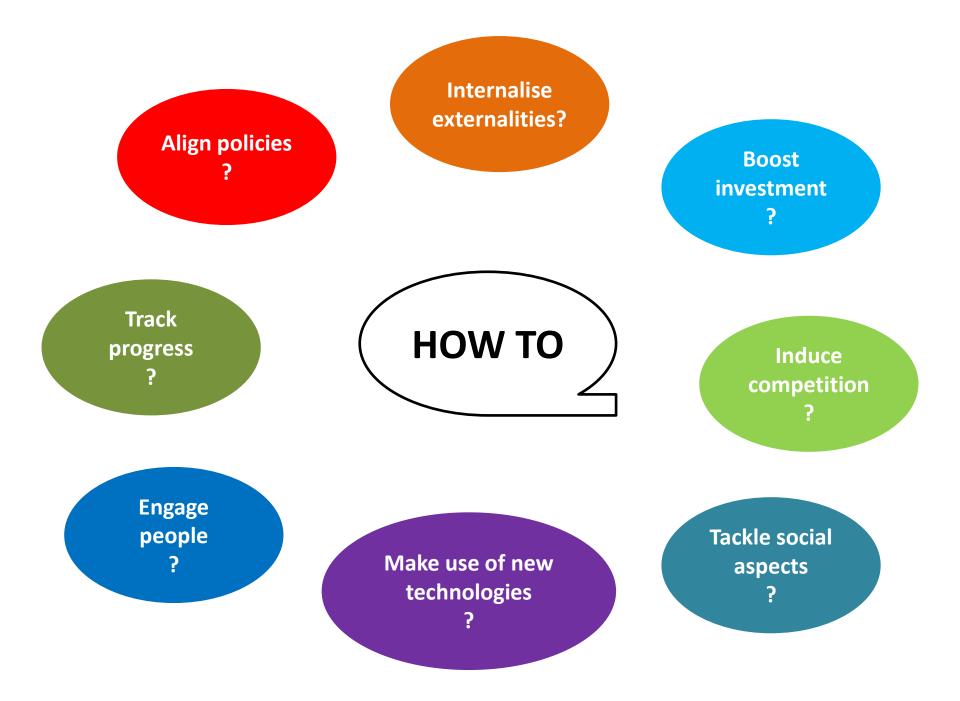
Economic Instruments to Achieve Sustainable Development

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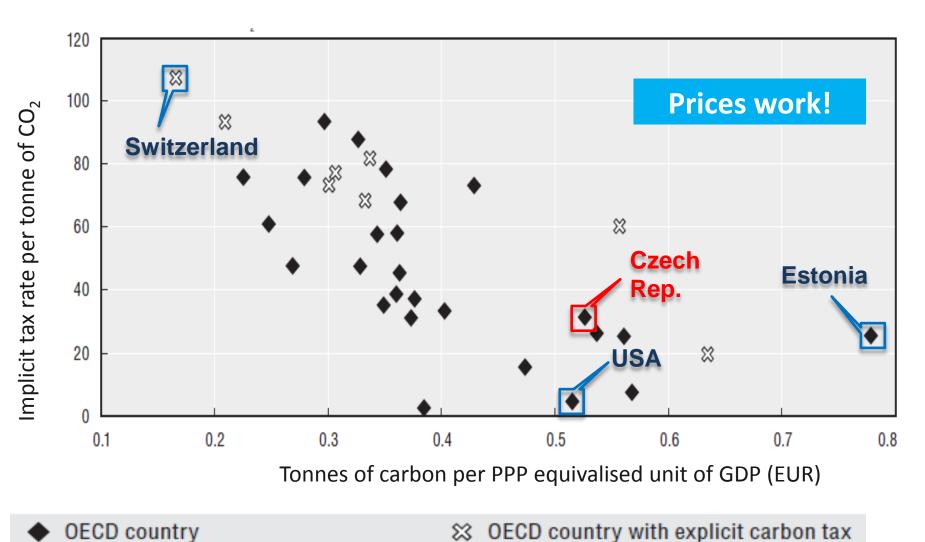
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Put a price on carbon

Higher implicit tax rates on carbon are associated with a lower-carbon economy

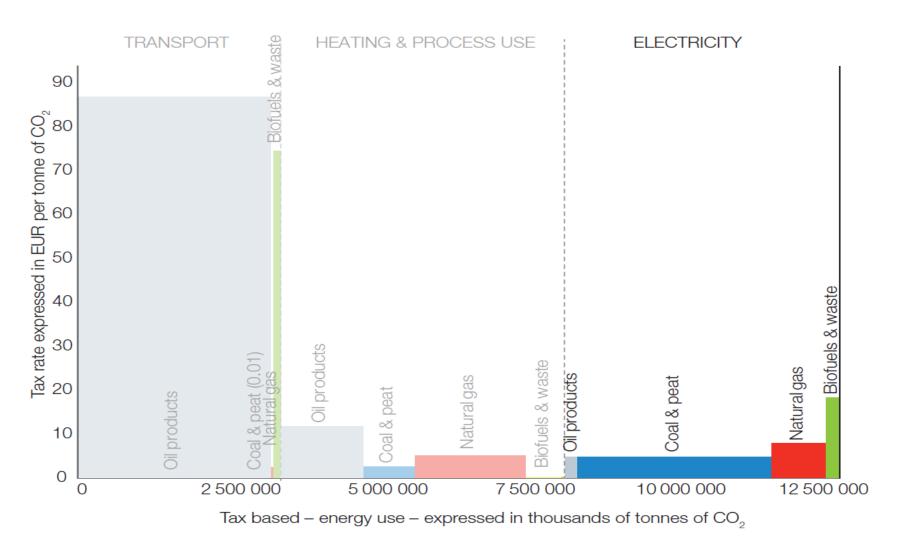


OECD country with explicit carbon tax

Source: OECD (2013), Taxing Energy Use: A Graphical Analysis.

Tax on a carbon basis

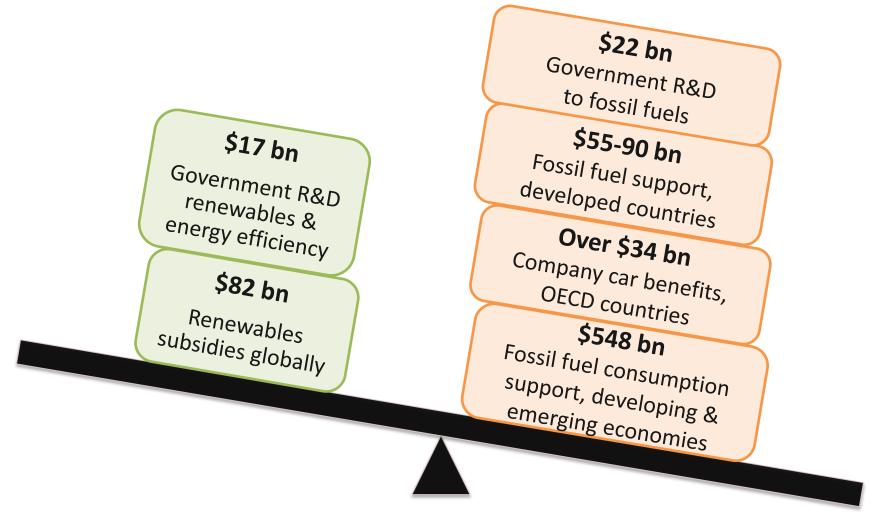
Taxation of energy in the OECD area based on carbon content



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Reform fossil fuel subsidies

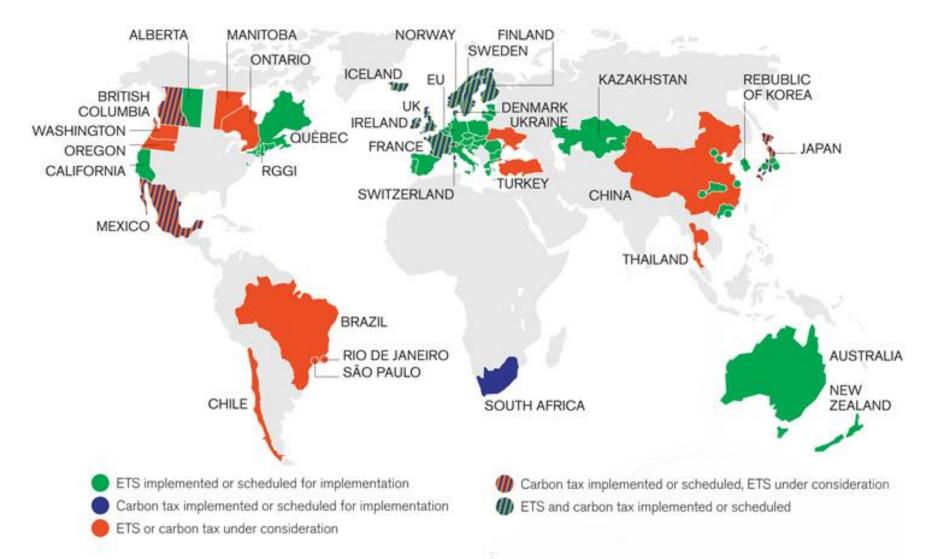
Send the right signal!



Sources: OECD (2013), Inventory of Estimated Budgetary Support and Tax Expenditures for Fossil Fuels; IEA (2014), World Energy Outlook; IEA (2013), Tracking Clean Energy Progress Report; OECD (2013), Effective Carbon Prices.

Existing, emerging and potential ETS's

39 national and 23 sub-national



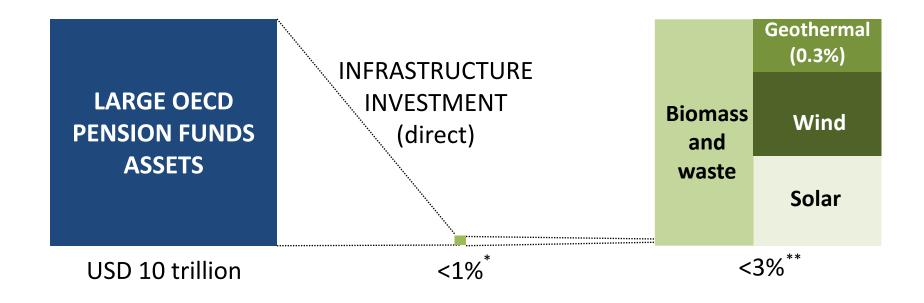
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Comply with ETS



Unlock investment barriers

1% of large OECD pension fund assets invested directly in infrastructure



* based on large OECD pension funds, covering \$10+tn * * BNEF estimates

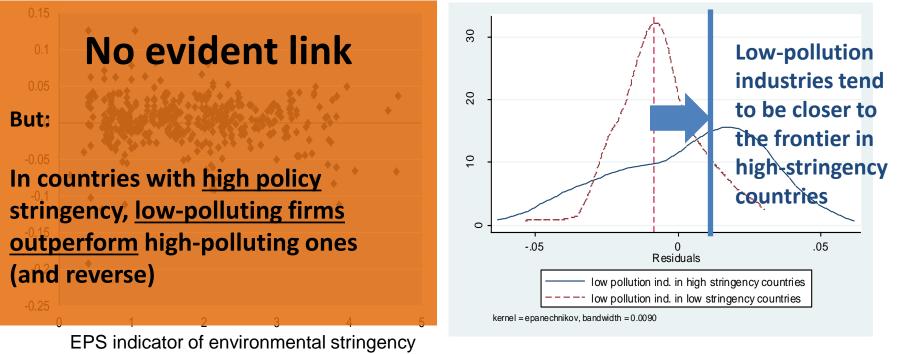


Boost productivity growth

OECD research: Stricter environmental policies do not harm productivity growth

... and when looking at causal links, then **market-based** environmental policy instruments **support more** productivity growth

Multifactor productivity growth



* Pooled across 1990-2012 for 25 OECD countries

Source: OECD (2014) Working Paper by Albrizio, Botta, Kozluk, Zipperer: "Do Environmental Policies Matter for Productivity Growth?"



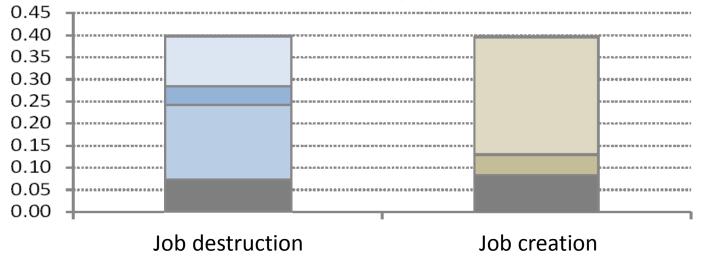
OECD simulation results: Sectoral composition of job creation and destruction

Other services

- Transport services
 Low-emitting energy
- Construction & Dwellings
- High-emitting energy

Other industries

Deviation from BAU in 2030, % of total employment

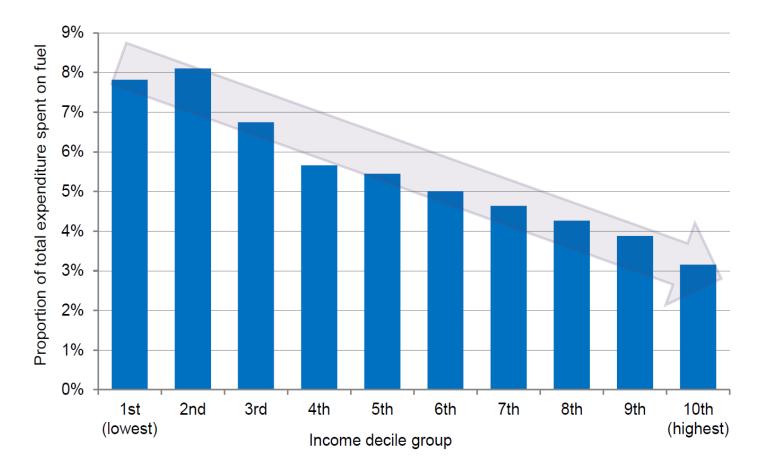


Job churning – destruction, creation and reallocation

Source: ENV Linkages Model; Chateau, J., A. Saint-Martin and T. Manfredi (2011), "Employment Impacts of Climate Change Mitigation Policies in OECD: A General-Equilibrium Perspective", *OECD Environment Working Papers*, No. 32, OECD Publishing.

High-income households spend more than twice as much as low-income ones

Proportion of total expenditure spent on fuel in the UK, 2012 (by gross income decile group)

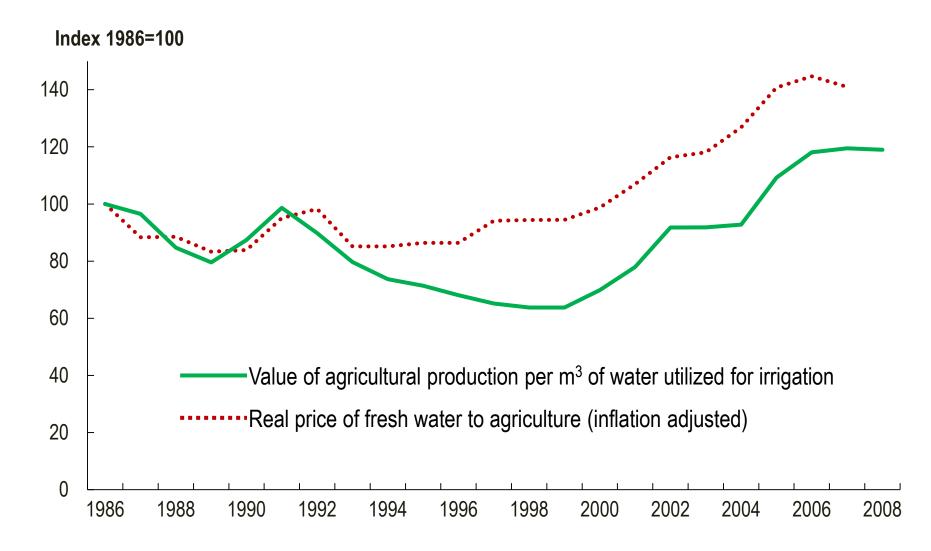


Source: Living Costs and Food Survey 2014, UK ONS



Create incentives ...

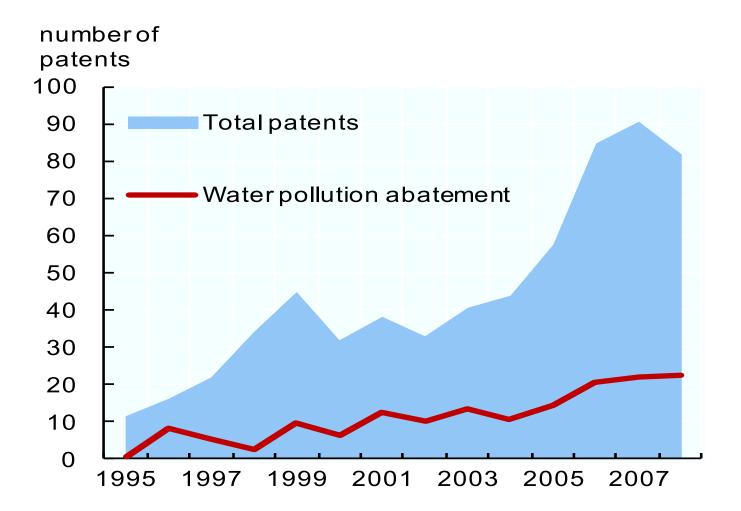
Israeli economic efficiency of agricultural water use, 1986-2008



Source: OECD (2010), OECD Review of Agricultural Policies: Israel, 2010.

... to innovate

Israeli patents in selected env. & climate-related technologies

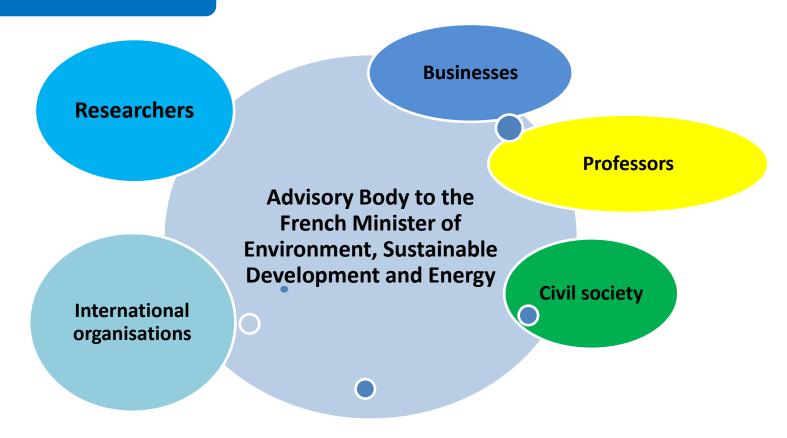


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Work together



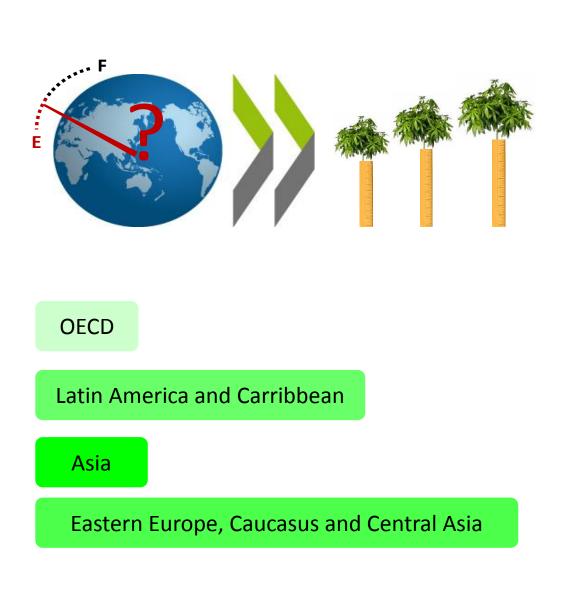


Source: Conseil Economique pour le Développement Durable (CEDD): <u>http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/Rapports,13175.html</u>.



Measure and communicate

Applications of green growth indicators

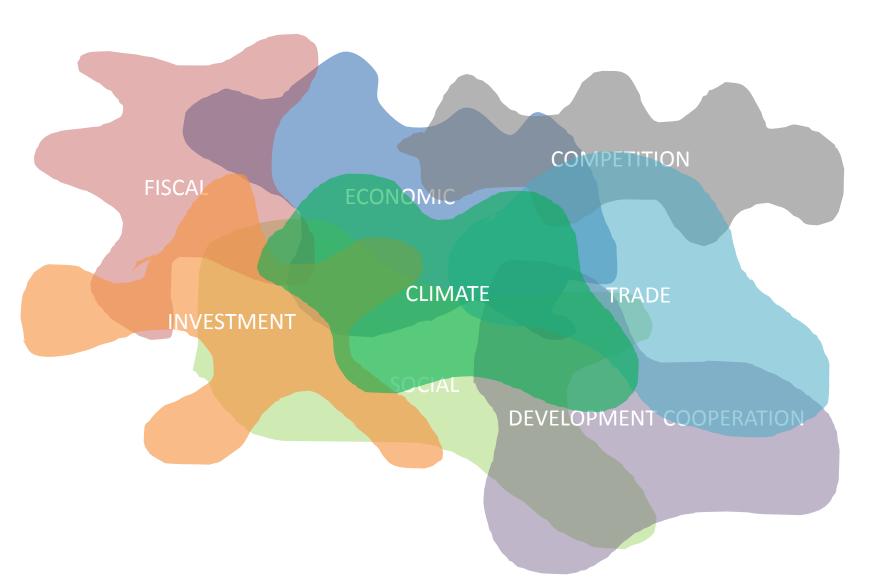






Align policies

Climate policy comes on top of existing policy frameworks and goals







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OECD ENVIRONMENT playlist