Climate budgeting at local level

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Climate Budget Pilot

Sept 2021-Dec 2022

Mission

- Facilitate knowledge sharing
- Provide guidance to cities
- Collect experiences to upscale to program

Deliverables

- Best practice examples
- A «how to» piece on climate budgets (step by step)
- Recommendations for program



Map showing the 13 Climate Budget Pilot Cities



What is climate budgeting?



Common Definition

A climate budget is a **governance system** that mainstreams climate commitments and considerations into decision-making on policies, actions and budget through integrating climate targets from the city's Climate Action Plan (CAP) in the financial budget process and assigns responsibility for implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting across the city government.

Terminology



Climate Budget

Carbon Budget

Green Budgeting

Budget Climate Assessment

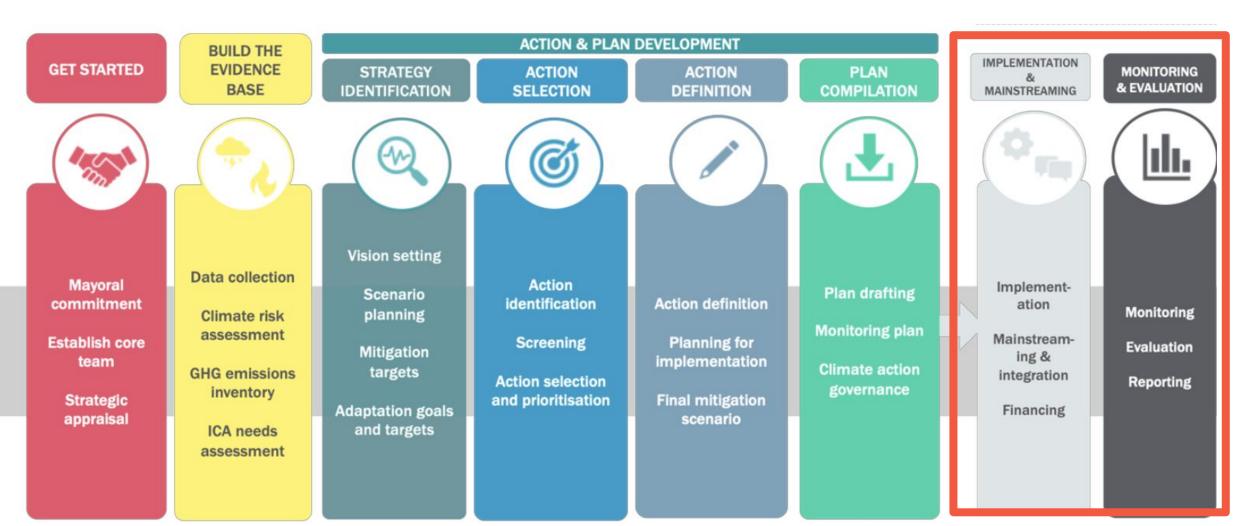
Project Climate Assessment



Why do you need it?



From planning to implementation







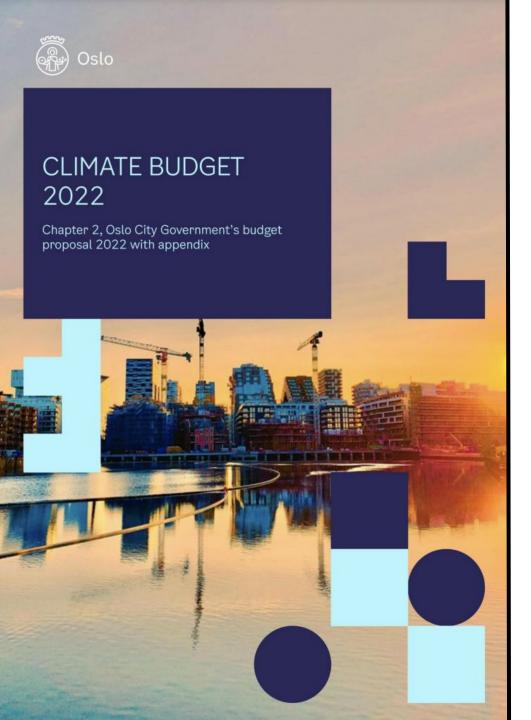
Change management

- Mainstream action and accountability across city government
- City finance teams in the lead together with climate teams
- Long-term targets are transformed into concrete, financed, immediate actions
- Transparency, collaboration and accountability
- Mayors make their climate leadership more visible and credible

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How does it work?





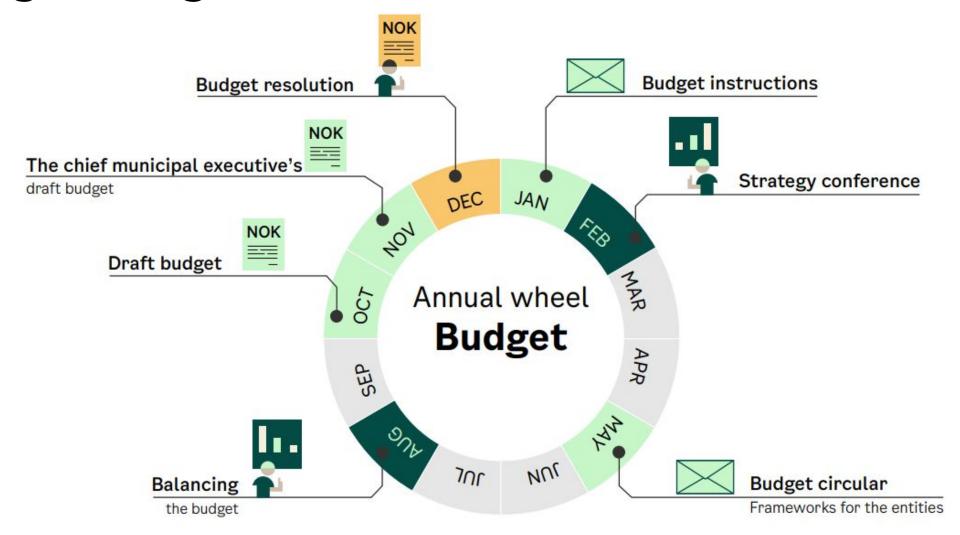
Oslo's climate budget

Introduced in 2017

- Integrated in the ordinary municipal budget
- Identifies emission reduction measures
- Identifies investments and operational costs and responsible unit for implementation
- Reporting as part of the ordinary budget cycle

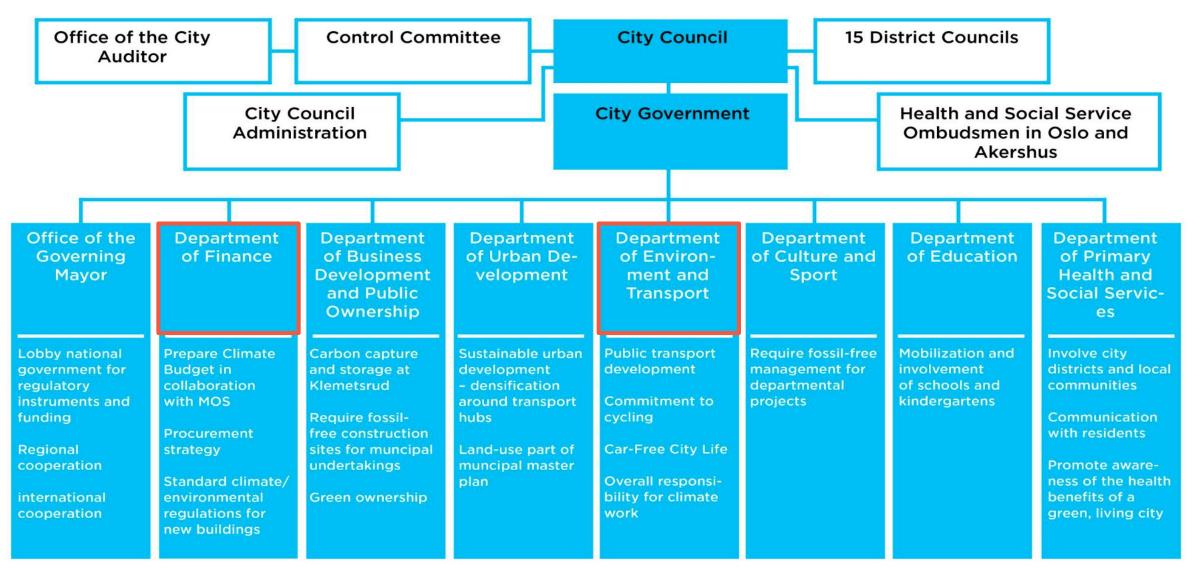


Budget integration





Mainstreaming across the city



Source: City of Oslo (2021)

What are the impacts?



Cities are making progress



What are the barriers?

Time and resources

Political Institutional Technical & educational



What are the impacts?

Regular processes

Elevates climate action

Transparency

Accountability and ownership

Governance & mainstreaming

Operationalise the CAP

Prioritisation of efficient actions

Accelerate implementation

Efficient decision making

Action implementation

Identify cost and funding needs

Secure financing to reach targets

Improves resource allocation

Access to funding and resources

Annual targets

Regular GHG accounting

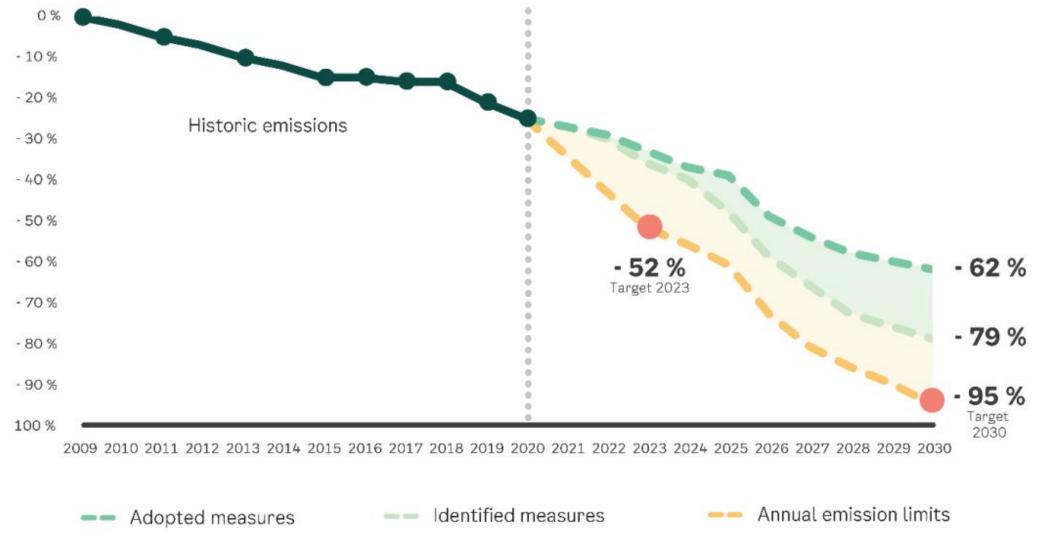
Tracking emissions

Integrated MER systems

Emissions reduction



Oslo's climate budget analysis





How to get started?



C40's top tips to get started

Political commitment and administrative leadership

CFO ownership & climate literate finance team

Early involvement of internal stakeholders

Phased approach with annual improvement





Thank you!

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