

# Beyond the Baseline

## Using Data to Drive Measurable Carbon Reduction

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# Introduction to P2zero<sup>®</sup>

## About Us

- Award-winning sustainability consultancy based in the UK but operating worldwide
- 100% shareholder-owned
- Members of the UK Government Digital Sustainability Alliance (GDSA) and Tech Zero
- Fully independent - no income from product sales or rebates

## Customers & Projects

- Our projects have analysed the carbon footprint of over 750,000 individual IT devices in 162 countries
- Multi-year projects and managed services for many customers
- Services range from specialist digital sustainability reports to full organisation carbon footprint analysis (e.g. energy use, waste, commuting, business travel & supply chain)
- We provide a carbon footprint report and data quality statement for every project undertaken



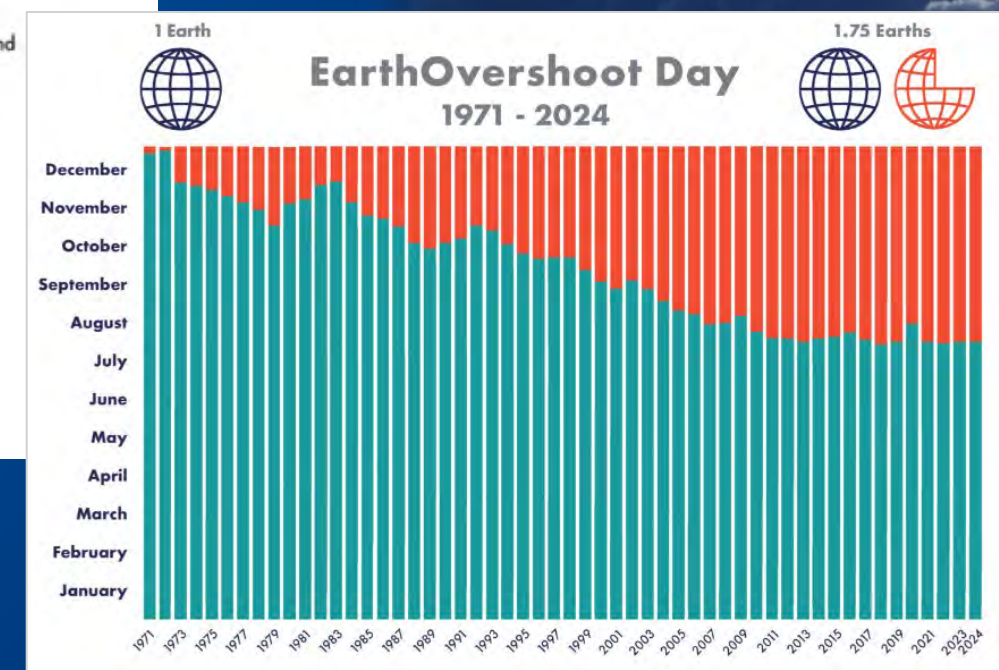
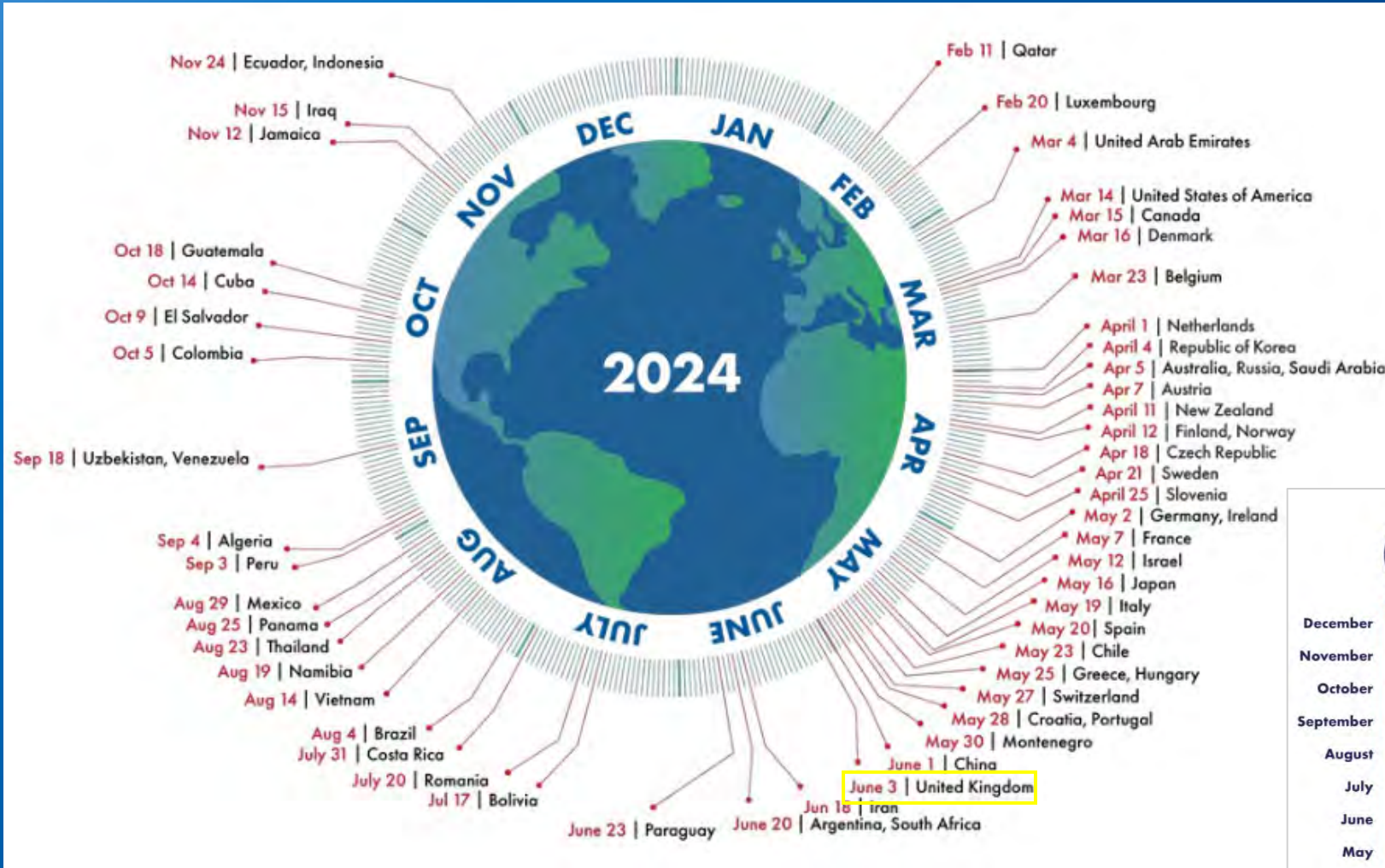
Logos include customers where work was undertaken though partners

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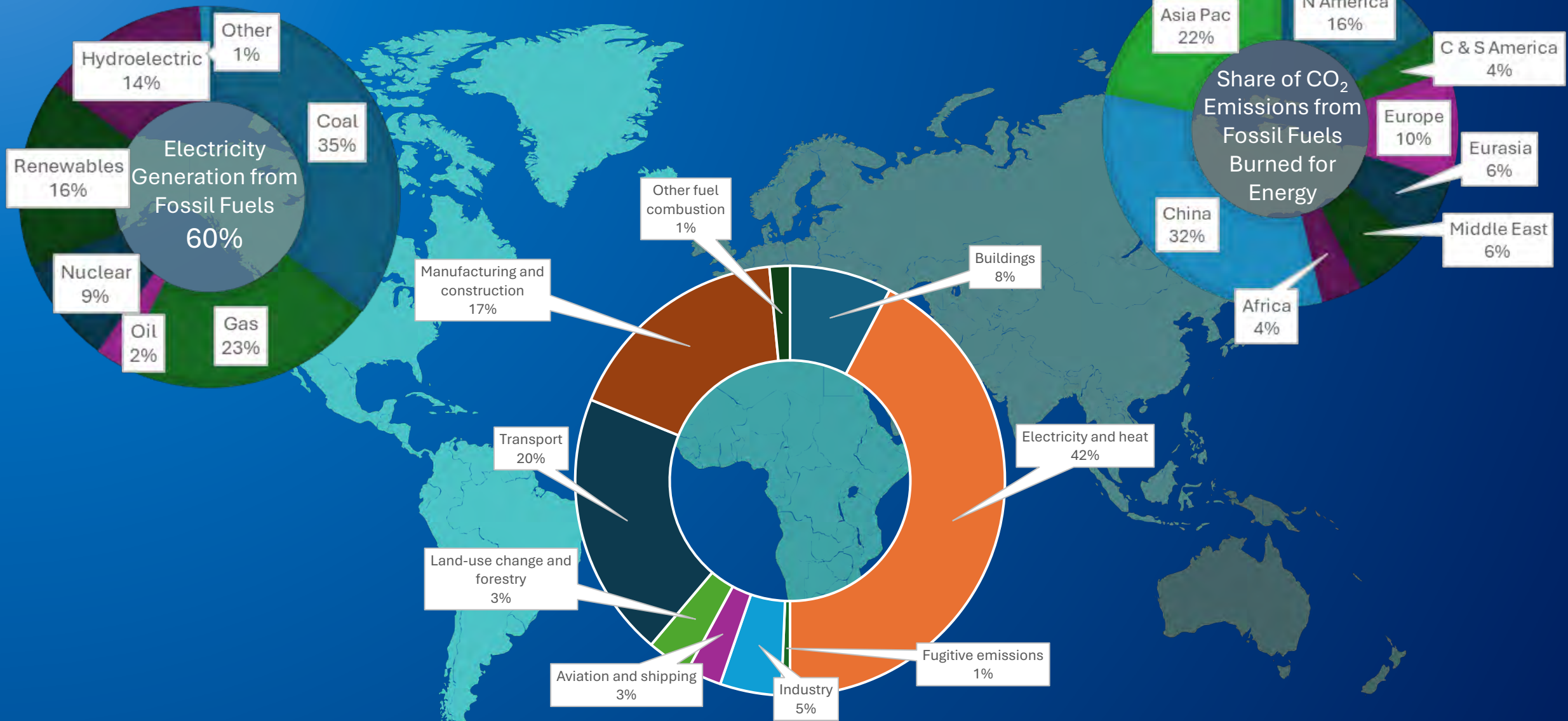
## Part 1: Background & “Green IT” Issues

# Earth Overshoot Day 2024

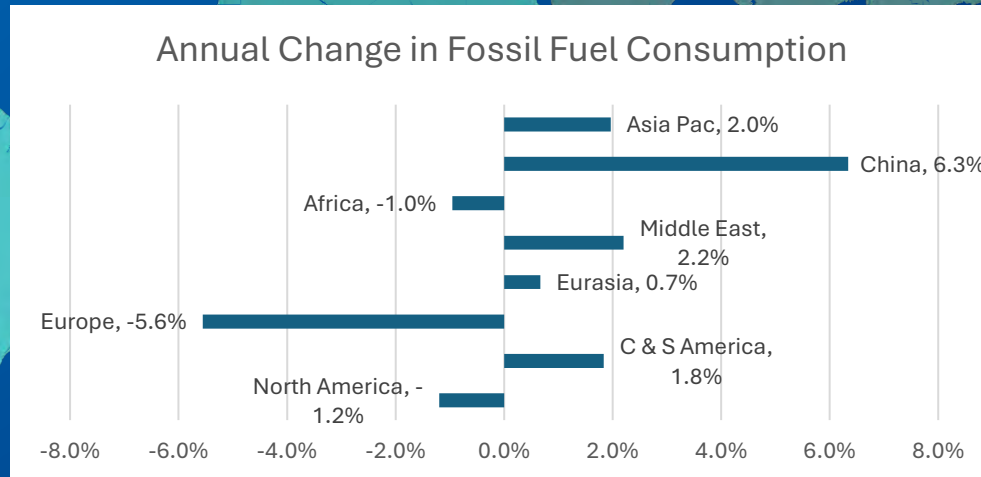
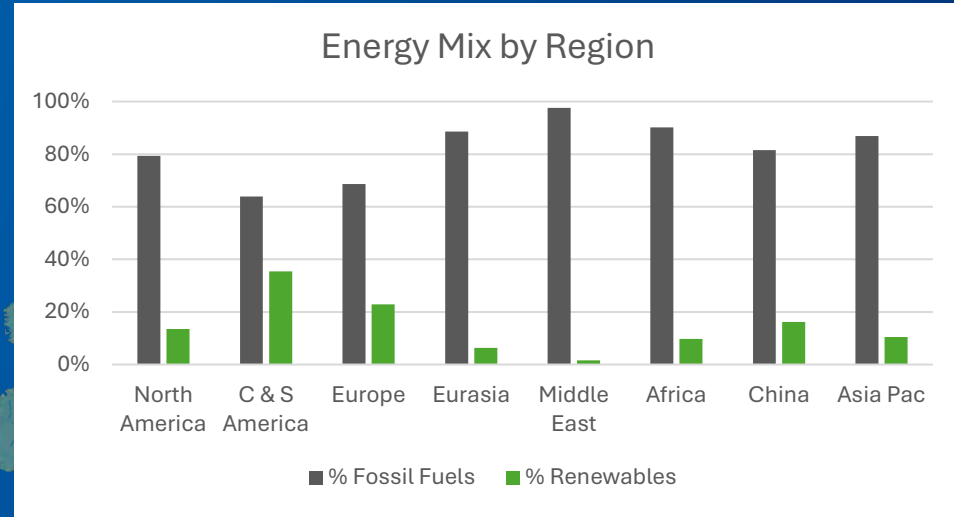
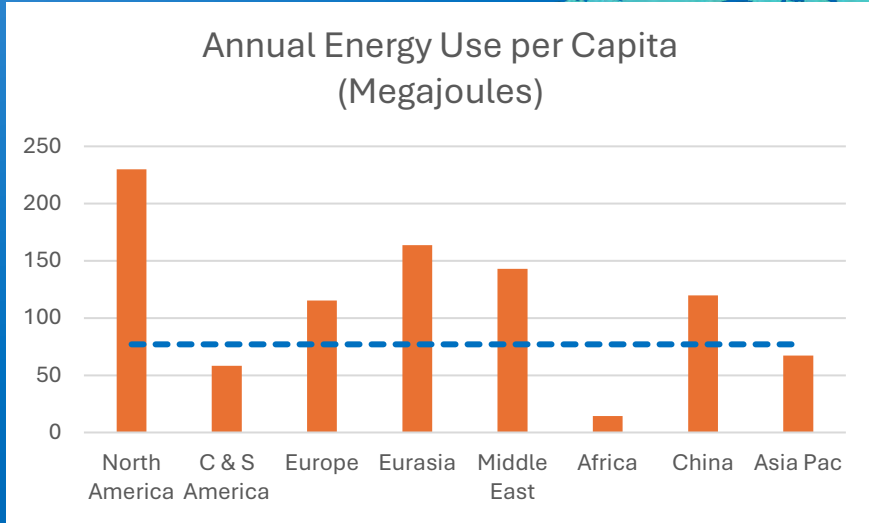


<https://overshoot.footprintnetwork.org/>

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Global coal production reached its highest ever level in 2023

Global Changes  
(2022 vs 2023)  
Total Energy Use +2.0%  
Per Capita Energy +1.1%  
Fossil Fuel Use +1.5%  
Coal Production +1.6%

# Our Fossil Fuel Consumption

Based on Nate Hagens' "Beyond the Superorganism"<sup>1</sup>

World  
Population  
= 8.1 Bn  
People



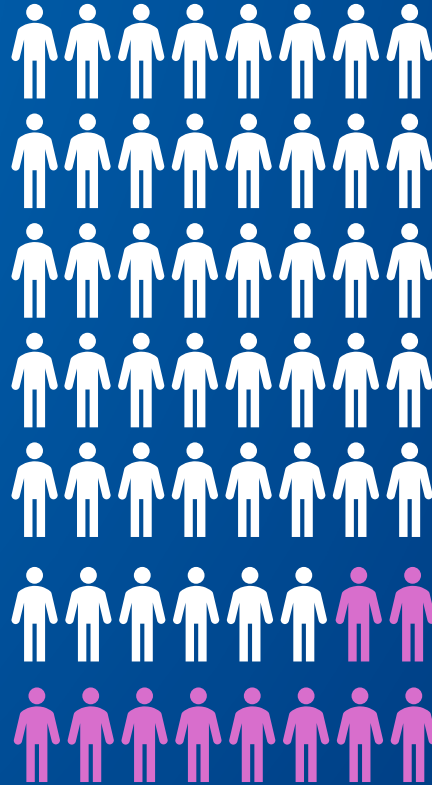
On average we each  
consumed 10.26 Barrels of  
Oil Equivalent (BOE) of coal,  
oil and gas last year<sup>2</sup>



Every BOE = 4.5 Years  
of Human Effort<sup>3</sup>



Worldwide average of  
46 Fossil Fuel "Helpers"  
Per Person<sup>4</sup>



USA = equivalent to a worldwide  
population of >1.3 Tn People



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0921800919310067>

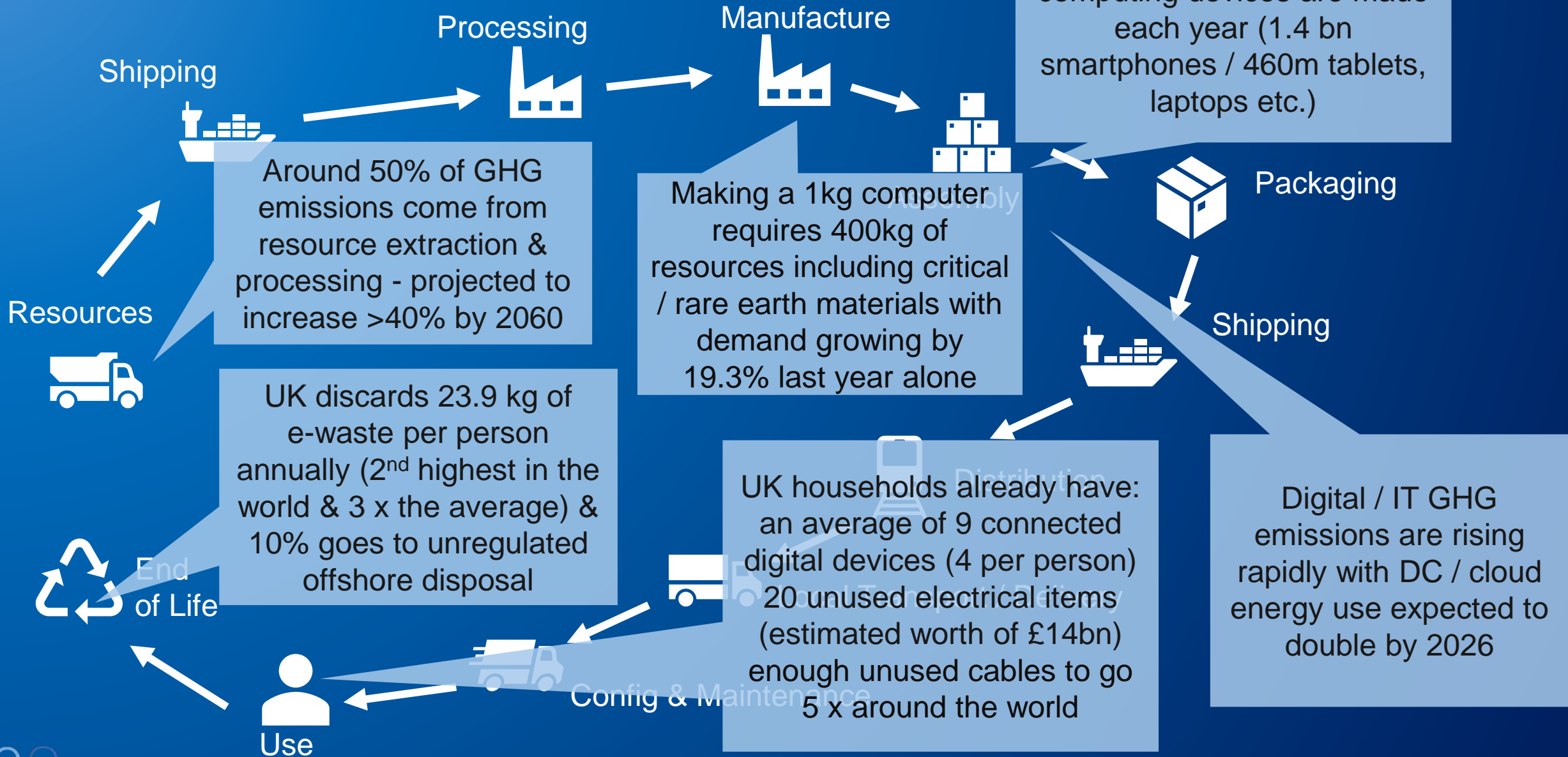
<sup>2</sup> 2023 worldwide fossil fuel consumption was a record >140k terawatt-hours

<sup>3</sup> Based BOE @ 1,699 kWh & effective human output (with rest) of 1.04 kWh per day

<sup>4</sup> 10.26 (barrels) x 1,699 (kWh equivalent) / 1.04 (kWh output) x 365 (days)

Remaining Reserves - Gas: 49 Years, Oil: 56 Years, Coal: 139 Years  
Consumption of fossil reserves is 10M x faster than replacement

# Digital Sustainability Impacts







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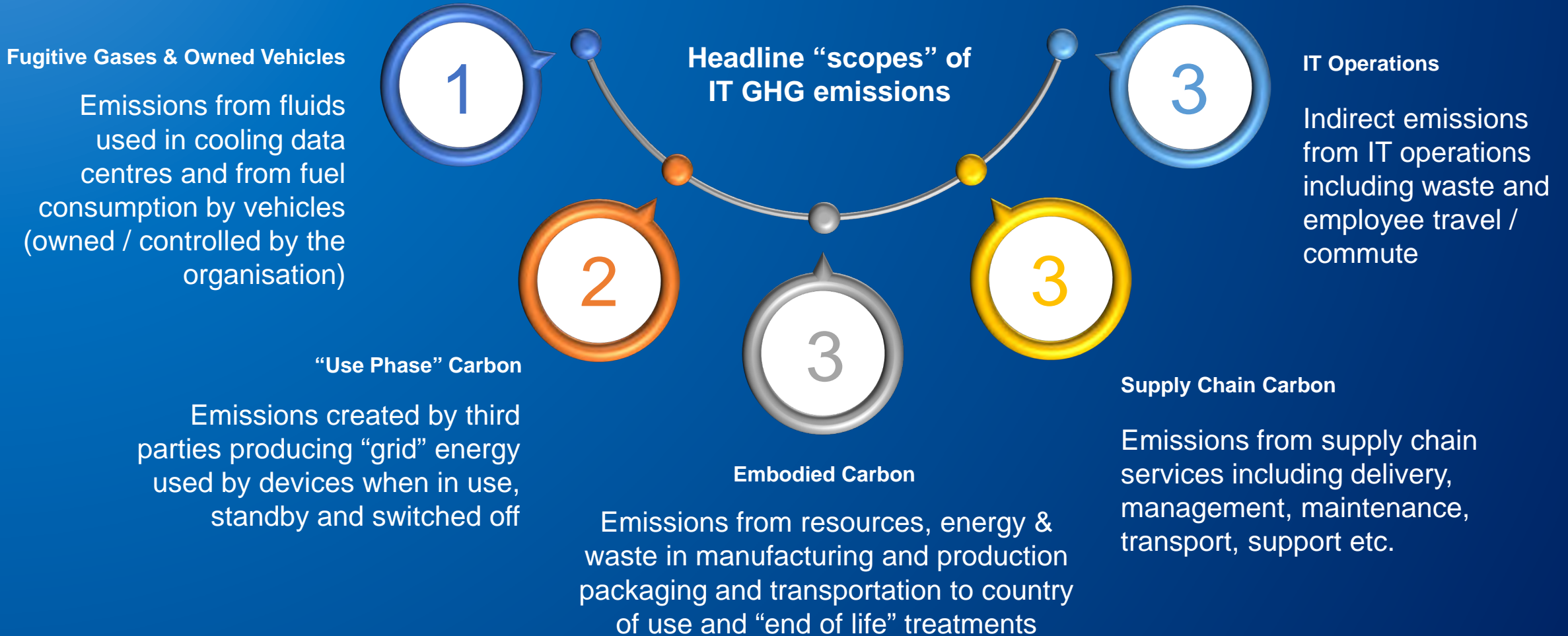
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## Part 2: Carbon Footprint Reporting & Dashboards

# Carbon Footprint Reporting

- Included in ESG metrics, social value & net zero commitments
- “Net zero” means at least 90% emissions reduction (SBTi definition)
- Huge variation in the actual commitment depending on:
  - baseline year and target date
  - which scopes are included
- Many organisations currently only report and set targets on scopes 1 & 2..
- But most emissions (for most organisations) are actually in **scope 3**
- Wider sustainability considerations also include:
  - Resource use
  - Waste
  - People
  - Circular economy

# IT Carbon Footprint Reporting: the Relevant “Scopes”



# Carbon Footprint Baseline: Metrics & Dashboards



## Standard data tables and visualisations:

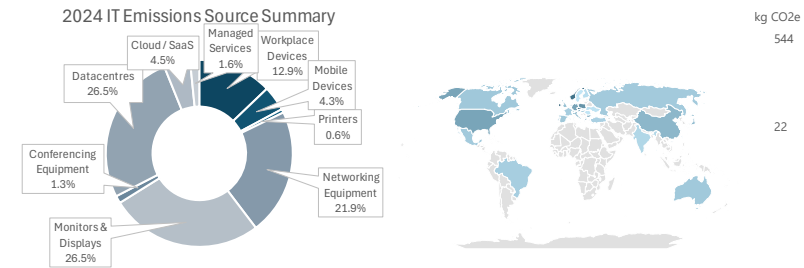
- Workspace & Mobile Devices, Displays, Printers, DCs, Networking, Cloud & Managed Service
- Scope 1, 2 & 3 emissions by device type & location
- KPIs and trends including emissions per FTE / £ Revenue
- Hotspots & impact tracking for action areas

## Optional:

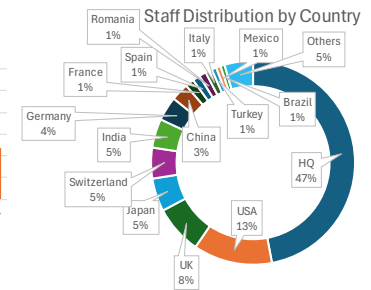
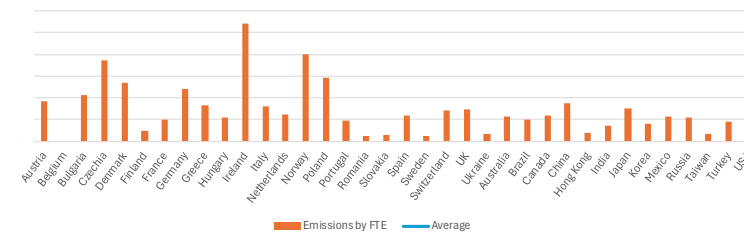
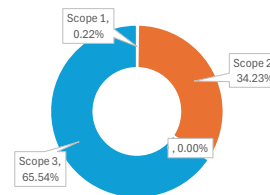
- Customised model for carbon reduction scenarios
- Device model detail & comparison
- Role / profile-based calculations
- Sector & best practice benchmarking

Category	Devices	Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3	Total	Per FTE
Workplace Devices	13,759	-	60,059	540,709	<b>600,771</b>	<b>32.7</b>
Mobile Devices	10,461	-	26,847	175,345	<b>202,193</b>	<b>11.0</b>
Printers	382	-	2,411	26,438	<b>28,849</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Networking Equipment	4,154	-	611,761	410,062	<b>1,021,856</b>	<b>55.6</b>
Monitors & Displays	19,052	-	158,619	1,078,807	<b>1,237,434</b>	<b>67.3</b>
Conferencing Equipment	415	-	6,006	54,071	<b>60,077</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Datacentres	4,985	10,495	734,113	492,074	<b>1,236,723</b>	<b>67.3</b>
Cloud / SaaS	-	-	-	211,592	<b>211,592</b>	<b>11.5</b>
Managed Services	-	-	-	74,057	<b>74,057</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,208</b>	<b>10,495</b>	<b>1,599,816</b>	<b>3,063,155</b>	<b>4,673,553</b>	<b>254.30</b>

All figures in kg CO<sub>2</sub>e unless stated otherwise



2024 IT Emissions "Scopes" Summary



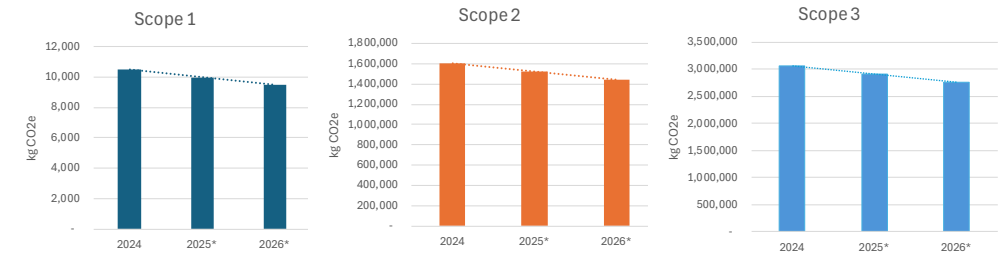
IT Emissions per FTE			
2024	2025*	2026*	Status - Benchmark Year
254.30	241.59	229.51	

IT Emissions per Device			
2024	2025*	2026*	Status - Benchmark Year
87.84	83.44	79.27	

IT Emissions per €M Rev			
2024	2025*	2026*	Status - Benchmark Year
890.20	845.69	803.41	



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## Part 3: Challenges & Obstacles

# Barriers to Reporting & Action

## Operational Challenges

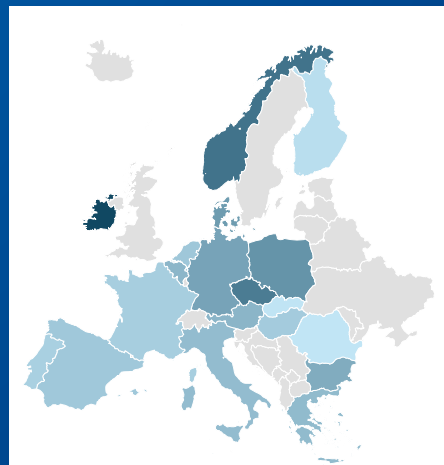
- Where do you start?
- Determining what should be measured, how often & how it will be accessed / used
- Getting the time and resources needed for gathering the required data and setting KPIs
- Minimising additional complexity, cost & operational overheads

## Data Challenges

- Ensuring your data is accessible, accurate, comprehensive & up to date
- Identifying additional contextual information to make the data “actionable”
- Understanding the data from hardware, software and service providers
- Getting meaningful information from cloud providers

Country Report - all emissions figures are kg CO <sub>2</sub> e				
Location		Germany		
IT Estate	Devices	Estate Scope 2 (Annual Emissions)	Estate Scope 3 (Annual Emissions)	Estate Annualised Emissions
+	Display	2,274	38,441	129,429
+	Mobile Device	2,546	10,007	52,302
+	Networking	424	132,844	45,356
+	Printer	21	339	1,489
+	Workplace	2,412	15,837	96,569
Grand Total		7,677	197,468	325,145

Metric	Rating
Data Accuracy	B
Data Granularity	A
Methodology	A
Coverage	C
Overall	B

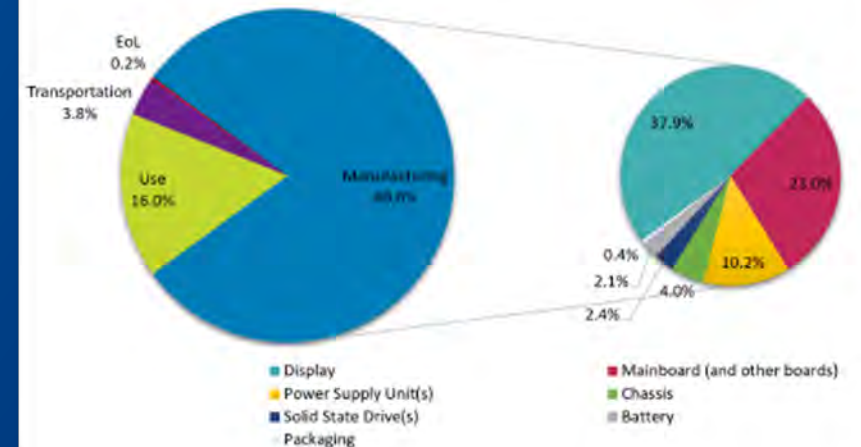


## Example Carbon Footprint Report

This product's estimated carbon footprint:

**348** kgCO<sub>2</sub>e +/- **67** kgCO<sub>2</sub>e

Estimated impact by lifecycle stage with breakout for manufacturing by component:



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## Part 4: Accelerating Beyond the Baseline



# Action 1: Get the Whole Picture

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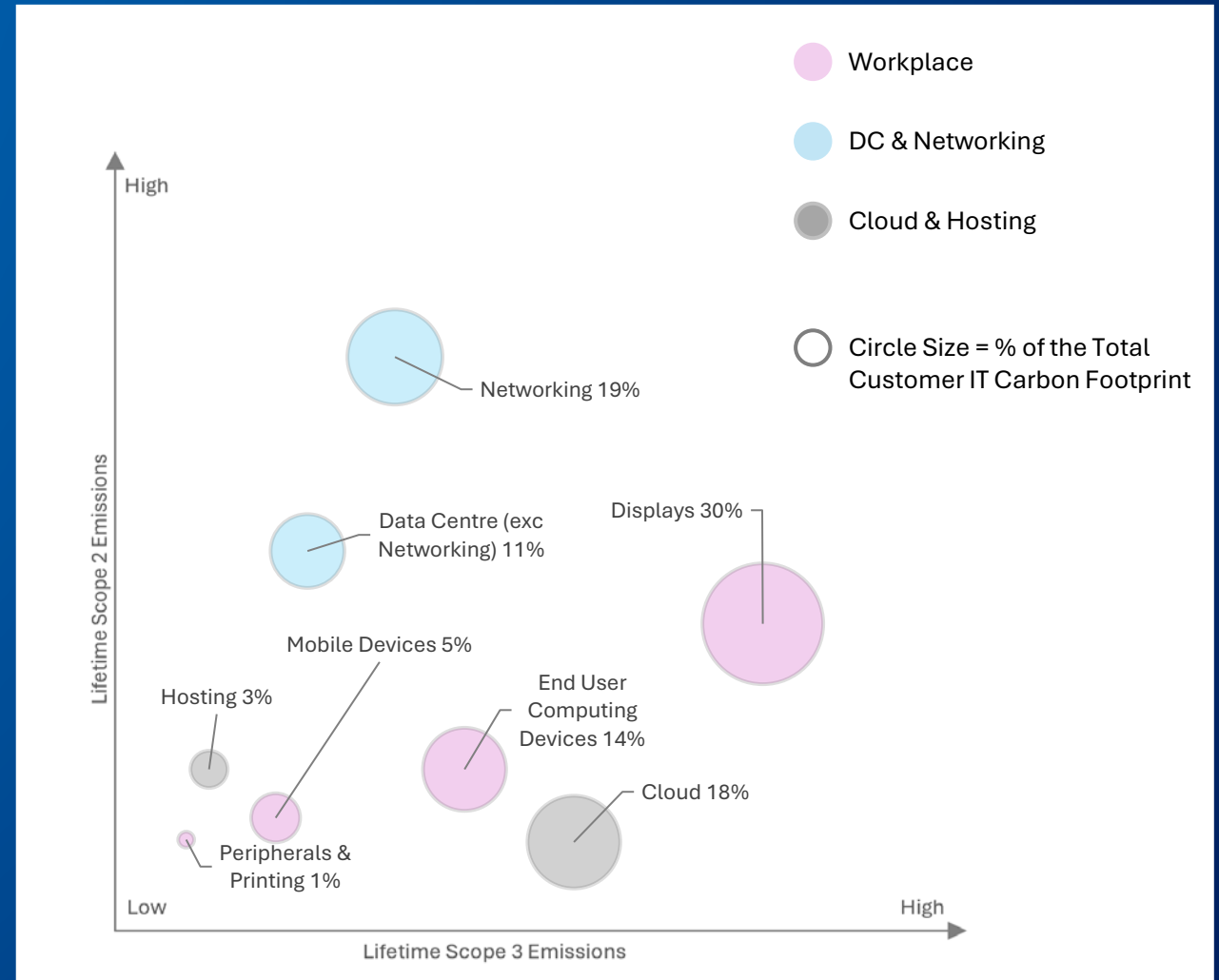
- Get all departments / owners involved
- Establish metrics for all the main elements
- Determine the contribution to the problem
- Establish regular reporting & trends

## Diagnostics

- What are the more sustainable options?
- How well “aligned” are our key suppliers?
- What can be changed and by how much?
- When are devices / contracts up for renewal?

## Action Plan

- Use visualisation to track potential & actual progress



# Action 2: User Engagement Programme

## Relevant

- Identify specific behaviours and actions to target
- Illustrate impacts and benefits of change
- Provide online training & certification

## Collaborative

- Encourage team spirit and collaboration
- Promote “champions” network

## Focus on Communications

- Ensure messages are clear and supported by a strong identity
- Establish regular “cadence” and structured content
- Celebrate success

# IMPERIAL

In a lecture theatre near you...

Shut the lid to save the grid

...Sustainability superheroes rise up

Shutting the lid on the 8,000 laptops at Imperial would save a whopping 7 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e

That's the equivalent of a car driving the entire circumference of the globe

But I am just one person, what difference can I make?

You are not alone - we stand together. A community with a **BOLD MISSION**

**Be a part of Imperial's bold mission to achieve net zero by 2040**

## SHUT THE LID TO SAVE THE GRID

**Be like Captain Net0...**  
*be your own sustainability superhero*

Driven by a bold mission to achieve net zero by 2024 the ICT team are fighting to reduce Imperial's carbon footprint by lowering energy usage that we get from the National Grid.

We need **your help** By putting your laptop or computer to sleep when you go for a break, or switching off and unplugging it when not in use, you can save about 1kg of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year!

Imagine if everyone at Imperial did that, we could save 7 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e - that's the same as the average car driving around the entire globe!

Find out how ICT are supporting Net Zero

Imperial College London imperial.ac.uk

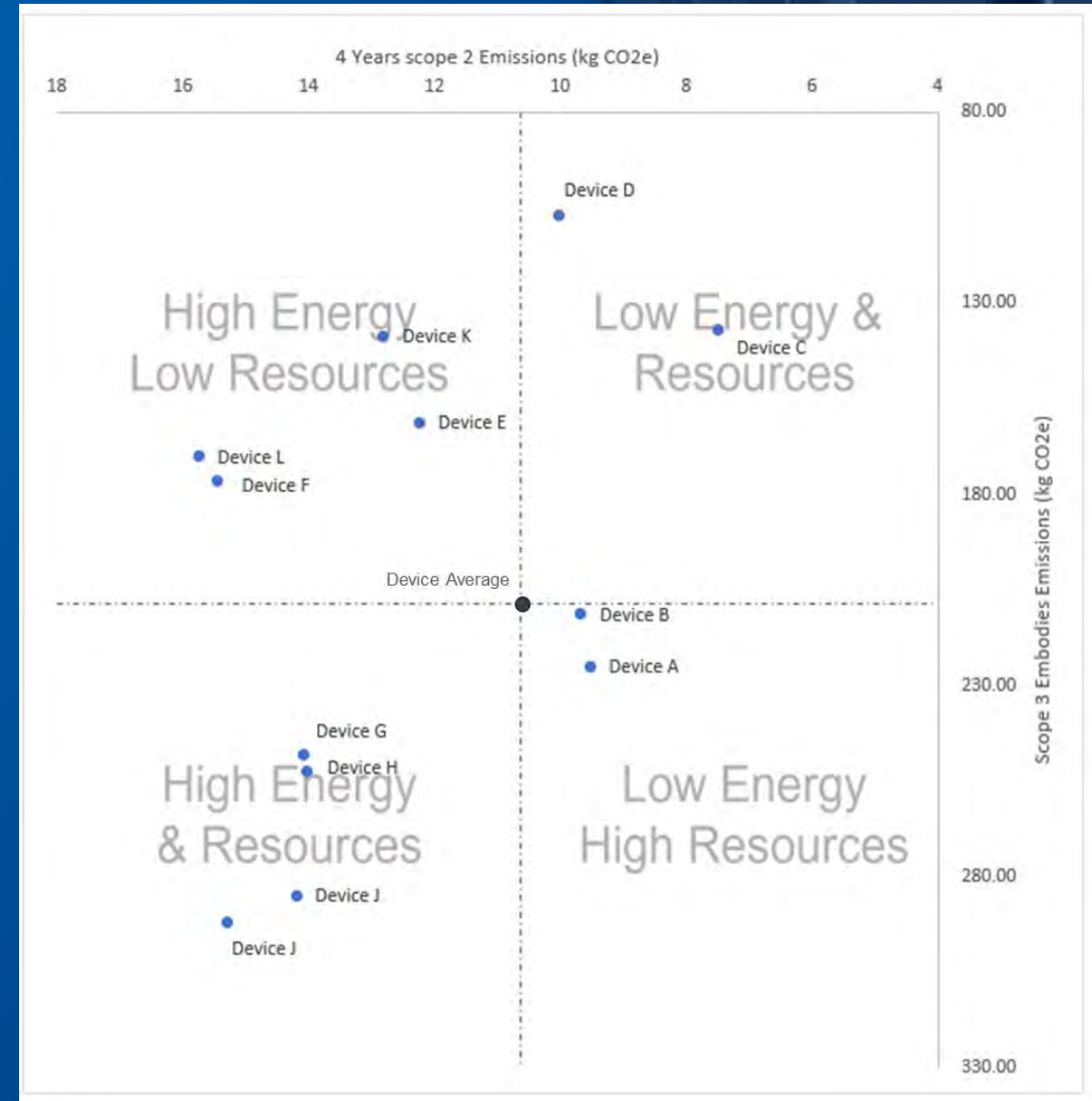
# Action 3: Benchmarking

## Options

- Scope 2 and 3 emissions of specific devices or device types (e.g. laptops)
- KPIs for whole environments
- Status of strategy, policies and metrics
- Compare with other sectors or national averages

## Uses & Benefits

- Assist in sustainable procurement
- Identify opportunities for / benefits of improvement
- Use competition to “Gamify” change



# Action 4: Integrate with Wider Sustainability Initiatives

## Decrease Planetary Impact

- Consider the bigger picture

## Plan for Longer Life

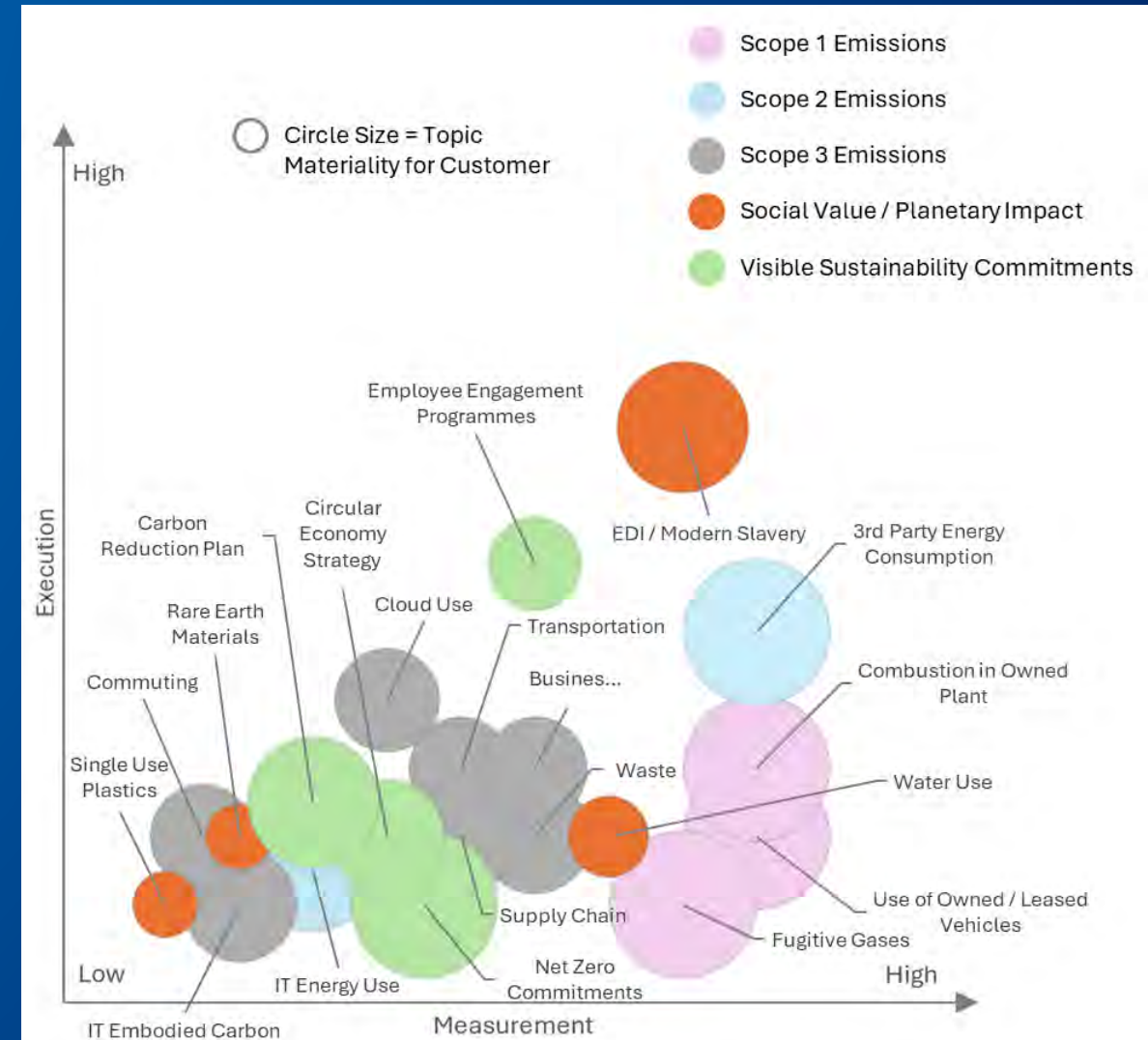
- Repair, reuse, refurbish, repurpose, reallocate, retire & recycle

## Reduce Consumption & Waste

- Combine cost & carbon metrics
- Ensure accountability & traceability
- Establish, publicise & reinforce best practice

## Use Smarter Sourcing

- Use “gateways” to filter out non-sustainable procurement
- Ensure granular reporting and impact reduction are core service components
- Optimise & improve – complex topic (!) but don’t just shift right and “outsource the issue”



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## Part 5: Impacts & Outcomes

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Examples of savings identified through recent P2zero Projects

## Physical Devices

**32%** scope 2: energy savings

**40%** scope 3: supply chain / embodied carbon savings

**23%** capital cost saving

## Cloud Services

**78%** scope 2: energy savings

**25%** scope 3: supply chain / embodied carbon savings\*

**28%** overall cost saving

and

# Questions