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**Decarbonising the food chain, challenges  
and opportunities for the food industry**

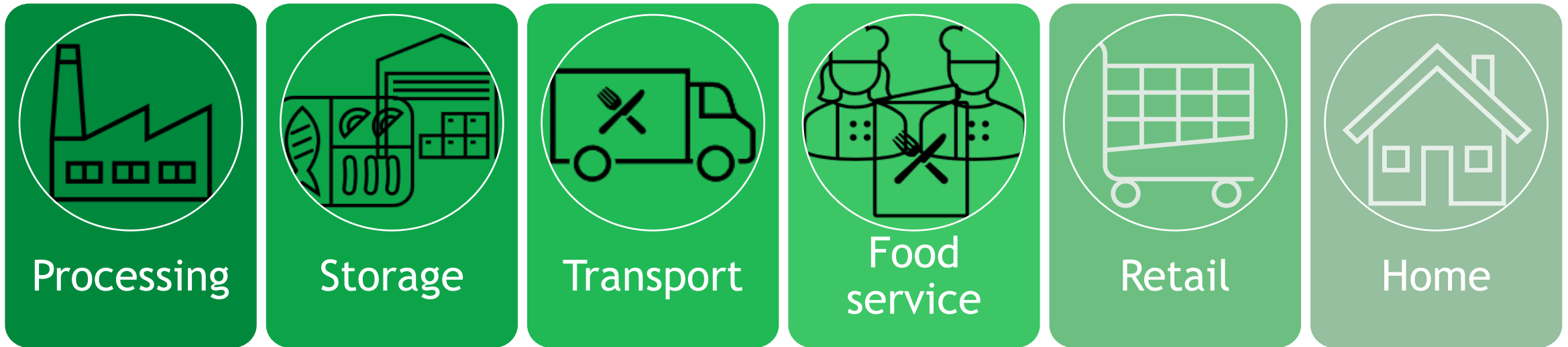
## **Road maps to decarbonise the European food chain**

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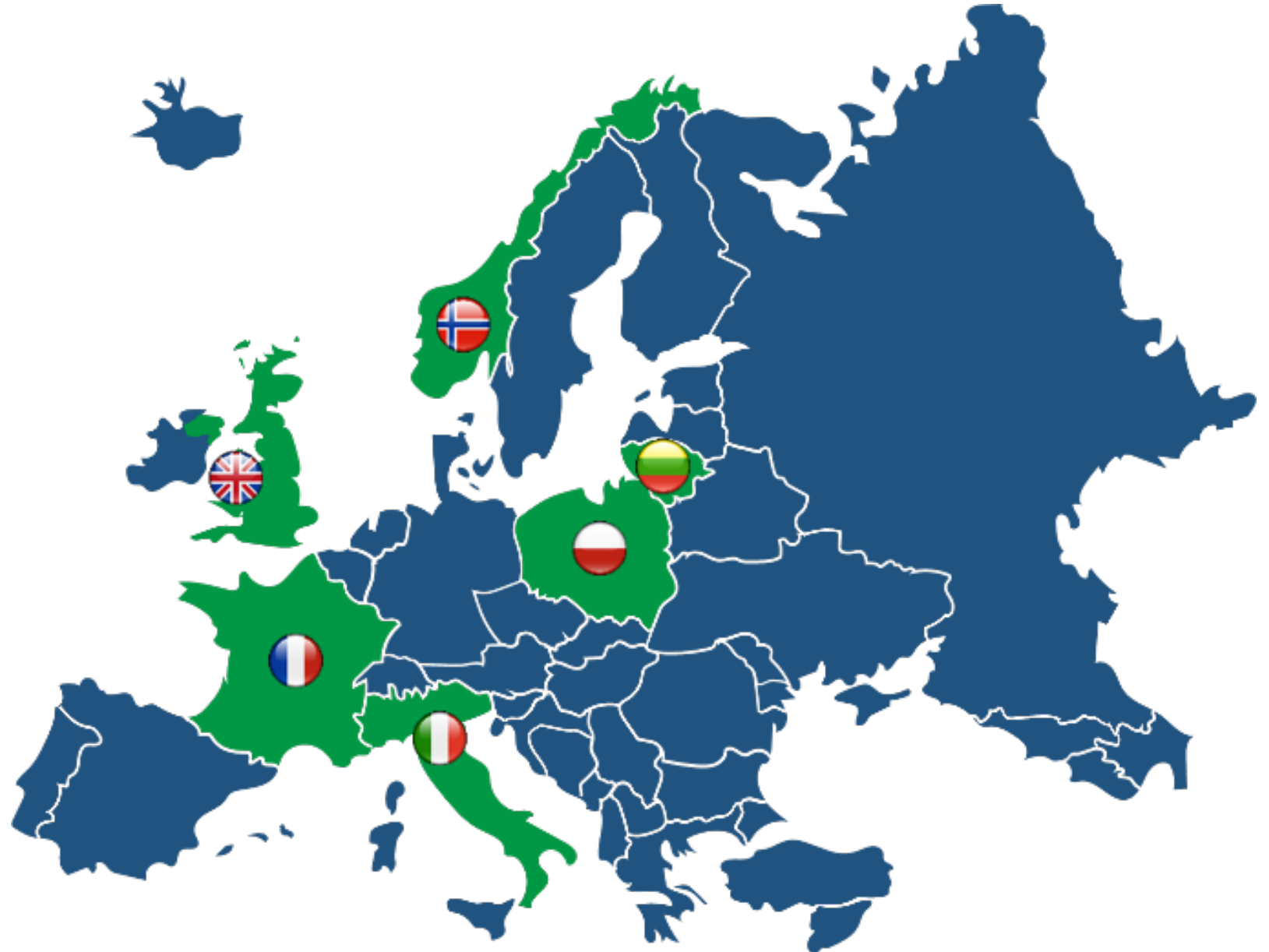
# Aim

- Road maps for food industry sectors
- How to best decarbonise now and through to 2050
- 6 sectors



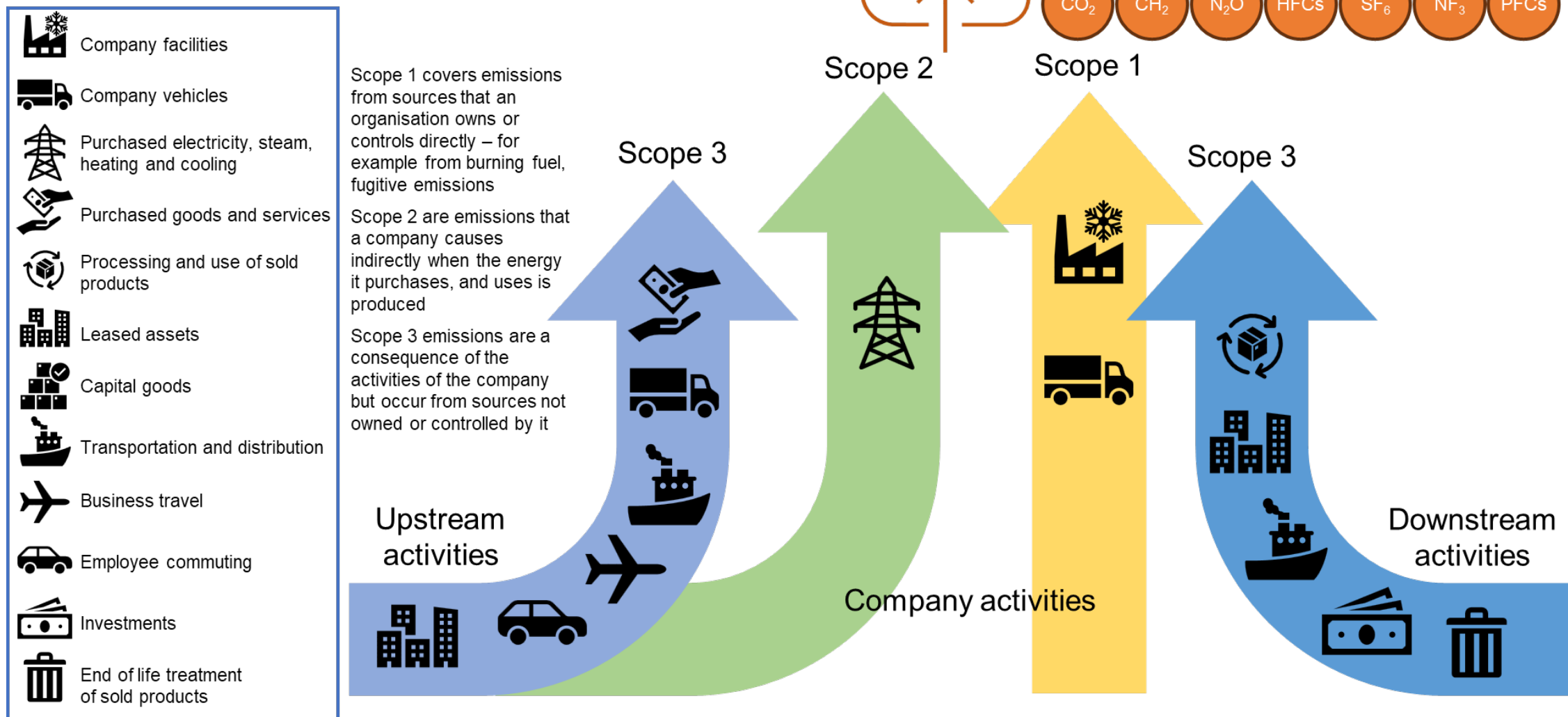
# Road maps

- 6 countries:
  - France
  - Italy
  - Lithuania
  - Norway
  - Poland
  - UK

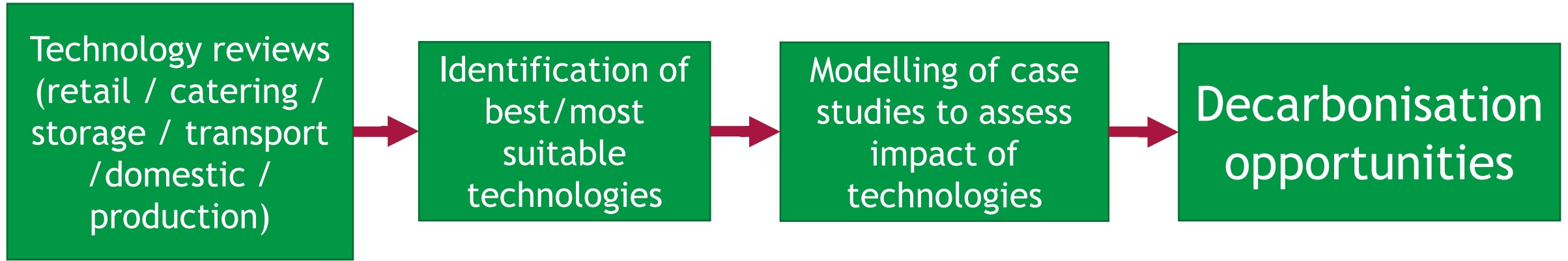


# Road maps

## Scope 1 and 2 emissions



# Road maps - process



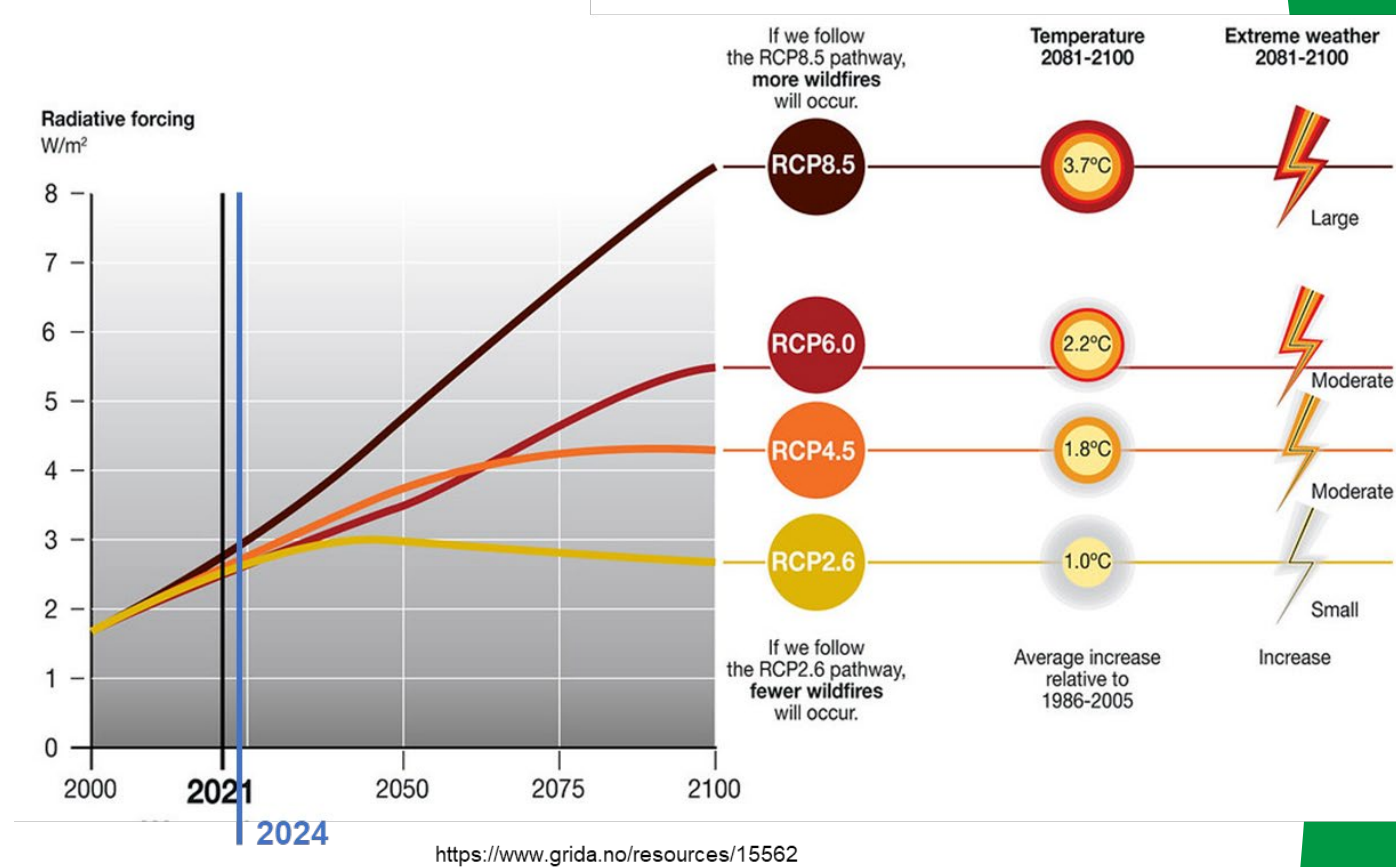
Processing: meat, dairy, fish,  
processed products

Post processing foods mixed



# Method

- Models: EnergyPlus, bespoke models (ice-e, CNR transport model)
- Technologies (both technological and operational) to reduce carbon emissions across the whole food chain
- Process heating and cooling and HVAC
- Only assess options with high TRL
- Identify the reduction in energy and carbon emissions for each carbon reduction measure and assess the cost and time for application
- Assess over typical year
- Impact to 2050
- RCP4.5

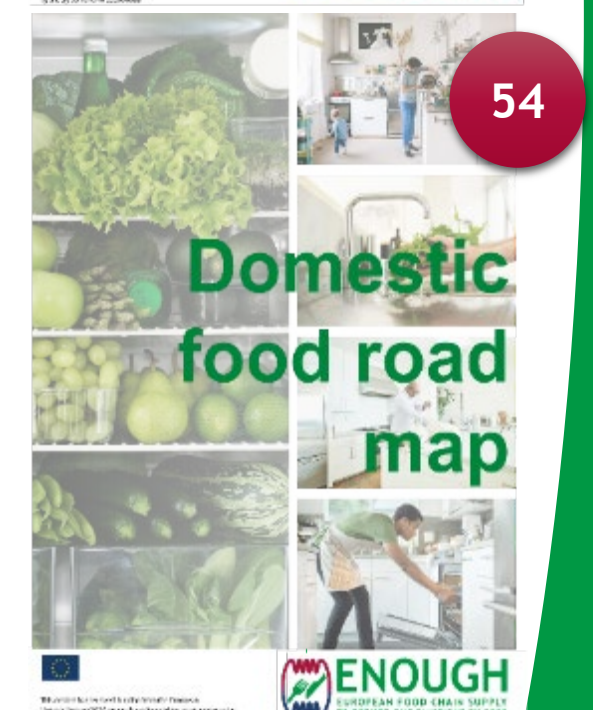
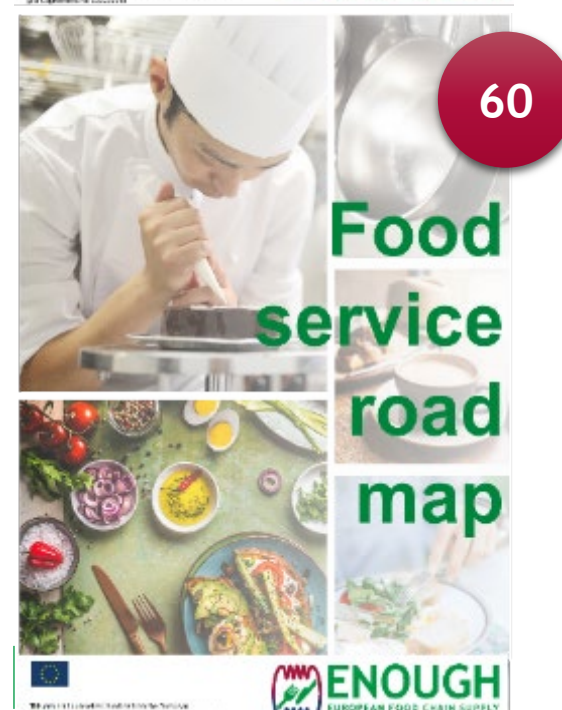
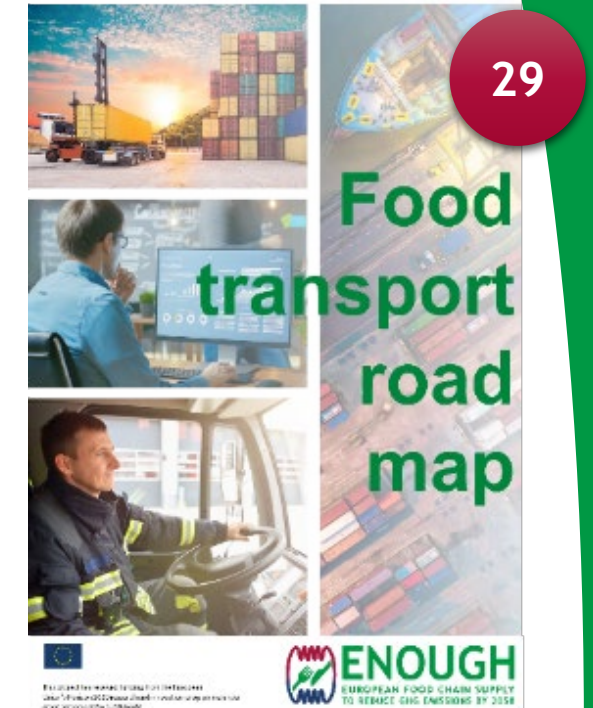
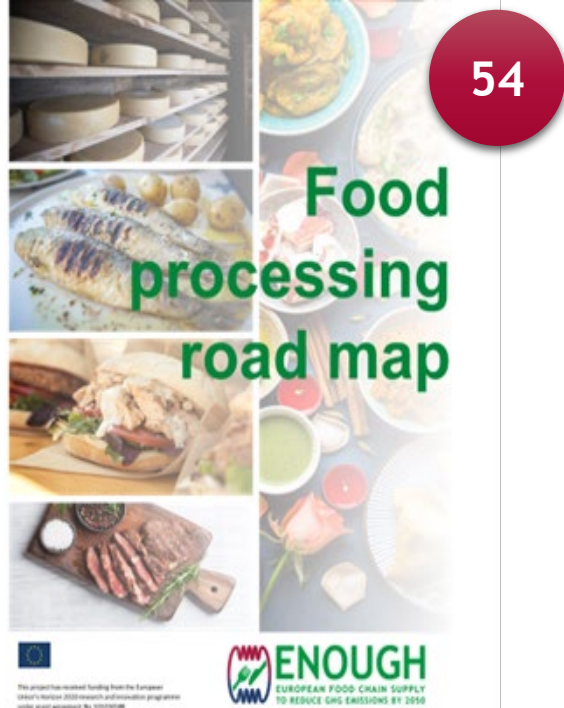


Representative Concentration Pathway(s) (RCPs) - trajectories of GHG concentrations

Used for climate modelling in the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report

# Road maps

Number of  
technologies





# Technologies/strategies (retail)

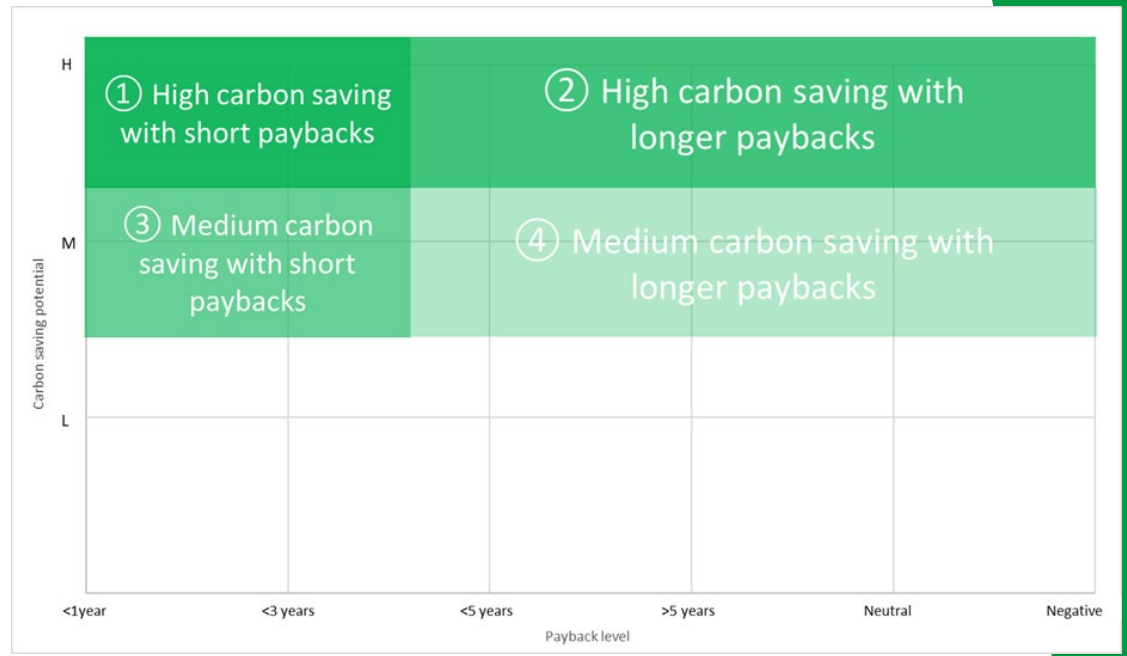
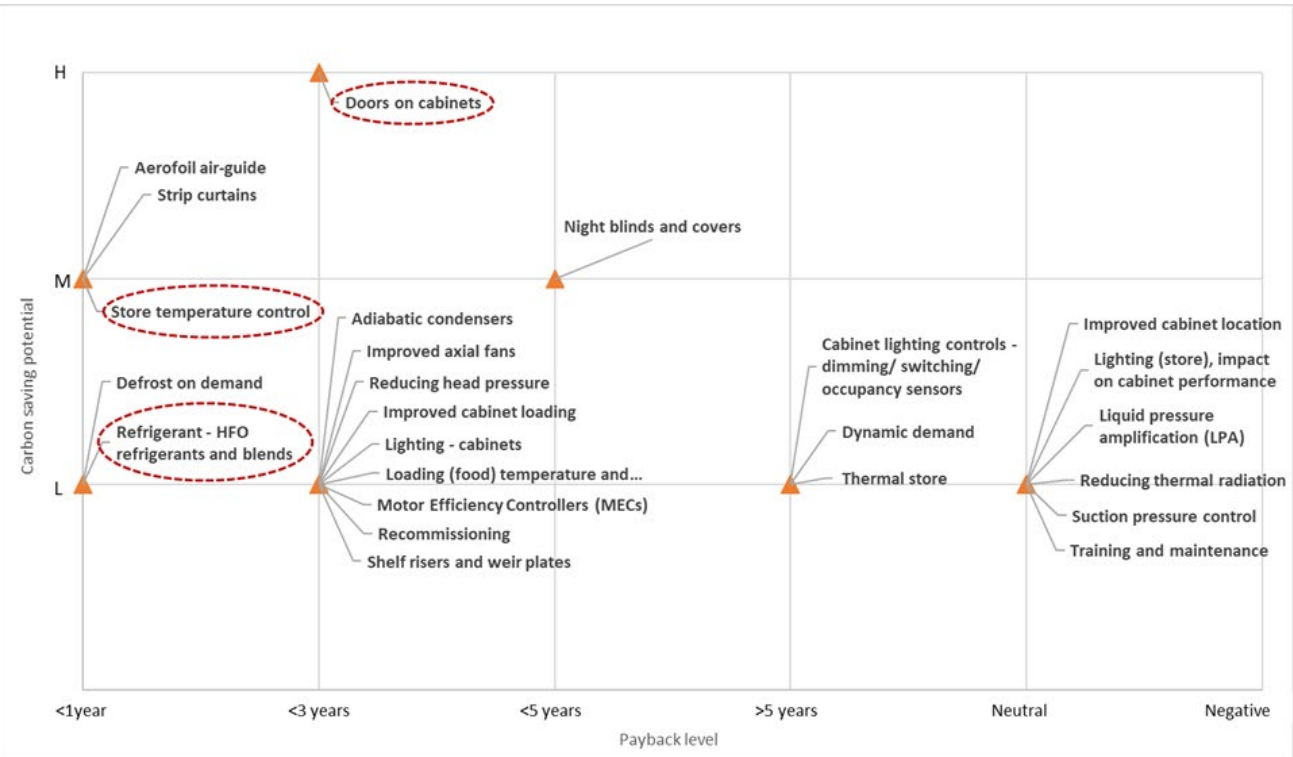
## Display cabinets:

1. Adiabatic condensers
2. Aerofoil air-guide
3. Anti-fogging glass
4. Anti-sweat heater control
5. Boreholes and ground sink condensers
6. Cabinet lighting controls -dim/switch/occupancy sensors
7. Cabinet replacement with high efficiency version
8. Centralised air distribution
9. Defrost on demand
10. Defrost type
11. Distributed refrigeration system
12. Doors on cabinets
13. Dynamic demand
14. Economisers
15. Ejectors
16. Electronic expansion valves
17. Expanders
18. Fan motor outside of cabinet
19. Flooded evaporators (added to R744)
20. Heat from light outside cabinet
21. Heat pipes
22. Hydrophilic and hydrophobic coating on evaporators
23. Improved axial fans
24. Improved cabinet loading
25. Improved cabinet location
26. Improved glazing
27. Increased cabinet set point
28. Internet shopping
29. Lighting (cabinets) - efficiency
30. Lighting (store) - efficiency
31. Liquid pressure amplification (LPA)
32. Liquid-suction heat exchangers

33. Loading (food) - reducing heat load
  34. Magnetic refrigeration
  35. Motor Efficiency Controllers (MECs)
  36. Nanoparticles in refrigerant
  37. Night blinds and covers
  38. Novel heat exchanger designs
  39. Peltier cooling
  40. Pipe insulation
  41. Pipe pressure drops minimisation
  42. Recommissioning
  43. Reducing/floating head pressure
  44. Reducing thermal radiation
  45. Refrigerant - R744
  46. Refrigerant - HFO refrigerants and blends
  47. Refrigerant - HC refrigerants
  48. Secondary systems
  49. Shelf risers and weir plates
  50. Short air curtains
  51. Store dehumidification
  52. Store temperature control (inc/dec set points)
  53. Strip curtains
  54. Suction pressure control
  55. Tangential fans
  56. Thermal store
  57. Thermostatic flow control (TFC)
  58. Training and maintenance
  59. Trigeneration
  60. Two stage compression
  61. Vacuum insulated panels (VIP)
  62. Variable Speed drives (VSDs)
  63. Water loop systems
- ## Ovens:
64. Air impingement

65. Automatic shutdown
  66. Control of exhaust hood
  67. Doors instead of open front/back
  68. Efficient/improved oven design
  69. Improved combustion efficiency (gas/oil)
  70. Improved oven control e.g., active exhaust control
  71. Keep oven loaded
  72. Motor efficiency (mixers, conveyors etc.)
  73. Position away from chillers/freezers
  74. Recover exhaust heat
  75. Reduce heating up time
  76. Reduce thermal mass of tins
  77. Switch off conveyors when not in use
- ## HVAC:
78. Air conditioning
  79. Cold air retrieval
  80. Controls (advanced)
  81. Boilers with higher efficiency
  82. De-stratification fans
  83. Door air curtain
  84. Fan motors with higher efficiency
  85. Heat pumps, heat reclaim and radiant heat
  86. Natural/passive ventilation
  87. Variable frequency drives
  88. Other/ancillaries:
  89. Building fabric optimisation
  90. Building glazing optimisation
  91. Building lighting efficiency
  92. Renewable energy (solar electricity)
  93. Renewable energy (solar thermal)
  94. Packaging - low carbon options
  95. Waste technologies

# Selection of technologies/options

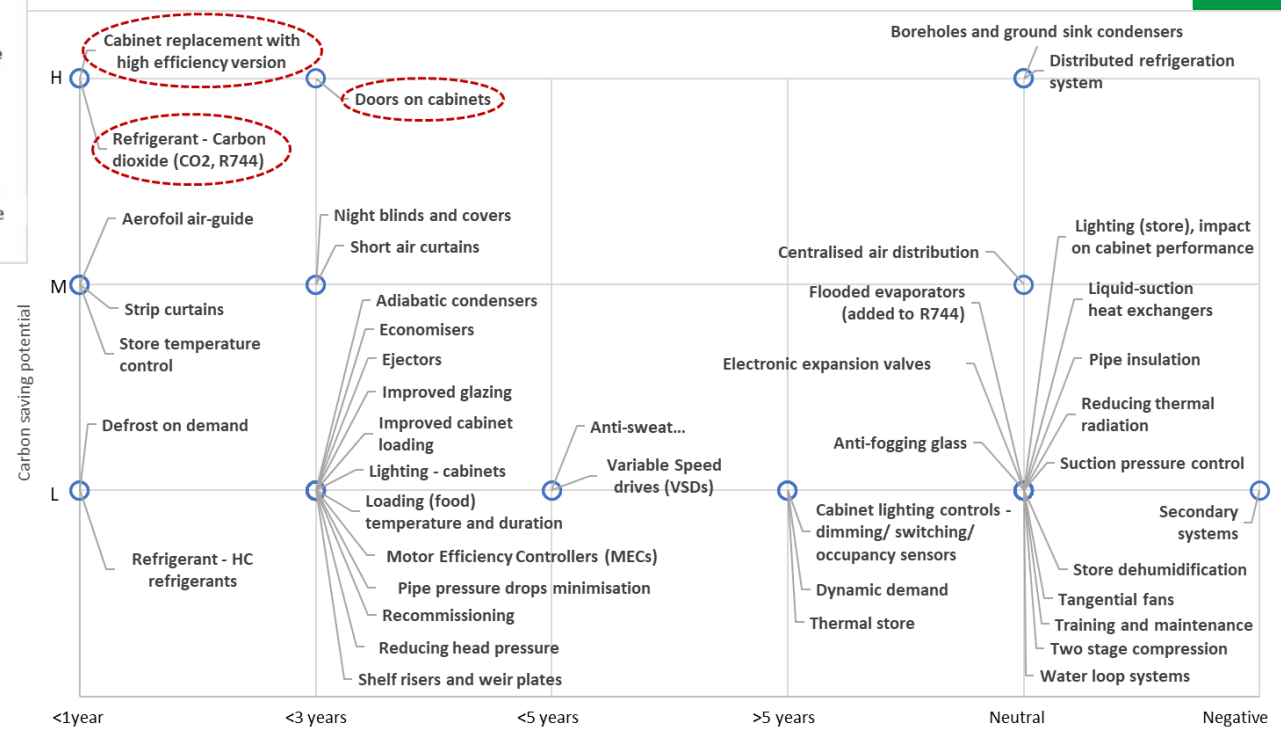


## Refrigeration Minor retrofit

## Refrigeration Major retrofit

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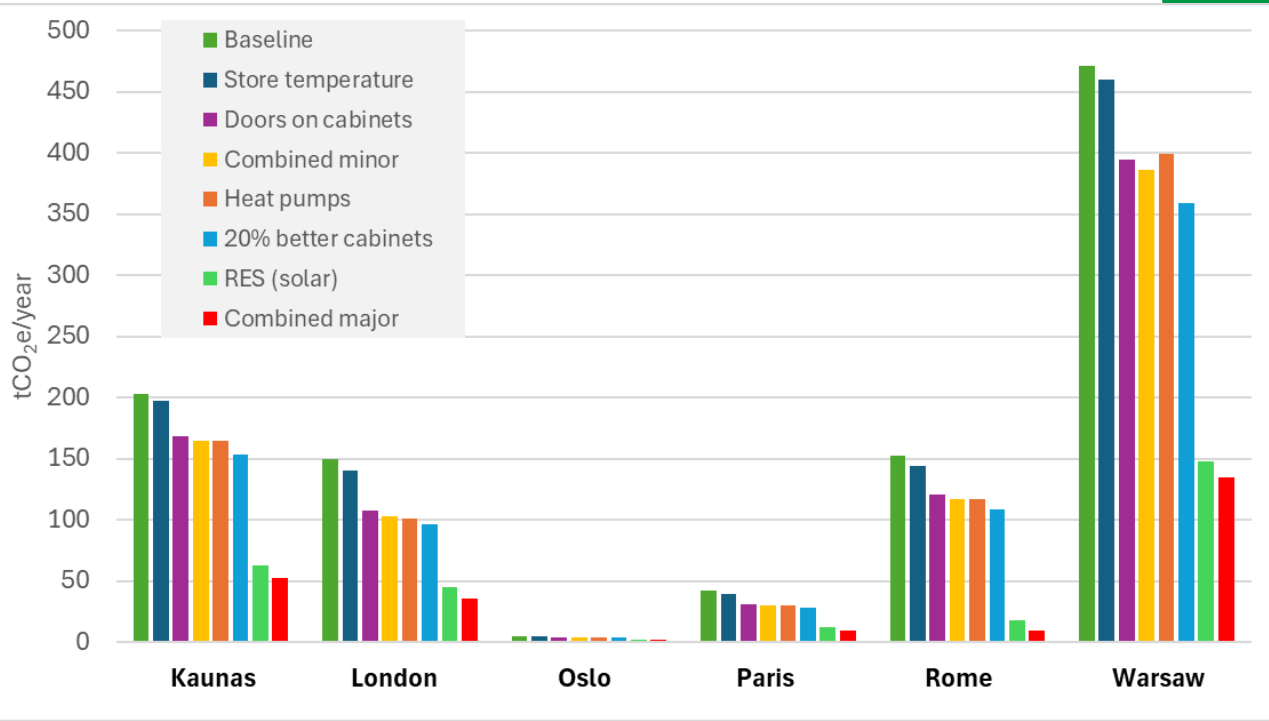
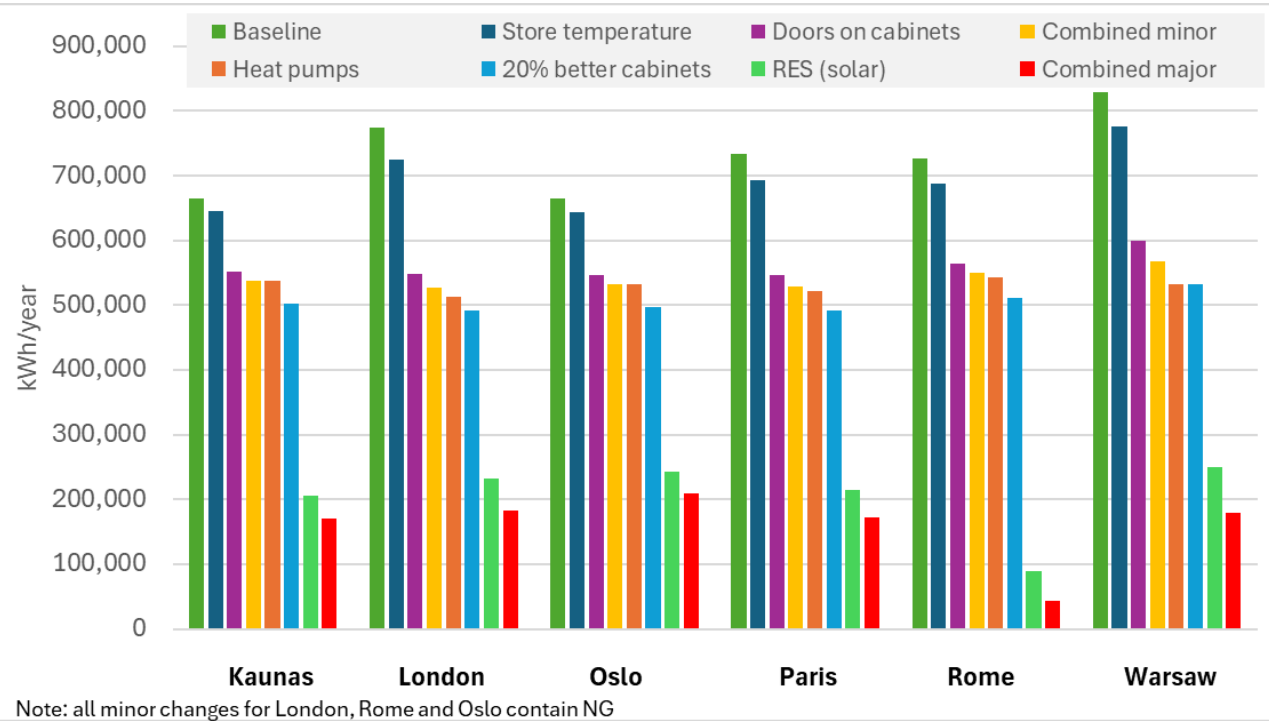
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# Results

2,100 m<sup>2</sup> store in 2020



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# Road maps - retail

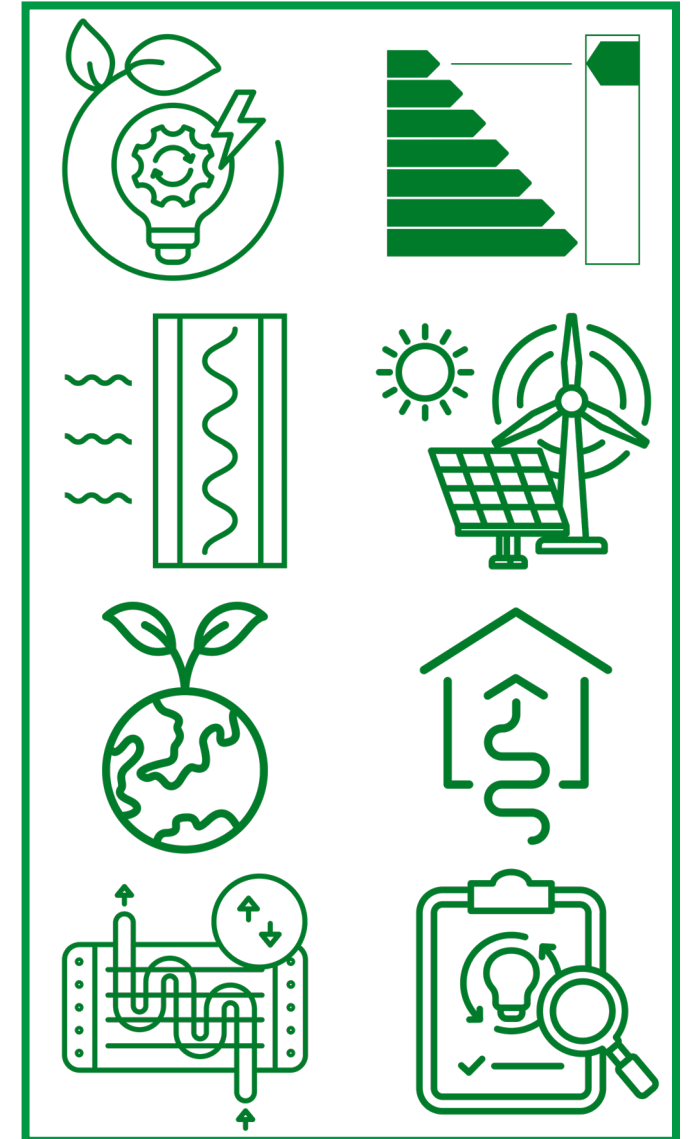
Technologies/ strategies	95
Model	EnergyPlus 2,100 m <sup>2</sup> (medium) and 600 m <sup>2</sup> (small) store
Scenarios	Minor retrofit: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Store dead band</li> <li>2. HFO (small store only)</li> <li>3. Doors on chilled cabinets</li> <li>4. Combined minor retrofit</li> </ol> Major retrofit: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heat pumps</li> <li>2. 20% better cabinets</li> <li>3. RES (solar)</li> <li>4. R744</li> </ol>
GHG savings (now)	Minor retrofit (combined): Medium: 31% Small: 51% +Major retrofit (combined): Medium: 65% Small: 45%





# Road maps - opportunities for carbon reduction

- Many options available:
  - Electrification (move from fossil fuels)
  - Purchasing efficient equipment
  - Minimising heat gains
    - e.g. infiltration, better insulation, operational efficiency, alternative practices/technologies
  - Use of RES
  - Moving to natural refrigerants
  - Use of heat pumps (low, plus high temperature)
  - Heat reclaim/exchange
  - Auditing, maintenance (+skills)



# Conclusions

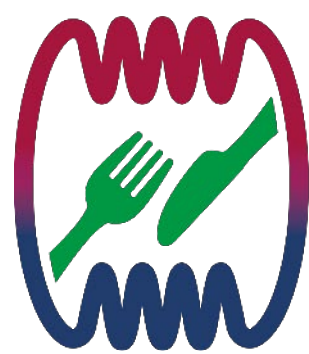
- Road maps:
  - Number of relatively simple and low-cost options available in all sectors examined
  - Options available to retrofit or for new systems
  - Possible to get very close to net zero in 2050 if apply best technologies but reliant on
    - Decarbonisation of grid electricity has major impact on reducing carbon emissions
    - Reduction in high GWP refrigerants
  - Electrification of systems is therefore an important part of decarbonisation
  - Early application of technologies/strategies enable less overall carbon emitted
  - Location has impact on selection of equipment and overall benefits







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