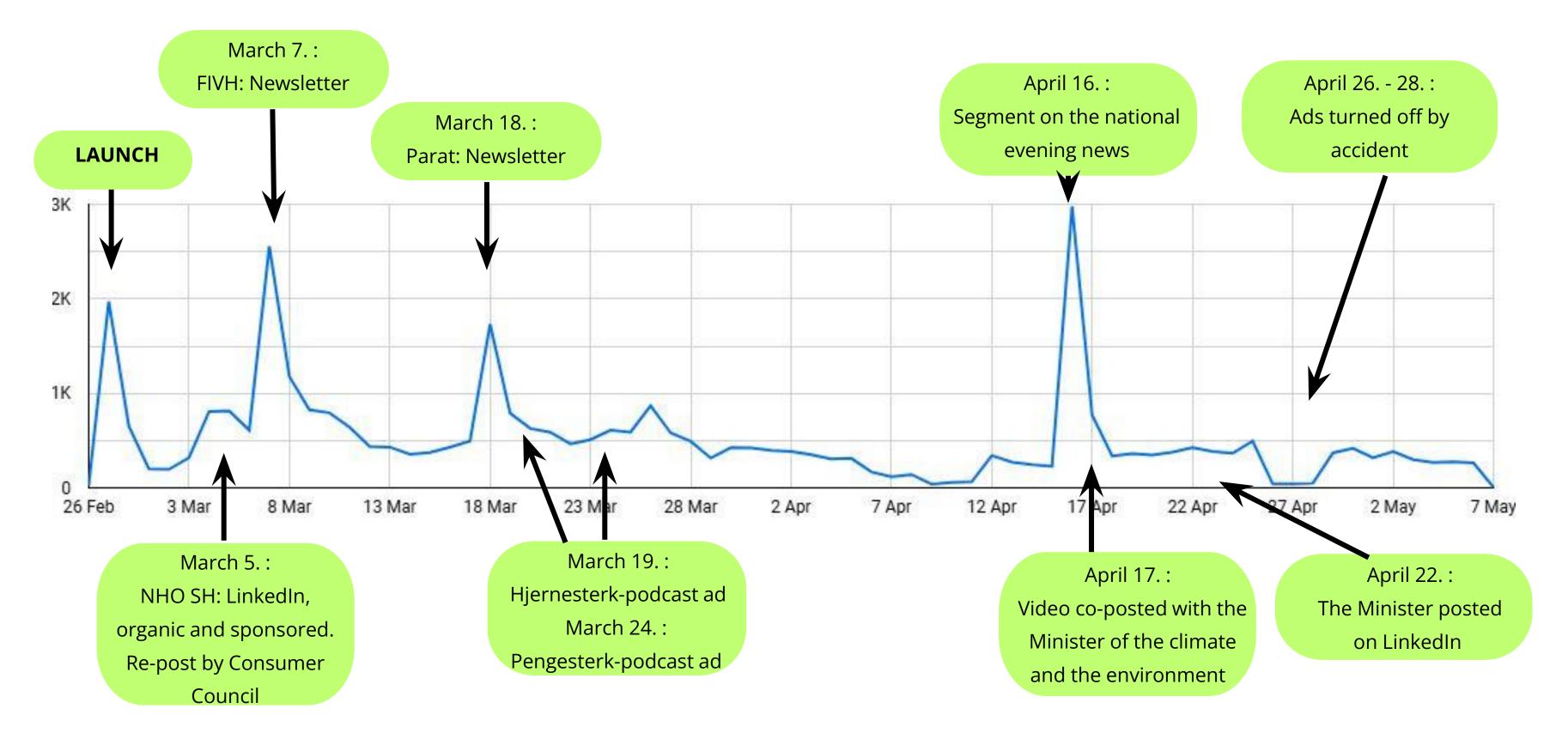






Klimatesten





37000

tests taken in just 4 months!



Plenary 3: From data to decision: policy that enables change



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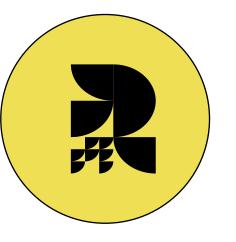


Faustine Bas-Defossez.

Director for Health,

Nature and Environment,

EEB



Monica Pisani, Policy Officer, DG CLIMA



Alba Godfrey, Senior Project Coordinator, EuroHealthNet

PSL recommendations:

Practical, people-first ideas to reshape how we travel, eat, live and consume



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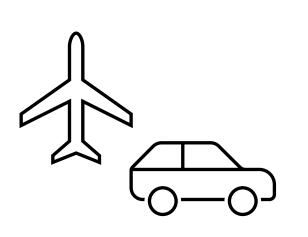
The need for a supportive policy context

Systemic problems need systemic, structural solutions:

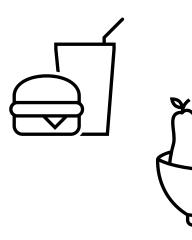
- individuals and communities need supportive policies to be able to make sustainable choices
- equity perspective: sustainable choices must be easy, accessible and affordable

Launch of four Policy Briefs: learnings and policy recommendations from PSLifestyle

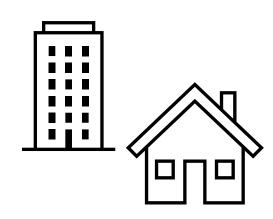
Shifting towards more sustainable, healthier...



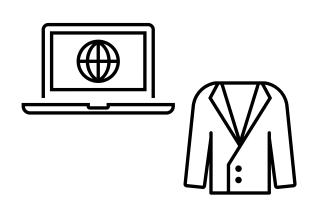
... transport systems



... food systems



... housing



... consumption & production of goods & services

What you'll find in each brief

- Background context: what is the situation now?
- Call to action: what needs to change?
- Evidence from PSLifestyle: what sustainable actions are people willing and able to take?
- Policy recommendations: how can policymakers support and enable sustainable change?
- Case studies: what is happening in PSL countries?



Policy Brief: Food Systems



Shifting towards more sustainable, healthier transport systems in Europe



Reduce emissions from air travel and promote local tourism



Reduce car dependency and promote active mobility



Establish robust regulatory frameworks

Shifting towards more sustainable, healthier food systems in Europe



Make healthy and sustainable choices accessible and affordable



Support public procurement of high quality sustainable food



Invest in education programmes



Tackle food deserts

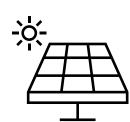


Implement changes to expiry dates on product labels



Implement mandatory regulations and not self-regulatory frameworks

Shifting towards more sustainable, healthier housing in Europe



Provide subsidies to homeowners and landlords for sustainable renovations



Build small and sustainable housing as part of new spatial planning that promotes sustainable energy use



At the national level, implement the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive to improve energy efficiency of buildings



Support and encourage behavioural change to enable everyone to live more sustainably

Shifting towards more sustainable, healthier consumption & production of goods and services in Europe



Encourage a shift towards circular business models



Harmonise and strengthen Extended Producer Responsibility



Enable and encourage behavioural shifts towards more sustainable options



Reduce cost barriers and increase accessibility to preowned goods and repair practices



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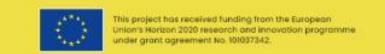
Thank you!

To be continued in the panel discussion...

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Plenary 3: From data to decision: policy that enables change



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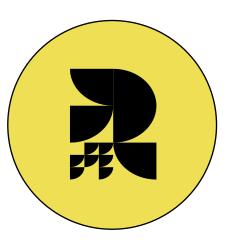


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Lunch break

12:45-13:45



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Morning session closing remarks

Afternoon: EU-level workshop

Time	Session
14:00 - 14:15	Setting the stage for collaboration
14:15 - 15:15	Turning insights into action - working group session
15:15 - 15:35	Coffee break
15:35 - 16:30	Plenary discussion – Scaling solutions across Europe
16:30 - 16:40	Final remarks
16:40- 17:30	Closing & networking drinks

EU-level workshop Turning insights into action

Working groups

Group 1

- Vanessa Timmer, OneEarth Living
- Danielle Brady, European Policy Centre
- Erwin Goor, European Commission / REA
- François Jégou, Strategic Design Scenarios
- Nicola Zingaretti, European Parliament
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• Frank Smit, European Commission

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- Ana Berdzenishvili, European Policy Center
- Shima Beigi, Mindful Smart Cities
- Nick Davids, Circular Flanders
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Guiding questions

What: How can PSLifestyle data drive smarter decisions, and what additional data would strengthen its impact?

Who: How can we unlock powerful cross-sector collaborations to scale up the impact of the Lifestyle Test and its data?

How: What policies and frameworks are necessary to effectively implement the insights and actions derived from PSLifestyle data and cross-sector collaborations, ensuring long-term sustainability?

Coffee break

15:15 -15:35



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Plenary discussions

15:35 - 16:00

Final remarks

16:00 - 16:30

THANK YOU!!