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# Sharing some lessons learned from HELSINKI



# Long-term and interim targets as a foundation for effective climate work

- *"We will all have to **adapt to the consequences** of our planet's climate crisis. [...] We will move our deadline for achieving **carbon neutrality** up five years to 2030 and renew our carbon-neutral Helsinki Action Plan with measures to reduce construction and traffic emissions, in addition to other changes that are seen as necessary and feasible. [...] A goal to attain **carbon zero** status by 2040 will also be set, and we will map out a series of scenarios for achieving this milestone. Helsinki will also start planning for a **carbon-negative future**".*

(Helsinki City Strategy 2021–2025)

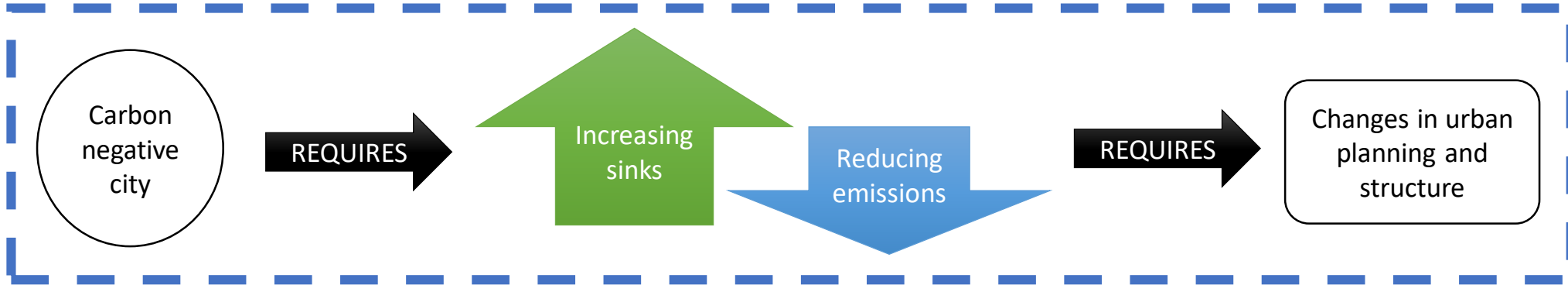
# The set targets also require a new logic for climate leadership

1. Set **long-term target** with clear interim targets.
2. Fail better and faster through **analytical and critical thinking**.
3. Share (not only positive) **lessons learned**.
4. Consider **boundary conditions** and their change over time.
5. Focus on **target-orientation, effectiveness and scale** of actions.
6. **Prioritize actions** that matter the most.
7. Focus on **changing the core processes**.

# Envisioning carbon negative futures

- Reaching the carbon negativity target requires that carbon sinks are increased and emissions are reduced. In order to succeed in this, changes are required also to the current way of planning. **The changes are needed already now, as the carbon negative city of the future is already being planned every day.**

Planetary boundary conditions



# THANK YOU!

