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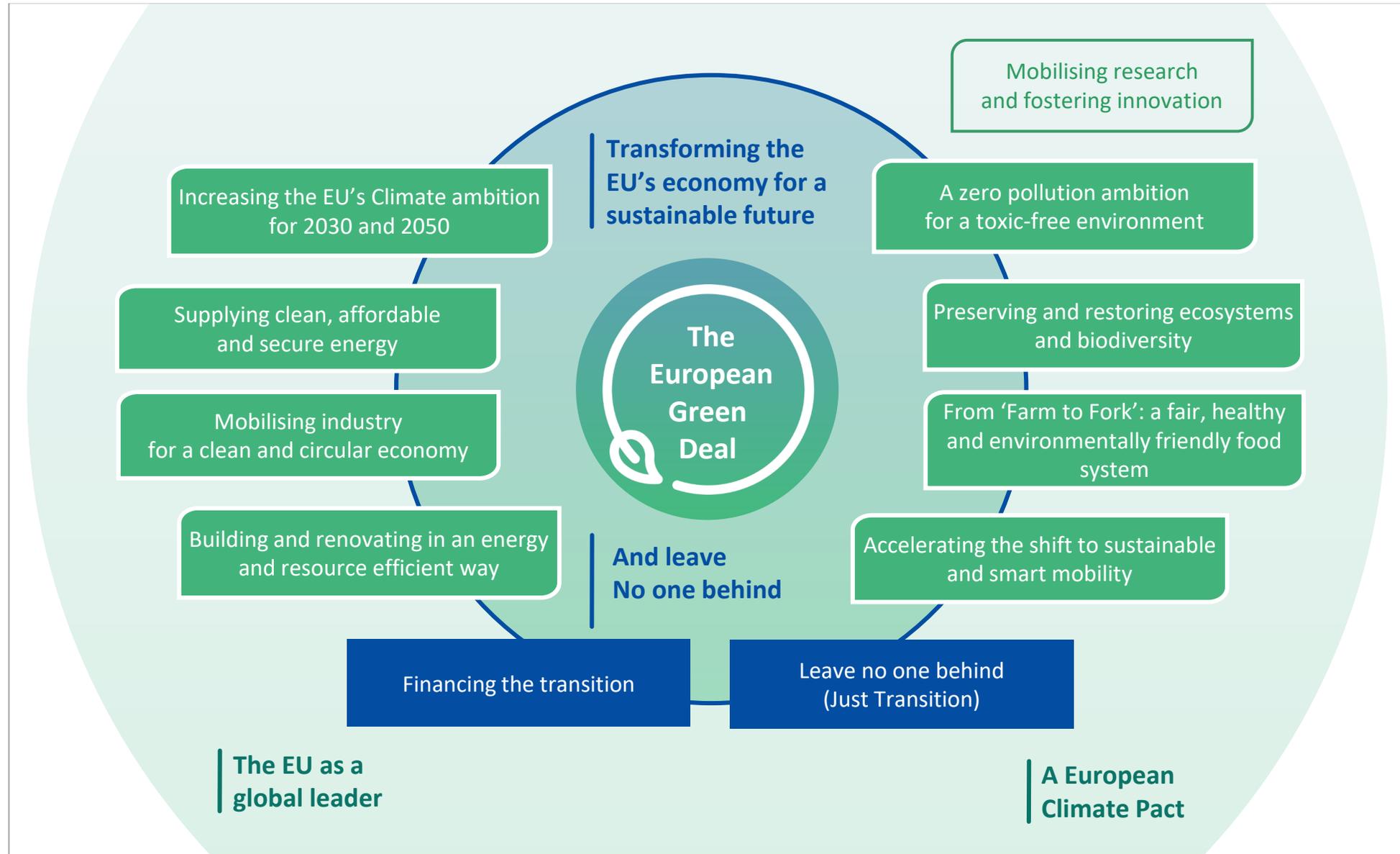
Soil team

The Journey to update the Soil Strategy

- *The European Green Deal and soil*
- *Adoption of the BDS for 2030 and soil aspects therein*
- *Development of Soil Policy*
- *Next steps*

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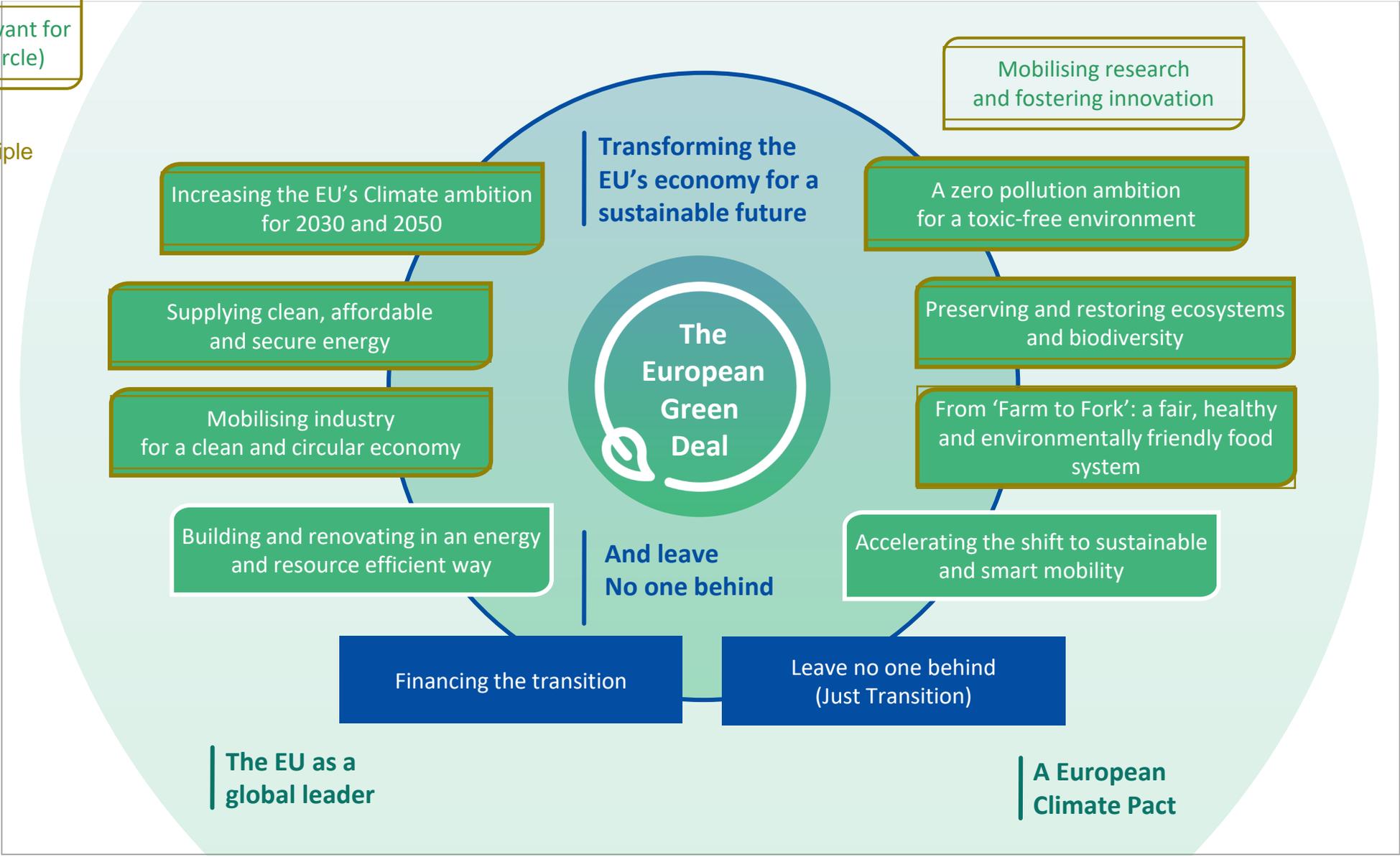
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(Initiatives most relevant for soil-biomass-soil circle)

- + Do-no-harm principle
- Minimize trade-offs
- Waste hierarchy





EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and soil aspects therein

- To update the **Soil Thematic Strategy** by 2021 to address land and soil degradation in a comprehensive way and help to fulfil EU and international commitments on **land-degradation neutrality**
- To perform an **impact assessment** for a legally binding EU nature restoration targets in 2021 to restore healthy and resilient ecosystems including soil
- To develop a **set of indicators for the progressive reduction of pollution** and to develop a **Zero Pollution Action Plan** for Air, Water and **Soil** by 2021
- To address **soil sealing, rehabilitate abandoned or contaminated brownfields** and increase the **safe, sustainable and circular use of excavated soils** in the upcoming Strategy for a Sustainable Built Environment by 2021



EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and soil aspects therein

- In terms of concrete progress on soil protection, the Biodiversity Strategy mentions the following commitments by 2030:
 - A. protect **soil fertility**, reduce **soil erosion** and increase **soil organic matter** by adopting **sustainable soil management practices**, including as part of the CAP;
 - B. make significant progress in identifying and remediating **contaminated sites**,
 - C. **restoring degraded soils**,
 - D. defining the conditions for their **good ecological status**,
 - E. introducing **restoration objectives**,
 - F. improving the **monitoring** of soil quality.



Planning towards the new EU Soil Strategy

- Current target date (to be confirmed): Q2 2021
- Standard elements of the stakeholder consultation strategy:
 - Public consultation on « roadmap » (problem description and intended policy response) 4+ weeks
 - Online questionnaire (12+ weeks)
 - Stakeholder consultations

Coming soon!



Thank you