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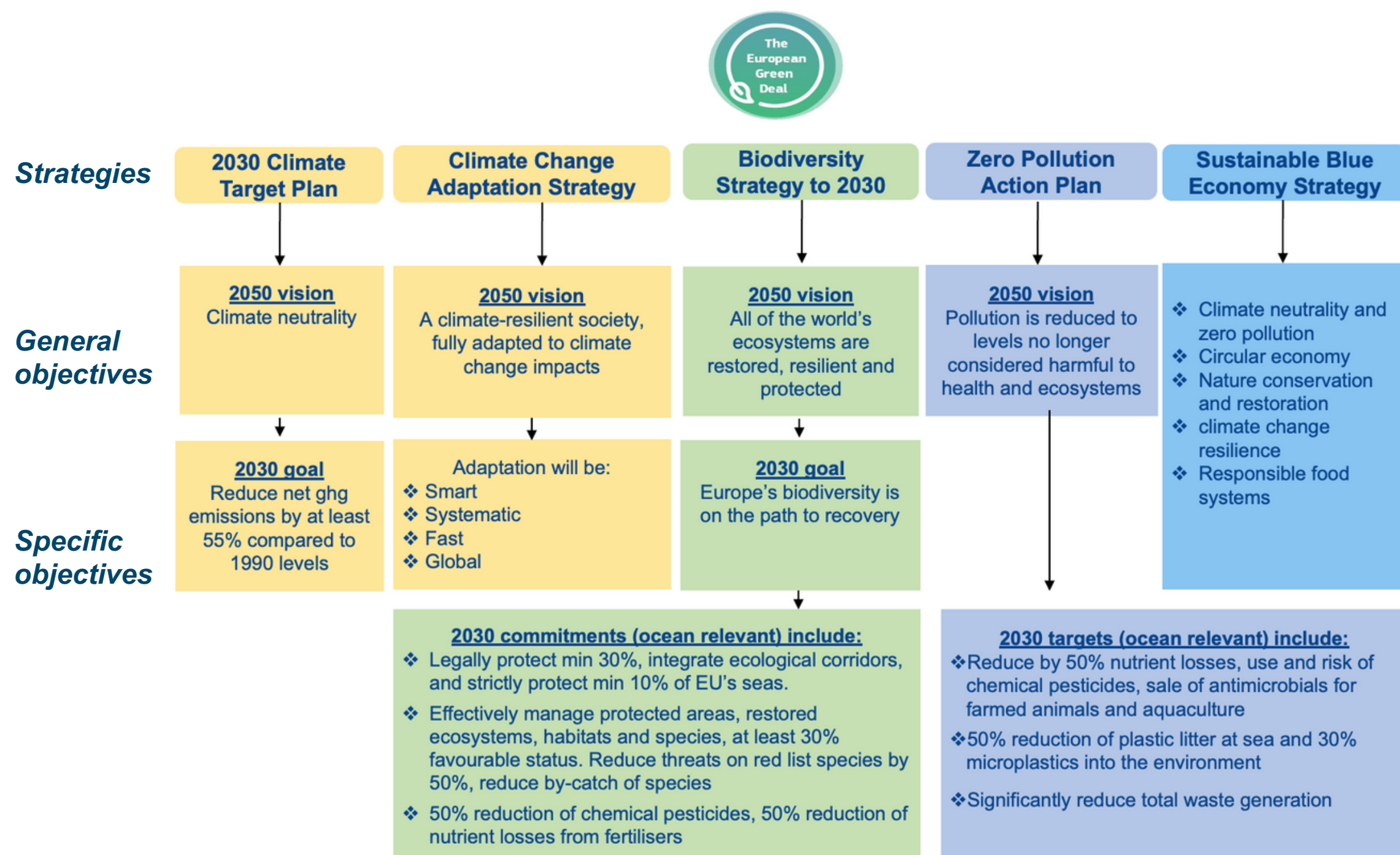## Coherent and Cross-Compliant Ocean Governance for Delivering the EU Green Deal for European Seas

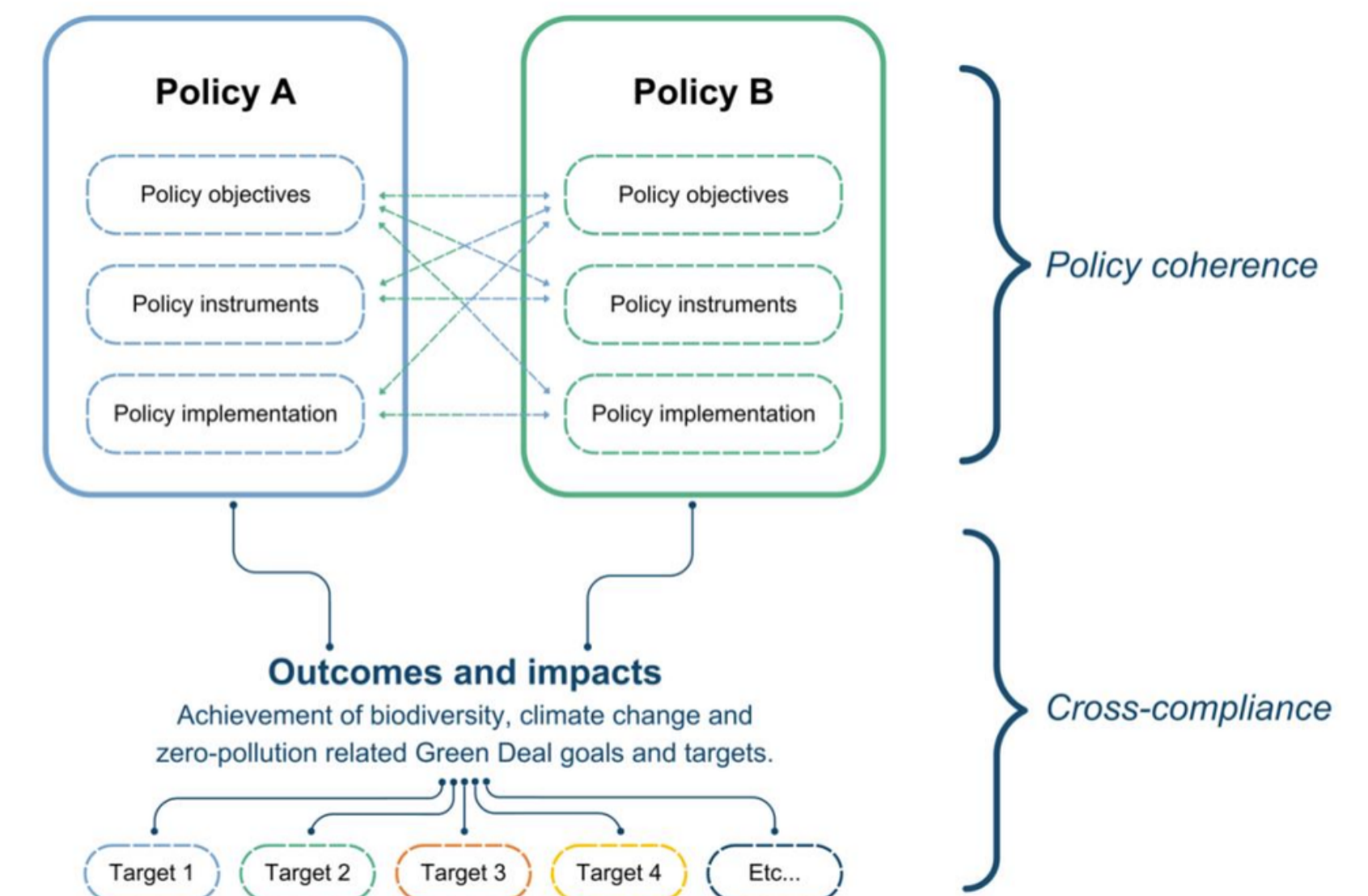# Policy Coherence Evaluation Framework

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? The Challenge

- The European Green Deal is a comprehensive set of policy initiatives for a sustainable future, containing specific objectives for the European seas.

- We need to ensure that progress towards one objective does not negatively affect progress towards other objectives. **We need cross-compliance!**

The European Green Deal

Strategies	**2030 Climate Target Plan**	**Climate Change Adaptation Strategy**	**Biodiversity Strategy to 2030**	**Zero Pollution Action Plan**	**Sustainable Blue Economy Strategy**
General objectives	**2050 vision** Climate neutrality	**2050 vision** A climate-resilient society, fully adapted to climate change impacts	**2050 vision** All of the world's ecosystems are restored, resilient and protected	**2050 vision** Pollution is reduced to levels no longer considered harmful to health and ecosystems	❖ Climate neutrality and zero pollution ❖ Circular economy ❖ Nature conservation and restoration ❖ climate change resilience ❖ Responsible food systems
Specific objectives	**2030 goal** Reduce net ghg emissions by at least 55% compared to 1990 levels	Adaptation will be: ❖ Smart ❖ Systematic ❖ Fast ❖ Global	**2030 goal** Europe's biodiversity is on the path to recovery		

2030 commitments (ocean relevant) include:
- ❖ Legally protect min 30%, integrate ecological corridors, and strictly protect min 10% of EU's seas.
- ❖ Effectively manage protected areas, restored ecosystems, habitats and species, at least 30% favourable status. Reduce threats on red list species by 50%, reduce by-catch of species
- ❖ 50% reduction of chemical pesticides, 50% reduction of nutrient losses from fertilisers

2030 targets (ocean relevant) include:
- ❖ Reduce by 50% nutrient losses, use and risk of chemical pesticides, sale of antimicrobials for farmed animals and aquaculture
- ❖ 50% reduction of plastic litter at sea and 30% microplastics into the environment
- ❖ Significantly reduce total waste generation

⦿ Our Mission

- CrossGov explores how **policy coherence affects cross-compliance** with ocean-related Green Deal objectives for biodiversity, climate change and pollution.

- **Policy coherence may**
  - Help overcome fragmented governance arrangements
  - Contribute to minimising conflicts and trade-offs
  - Foster synergies and policy effectiveness

Policy A / **Policy B**
- Policy objectives
- Policy instruments
- Policy implementation

Policy coherence

Outcomes and impacts
Achievement of biodiversity, climate change and zero-pollution related Green Deal goals and targets.

Cross-compliance

Target 1 | Target 2 | Target 3 | Target 4 | Etc...

⚙ Our Approach

The CrossGov Policy Coherence Evaluation Framework

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- The Framework offers **a comprehensive methodological approach** to understand better **where in the policy cycle or at which governance level** challenges of coherence emerge and where these can be resolved

  - We investigate policy coherence in **different directions** (horizontally, vertically) and at **multiple governance levels** (EU, regional, (sub)national)

  - We investigate policy coherence at **different stages of the policy cycle** (policy formulation, design, implementation, evaluation)

- The Framework builds upon existing concepts and frameworks, though advances this further to make it fit-for-purpose for comprehensive policy coherence evaluations against the **European Green Deal**

The three components of the Evaluation Framework:

1. Two coherence attributes
- To evaluate level of policy coherence

  Policy objectives & **Policy instruments**

Three explanatory variables
- To help explain the level of observed coherence

  Governmental organisational structures | **Science-policy-society interfaces** | **Stakeholder involvement**

2. Guiding questions that help assess each attribute

3. A simplified scoring system to evaluate to what extent each attribute contributes to policy coherence

-1 Negative	0 Neutral	+1 Positive

← Incoherence — Coherence →

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