

# Long term Approach: A possible Way to Self-sufficiency and Climate Neutrality in 2035

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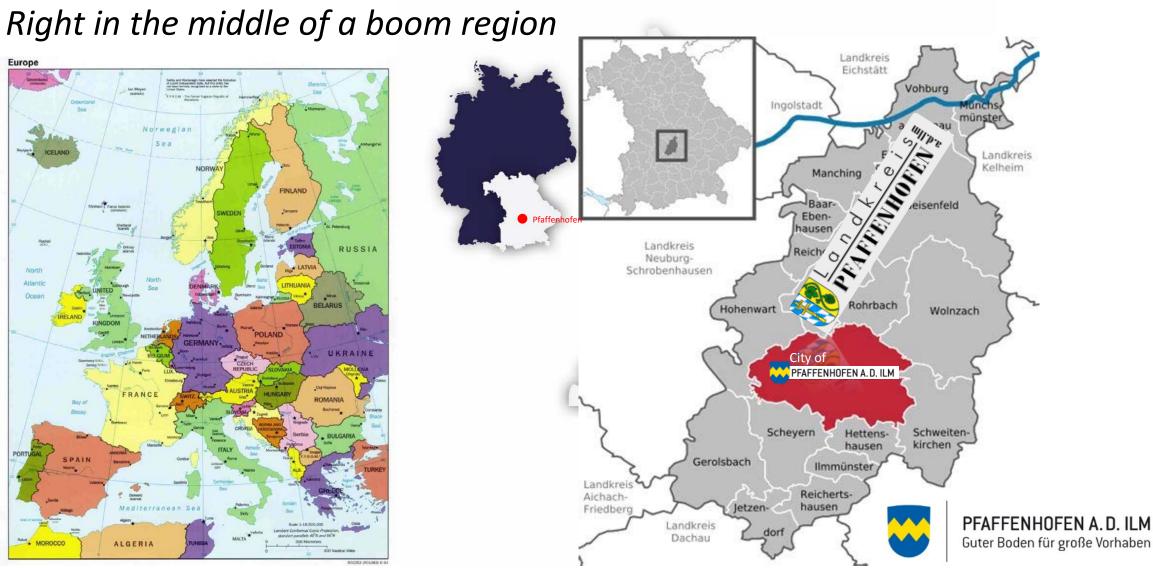
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#### Some information about my home town Pfaffenhofen



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## Some information about my home town Pfaffenhofen

The best of city and country

Population: **27.318** (as of 31.12.2022) Area:

92,6 km<sup>2</sup>

District Town:

Capital of County of Pfaffenhofen a. d. Ilm

HALLERTAU: Largest contiguous hops growing area in the world







## Some information about my home town Pfaffenhofen

- Medium-sized centre in the heart of Bavaria
  - located between Munich (50 km) and Nuremberg (120 km)
- very low unemployment rate (≈ 2 % as of August 2023, Germany: 5,8 %)



- very strong economy in the region
  - automotive industry (Audi, BMW)
  - aerospace industry (Airbus)
  - some petrochemistry (LyondellBasell)

#### AWARD-WINNING LIVEABILITY

Pfaffenhofen a.d.llm, one of the world's most liveable communities www.pfaffenhofen.de/livcomawards



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### Situation as of 2001

- In Pfaffenhofen a privately owned
   Biomass Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Plant started operation in 2001
- It burns about 46.000 tons of natural wood residues from the region
- The annual output is about 40.000 MWh of electricity and 54.000 MWh of heat, as well as about 20.000 MWh of steam
- It supplies > 6.500 households with heat and about 10.000 households with electricity
- By using renewable energies, the amount of **22.000 tons of CO2** is saved per year





https://pf

Benefits of Pfaffenhofen Biomass Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Plant

Role Model Pfaffenhofen

• Press Release of **German Environment Agency** (Umweltbundesamt – UBA) as of 27. July 2001:



- As the first German municipality, Pfaffenhofen fulfilled the Climate Protection Goals of the the German Federal Government, derived from the Kyoto Protocol (1997) of the United Nations
- Pfaffenhofen reduced its CO2-Emissions by **32 %** compared to the base year 1990 (the German goal was -25% until 2005)
- Calculated down to the CO2-Emissions per citizen and year this resulted in about 6,6 tons CO2/capita/year in 2013
- (For comparison: this value for Germany was about **10** tons CO2/capita/year)

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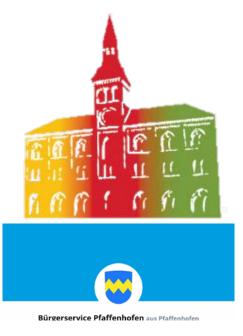
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## Change in Political Responsibility

## New election of the City Council Pfaffenhofen 2008

- New political landscape:
- A "colourful" political coalition was elected (social democrats, independent party, ecological party, green party)
- The new representatives payed more attention to the upcoming Climate Change and the need for an Energy System Transformaton (away from fossil energies)
- A public initiative was started to inform the citizens about the new challenges
- Some preparatory work was carried out in the background:
  - Find appropriate and willing stakeholders for the transformation process
  - Define a format how to process the planning and how to involve the public
  - Prepare the communication process



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## Energy and Solar Society (Energie- und Solarverein, ESV)

- Founded in 2008
- Registered, non-profit society ("a club")
- About 20 "active" members Professionals from the fields of construction, physics, energy, environmental protection, supply engineering, etc.
- About 70 supporting members
- Objectives (excerpt):
  - Energy autonomy of Pfaffenhofen
  - socially acceptable implementation of the energy turnaround
  - keeping energy generation and value creation on site













Energy and Solar Society (Energie- und Solarverein, ESV)



#### Annual **Energie-für-Alle-Woche** (Energy-for-All Week) THE ENERGY TRANSITION CONGRESS for the Pfaffenhofen region

Presentations | Exhibitions | Discussion | Networking | Excursions | Entertainment for citizens, pupils, students, companies and municipalities



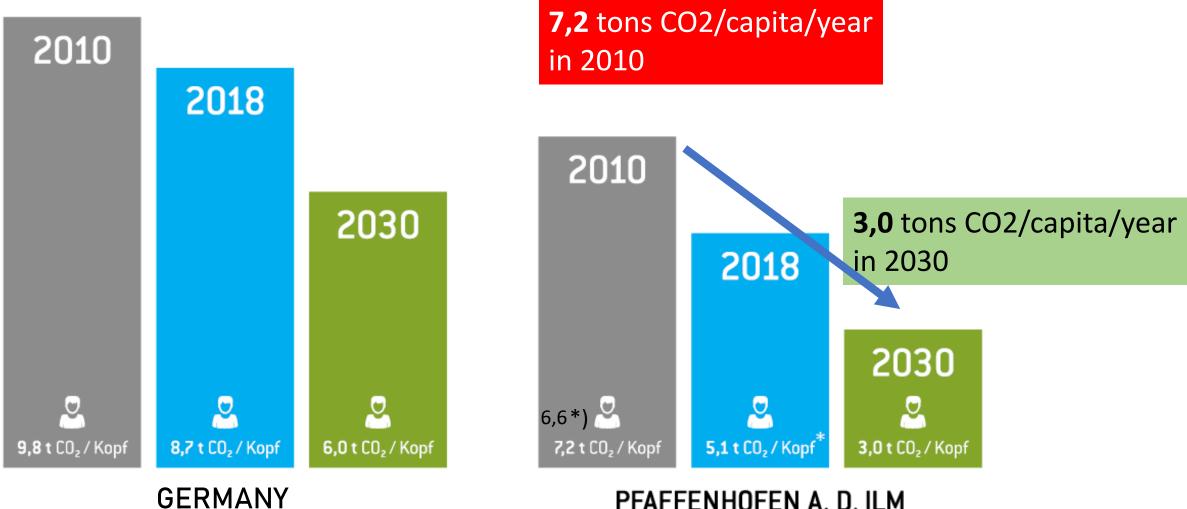








#### A clear comittment for CO2 reduction was developped



#### PFAFFENHOFEN A. D. ILM

\*) Assessment Criteria had been adapted to a generally recognized procedure

#### Mobilizing the Public –Awakening of Awareness for the big Challenge



#### Starting Point of our Renewable Energies Activities: Reduce Fossils!









KLIMASCHUTZ IN PFAFFENHOFEN

Wo steht die Stadt und was ist möglich?

#### **CLIMATE PROTECTION IN PFAFFENHOFEN**

Where stands the City and what is possible?

**Public workshops** on 16. June 2012 and on 21. July 2012 with experts and citizen participation Kick-off Event 14. May 2012

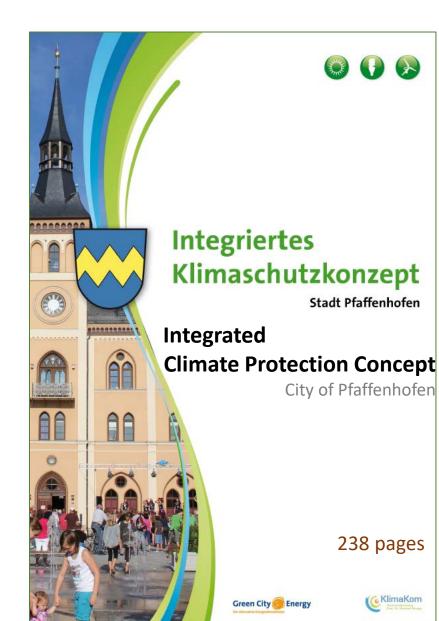
Green City Energy

**AUFTAKTVERANSTALTUNG** 

Mirjam Schumm, Green City Energy

14.Mai 2012

## Result: the First Integrated Climate Protection Concept (ICPC I) 2012



- Analysis of starting position
  - Energy demand:
    - Total Energy
    - Electricity
    - Heat
    - Mobility
  - Carbon footprint
  - Energy cost and value creation in Pfaffenhofen

#### • Potential analysis

- Savings and efficiency improvement
- Photovoltaics and solar thermal
- Biomass potential (agricultural, forests, biogenic waste, ...)
- Windpower
- Waterpower
- Geothermal

#### • Scenario assessment

 Action Plan 2013 – 2017 established (≈ 80 actions)

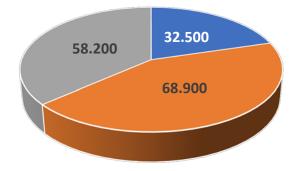
# Cost impact € pro Liegenschaft ca. 3 000 € Gesamtkosten alg. Investitionskosten I I I Finanzierung Stadt, ggf. Energieeinsparung \_\_\_\_\_\_, - p.a. (oder gesamt) CO2 Reduction CO2-MInderungspotential CO2-Vermeidung I 2 I 5 1 2 3 I 5

#### CO2 Emissions by Energy Sector in tons/year

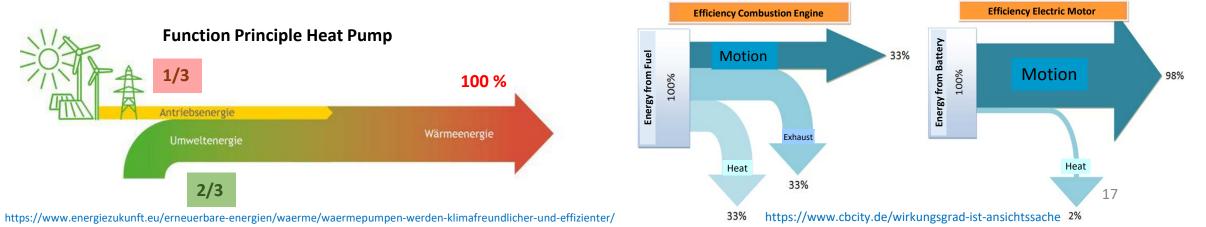
#### Strategic Decisions

Although the **biggest** contribution to CO2 emissions originate from **HEAT a**nd **MOBILITY**,

it was decided to start with a focus on **ELECTRICITY!** 



- This would allow us to achieve "quick wins" in a timely manner "Electricity Heat Mobility
- In this field we were relatively independent from federal legislation
- It would not require a rapid change in citizen's behaviour
- More available renewable electricity would pave the way for an "all-electric" future, i.e. for heat generation by heat-pumps and for electro-mobility



Founded in 2012, resulting from an initiative of Energy and Solar Society (ESV)

- 2023: more than 1.000 members, > 10.000 shares
- 2012: first cooperative solar carport in Bavaria
- 2015: ground-breaking ceremony for the 1st public-funded wind turbine
- 2016: wind turbine in full operation

**Unsere Energie!** 

• 2023: ground-breaking ceremony for the 1st citizen windfarm

(3 wind turbines, now under construction)





















How to become a member of the Cooperative?

- Buy (at minimum) one cooperative share
- One share costs 100 €
- You are allowed to buy up to 50 shares (equiv. to 5.000 €)
- You become co-owner of the cooperative with **one vote**, independent of the number of shares you aquire
- As a member of the cooperative you are entitled to participate in profits of the cooperative
- <u>More important</u>:
- Only as a cooperative member you are entitled to invest into the different Renewable Energy Projects the Cooperative is launching





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#### **Actual Projects are**

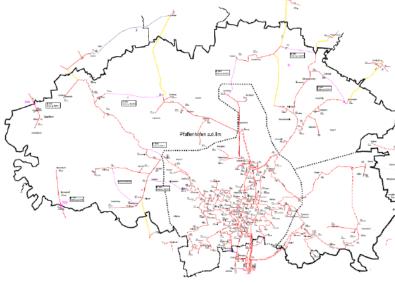


## Back in the hands of the citizens: Our own Gas & Electricity Grid since 2016









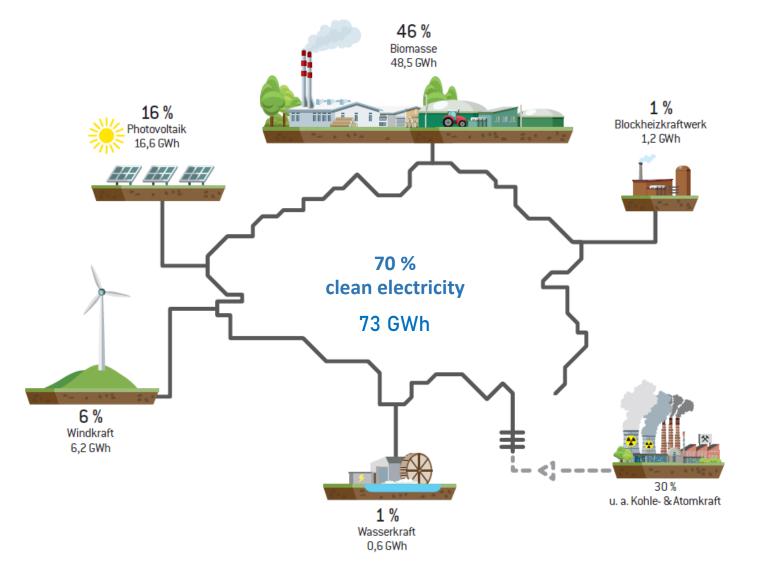
Gas & Electricity Grid in possession of the City of Pfaffenhofen



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#### **Electricity Transition: Starting Point 2016**





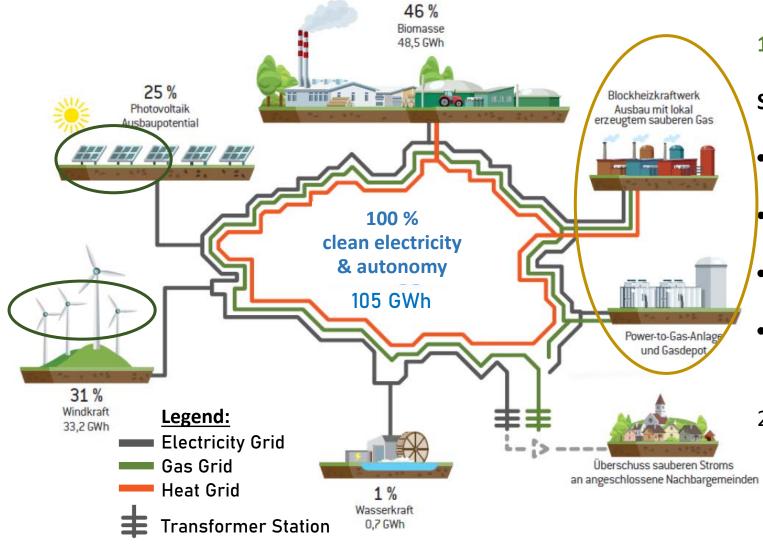
70 % sustainable electricity distributed by our grid

- In total, 30 % of electricity are procured externally from the public grid
- Nevertheless, about 8 GWh/year of electricity are "exported" into the grids of neighbouring local communities
- Our grid is not yet balanced and we have only limited options for electricity storage
- 100 % sustainable electricity supply is within reach:
  - preparation of the grid integration of
    - 3 more wind turbines (BEG)
    - 2 solar parks (BEG, private owners)

## Electricity Transition: Final Goal 2024

**Gas Feed-In Station** 





#### **100 %** sustainable electricity

Single steps to achieve this goal:

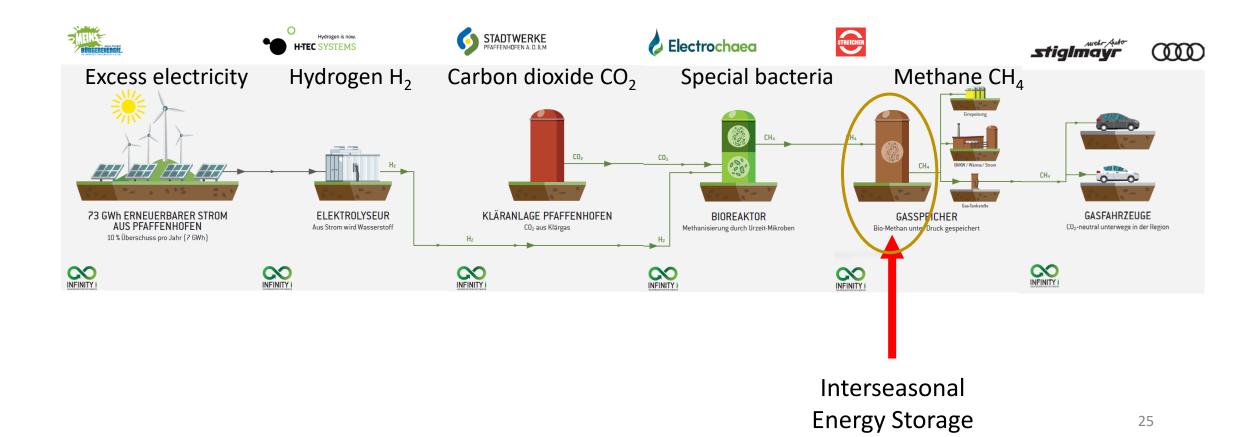
- prompt connection of power plants to our own grid (since 2016)
- Expansion of our E-mobility activities (since 2017)
- Distribution of PV plants (since 2018)
- Combined Heat Power (CHP) Heat grids (beginning in 2000)

2018: start of planning process for energy storage system (Power-to-Gas)
(Citizen Energy Cooperative BEG + Municipal utilities SWP)

Energy Storage by Power-to-Gas (starting in 2024)



- To store energy produced in Pfaffenhofen for Pfaffenhofen
- applying the Power-to-Gas-Principle utilizing excess electricity from the wind park



#### Next Sector to reduce the CO2 Footprint: Mobility

#### Free Public Bus Transport since 2018







in order to reduce private car traffic in-town

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#### Next Sector to reduce the CO2 Footprint: More Trees in the City

More than 250 new trees per year in the City



By 2030, we plan to have 20% more urban trees - as a natural air conditioning system.



Green and colorful spaces improve the urban climate: climate- and insect-friendly.

#### Next Sector to reduce the CO2 Footprint: Healthy Soil

Soil Alliance (Bodenallianz) for sustainable agriculture since 2017



#### > 100 participating farms



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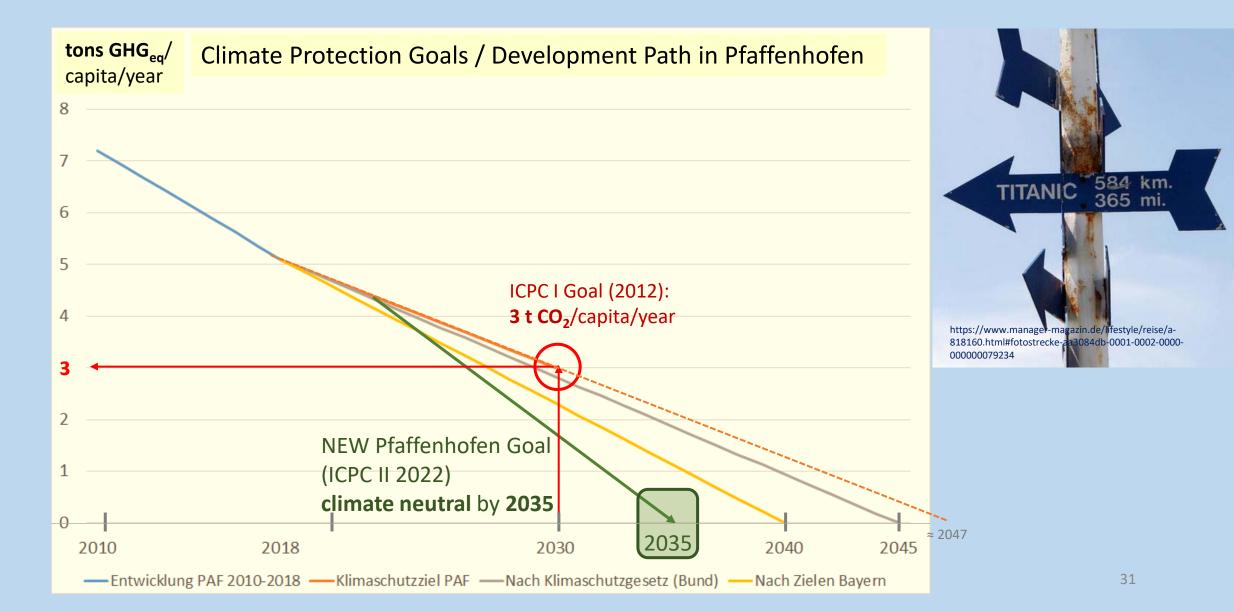
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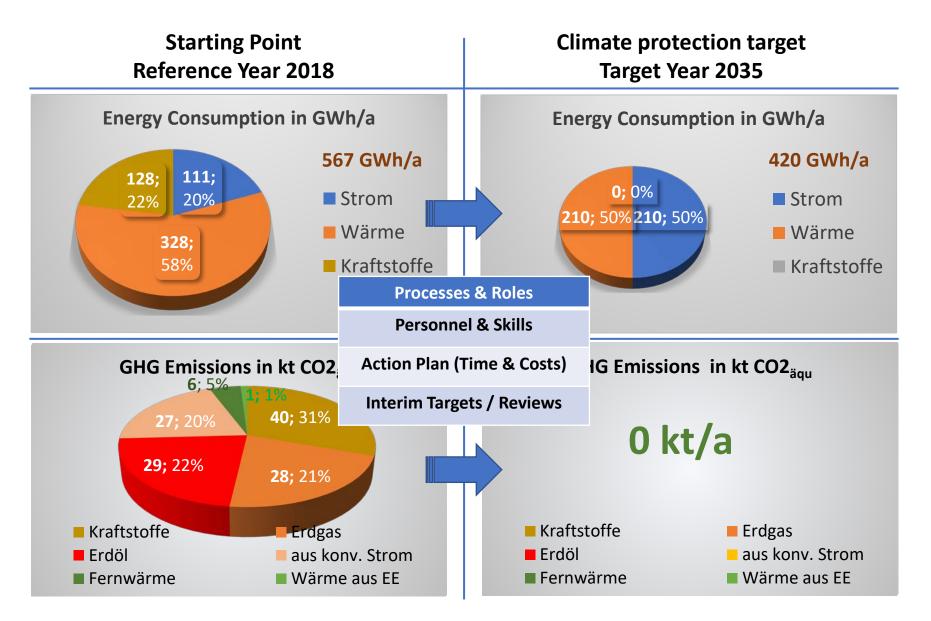
#### Reconsider and Readjust the Path taken so far !



## Result: the Updated Integrated Climate Protection Concept (ICPC II)



#### Transformation Needs for Pfaffenhofen by 2035 acc. to ICPC II



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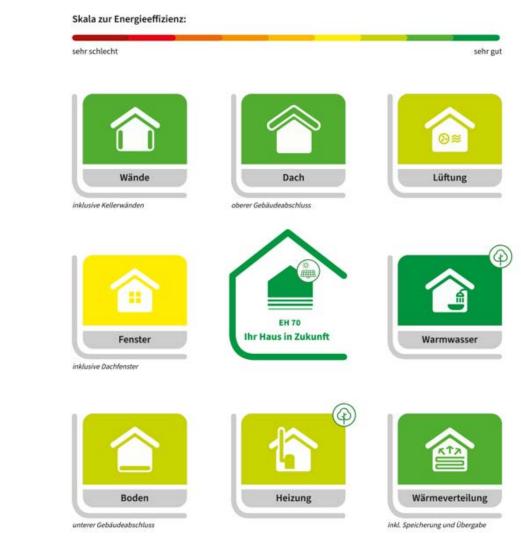
	Climate Protection Goal 2035	What does this mean for Pfaffenhofen?	Assumptions/Consequences/Remarks
New Building Construction	<b>NO</b> additional GHG emissions from new constructions	highly efficient new buildings with <b>100 %</b> renewable energies	Independent from the number of new buildings
Renewable Electricity Generation	<b>100 %</b> of the future electricity demand from renewable Energies	Addition of approx. 10 wind turbines and 60 ha open space PV	Because of new applications (E-Mobility and HP Heating) we assume an electricity consumption almost twice that of today (actual ≈ 111 GWh per year)
Heat Generation	NO fossile Heating; Replacement by renewable district heating and renewable energy or fossil free gas network, respectively	Replacement of about 230 fossile heating systems per year	About <b>80</b> fossile heating systems per year will be replaced by renewable district heating and about <b>150</b> heating systems by other non-fossil heatings (mainly heat pumps, geothermal heat, wood pellets,)
Building Refurbishment (private buildings)	(partial) <b>energetic</b> <b>reconstruction</b> of all buildings	About <b>130</b> buildigs per year will be fully and <b>210</b> partly refurbished (corresponds to about <b>5%</b> of the existing buildings)	Average heat consumption value after reconstruction shall be <b>85 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year</b> . (The actual refurbishment rate is about <b>70</b> buildings per year $\rightarrow$ five fold increase)
Mobility	Reduction of GHG emissions by 100 % (2030: -50 %)	About 1.000 new electric vehicles per year plus reduction of the motorized individual traffic by 25%	Replacement of the entire vehicle fleet within <b>14 years</b> as well as prioritization of sustainable traffic (pedestrian and bicycle traffic, public transport,)

## Next Sector to reduce the CO2 Footprint: Buildings and Heat

#### your building *before* refurbishment

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#### your building *after* refurbishment



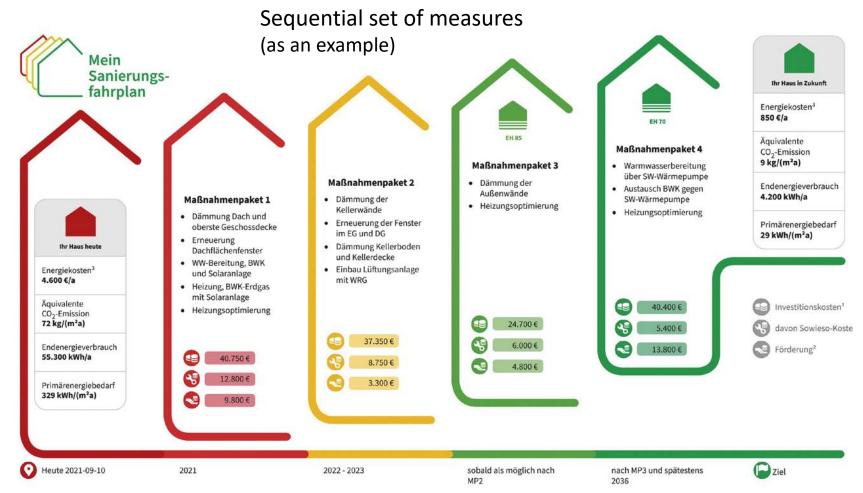
Source: FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND CLIMATE ACTION

#### Next Sector to reduce the CO2 Footprint: Buildings and Heat

Climate-friendly heat as a key factor

Initial Phase of Renovation: Financial subsidy for an **energy consultant**:

- Federal funding 80%
- Municipal support 20%



#### Renovation Roadmap as a first step

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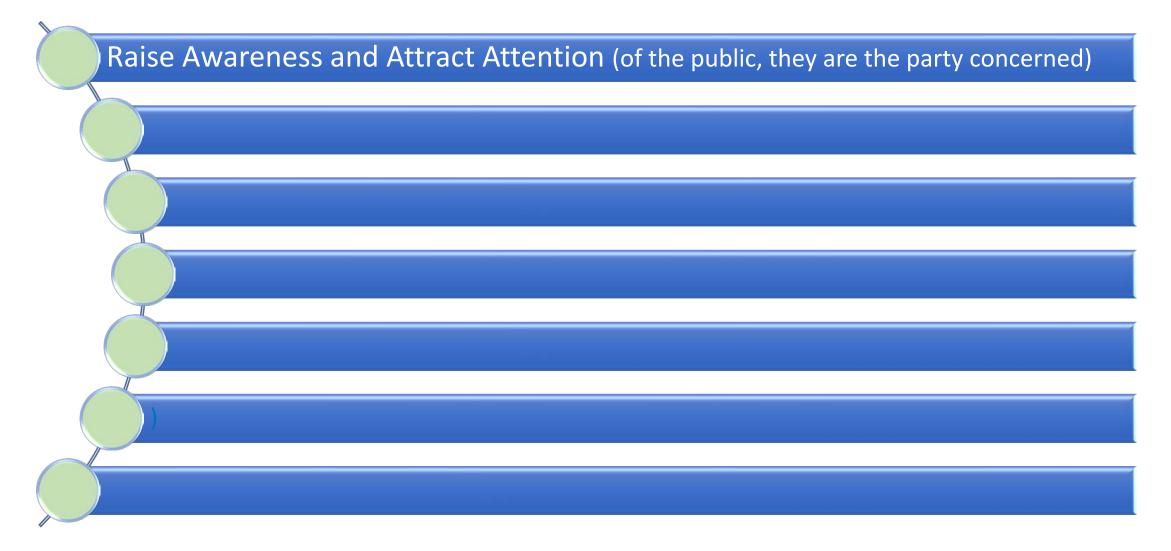
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#### **Awareness Raising Activities**

• In order to define accepted targets and to involve people in decision making it helps to start from where the people usually are



• And sometimes one even has to shock them: "Is this how you want to live in the future?"



#### Climate Protection and Sustainability Days & Climate Protection Awards











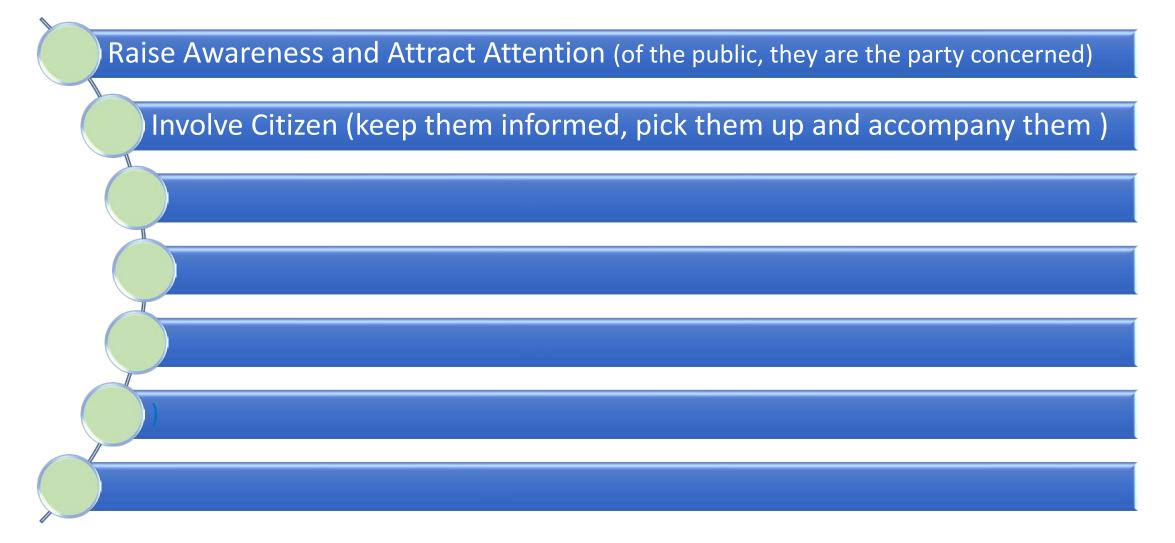




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#### The Pfaffenhofen Power Monitor



#### Stündliche Erzeugung und Verbrauch der letzten Tage



#### The Pfaffenhofen Climate Clock

Jede Sekunde zählt!

Leg den Hebel um start Wie viel Zeit bleibt uns Je nach Einstellung der gieträger für Strom-, W Mobilität simuliert die den entsprechenden G damit verbur, dene Erol den Zeitpunk, bis kein.

weltweit

wird oder die

KLIMA-UHR Zeit zu handeln Climate Watch - time to act

Die Klima-Uhr zeigt die aktuell durch Verbrennung von Öl, Erdgas, Braunkohle und Steinkohle verursachte CO2-Freisetzung

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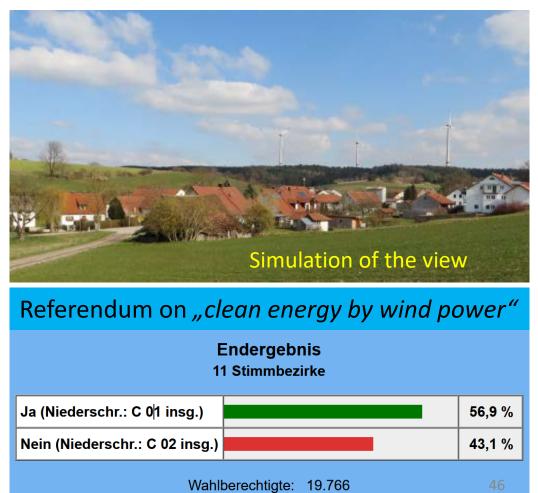
### Involve the public in decision making: Ask for Vote



• 2016: intensive involvement of citizens by information events / road shows to inform about the plans for *"clean energy by wind power"* 







Wahlbeteiligung: 59,6%

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Raise Awareness and Attract Attention (of the public, they are the party concerned)

Involve Citizen (keep them informed, pick them up and accompany them )

Define the Key Stakeholders and seek assurance of their cooperation

## The relevant Stakeholders in Pfaffenhofen (beside public citizens)

- **City Council Pfaffenhofen** a colourful political coalition (since 2008) (social democrats, independent party, ecological party, green party)
- Energy and Solar Society Pfaffenhofen creative ideas provider (think tank) (since 2008)
- Citizen Energy Cooperative Pfaffenhofen (BEG) development and operation of citizen owned power plants (since 2012)
- Municipal Utilities Pfaffenhofen (SWP) sustainable and comprehensive public service in Pfaffenhofen (since 2013)
- **Muncipality Pfaffenhofen** climate protection and sustainablity administration department (since 2014)
- Sustainability Advisory Board Panel of 16 Experts of different ecological, economic, social, cultural entities of Pfaffenhofen community (since 2020)













### The relevant Stakeholders in Pfaffenhofen



Jugendparlament since 1998 = Youth Parliament



Parliament Session

"Bus on Demand" (Weekend Nightline)

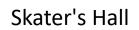


Rehearsal Room





Dirt Park







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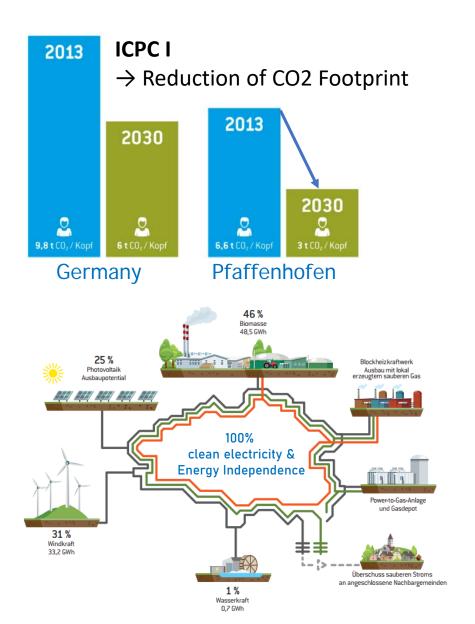
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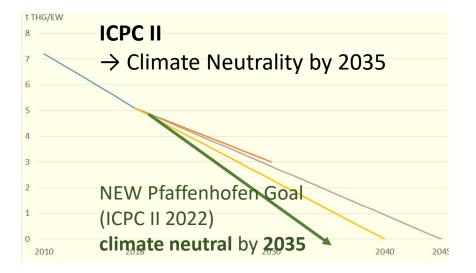
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### Define stringent and binding targets





Our future energy system:

sustainable / renewable,

decentralised,

affordable,

citizen-owned / democratic

#### Point out the way how to reach the target (Implementation Strategy)

Clean Electricity in the Pfaffenhofen Grid



Clean Electricity in the Pfaffenhofen Grid **TARGET 2024** 

70% 30% Electricity Purchase from from local sources outside Necessary steps from citizens & other stakeholders:

- Expansion of photovoltaics
- Expansion of windpower
- Use of storage technology
- efficiency enhancement

— ...

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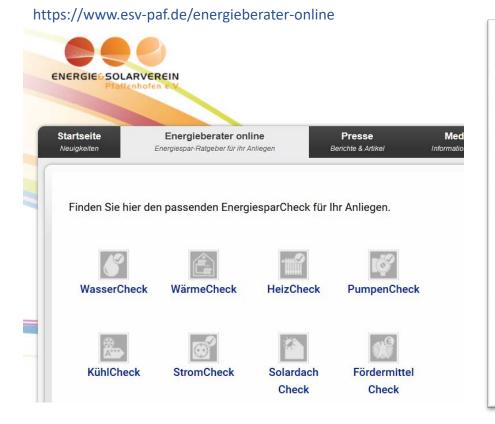
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### Planning support by appropriate Software Tools

1. Small scale, residential scale systems:

For examle, online planning tools for building photovoltaik systems, including technical and economic evaluation

#### Website Service from ESV



#### **Consulting Service from SWP**

https://www.stadtwerke-pfaffenhofen.de/mein-haus/photovoltaik/fuer-hauseigentuemer-ppv How can my house benefit from a photovoltaic system?



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2. Large scale, district/city scale systems:

For example, Planning Tools for energy storage systems (Citizen Energy Cooperative + Municipal Utilities)

Involvement of engineers, technical experts, lawyers, economists, etc. needed



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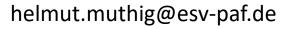
Provide consistent Communication throughout the Process

#### Involve the public in decision making: Explain your Projects





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