

Towards the decarbonisation plan of Politecnico di Torino

Action plan for the achievement of
PoliTO Campus sustainability goals

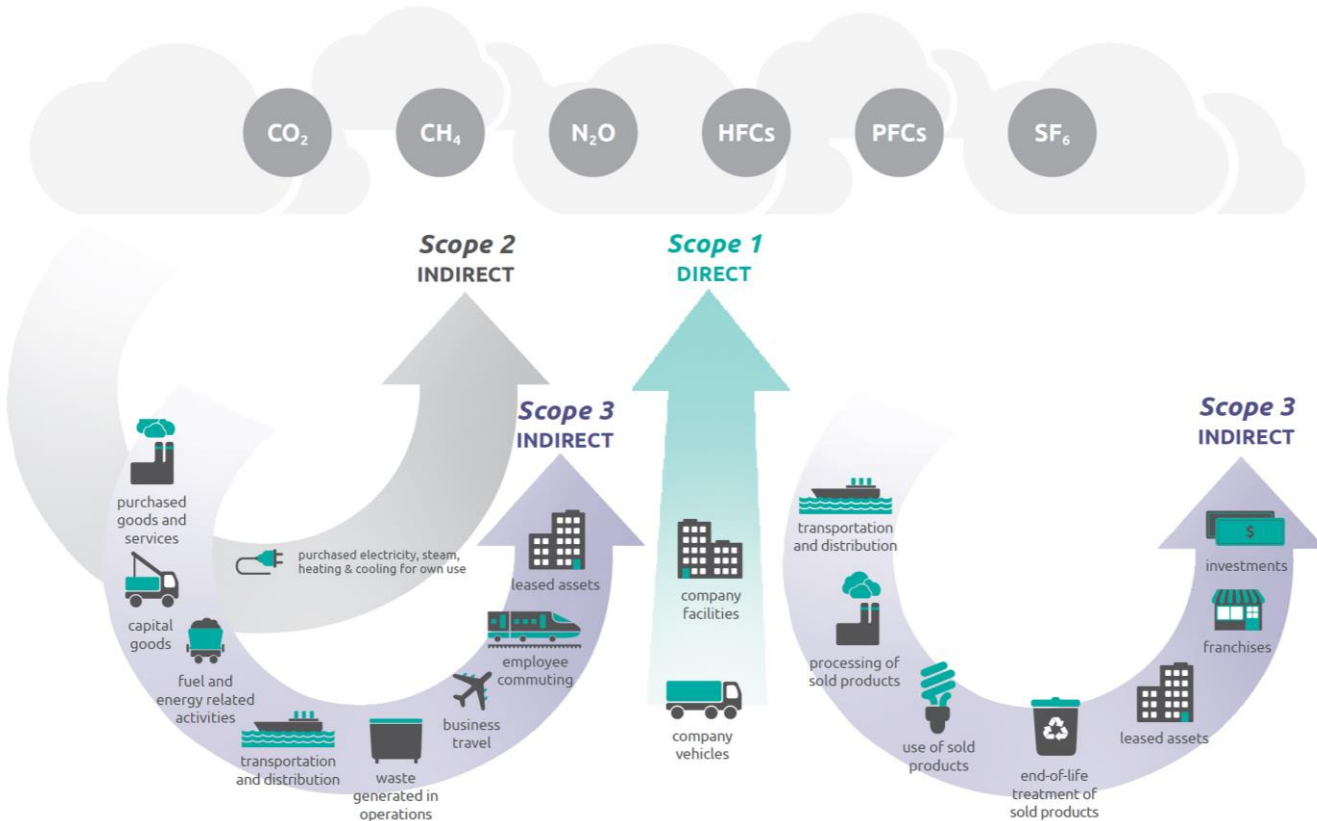
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**Politecnico
di Torino**

GHG emissions quantification

GHG protocol and action fields



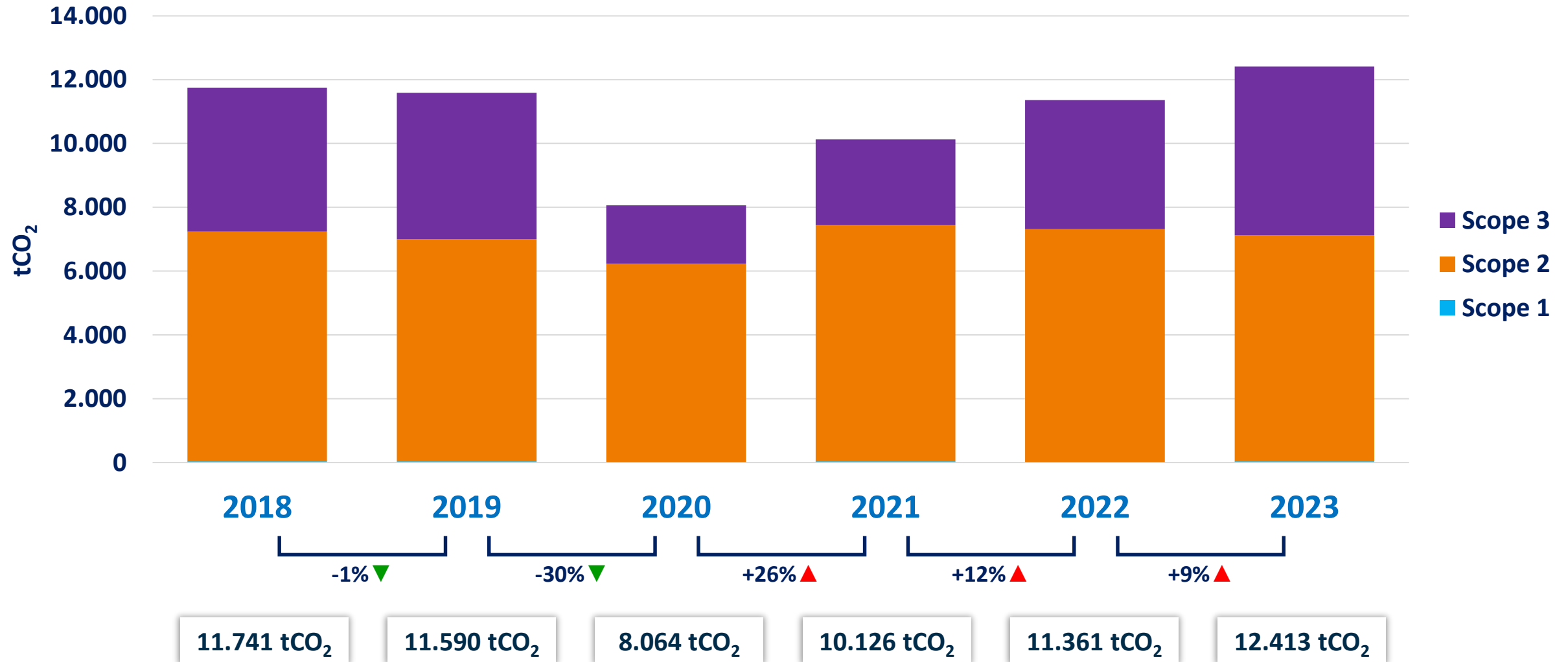
* Figure from <https://www.epa.gov/climateleadership/scope-1-and-scope-2-inventory-guidance>

The “**GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (2004)**” protocol (<https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>) establishes a standardised methodology to quantify GHG emissions.

An organization's carbon footprint has three components (scopes), in particular:

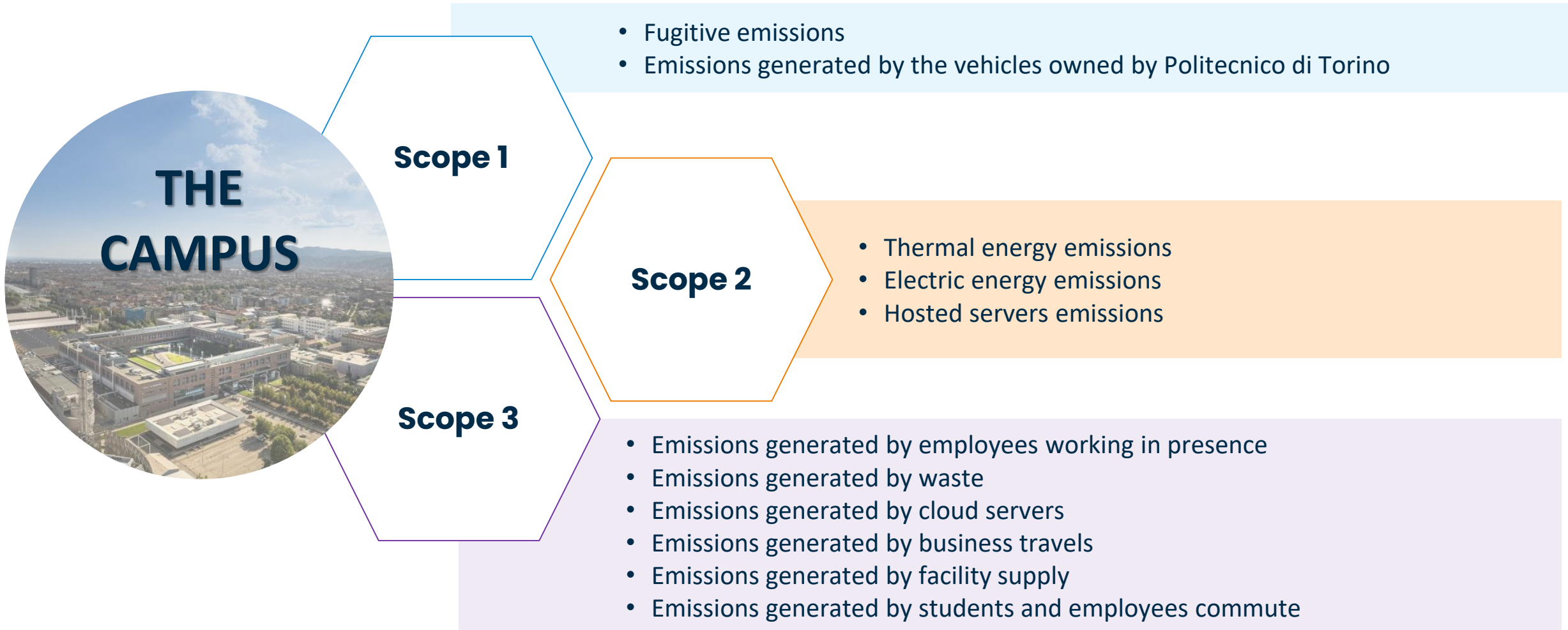
- **Scope 1** > direct GHG emissions that occur from sources that are controlled/owned by an organization;
- **Scope 2** > indirect GHG emissions emissions associated with the purchase of electricity, steam, heat, or cooling;
- **Scope 3** > emissions are the result of activities from assets not owned/controlled by the organization, but that it indirectly affects in its value chain.

GHG emissions: from 2018 to 2023



Towards decarbonisation: action framework

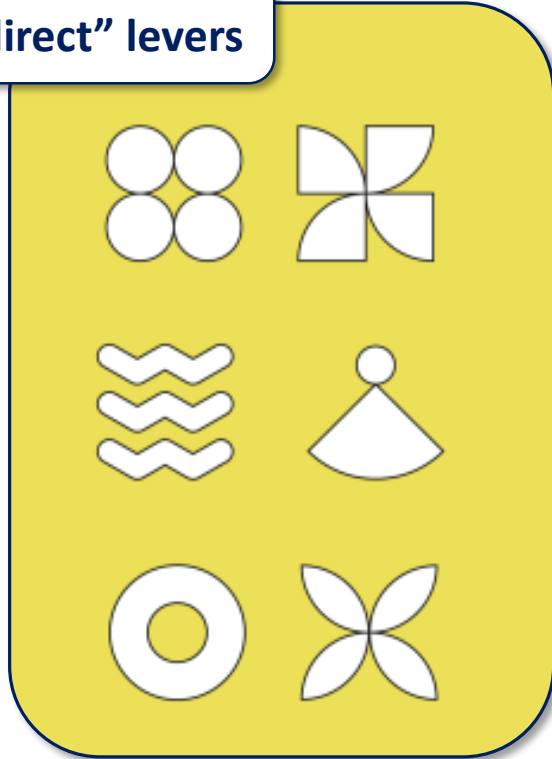
The action framework started at Politecnico di Torino is in line with the GHG protocol:



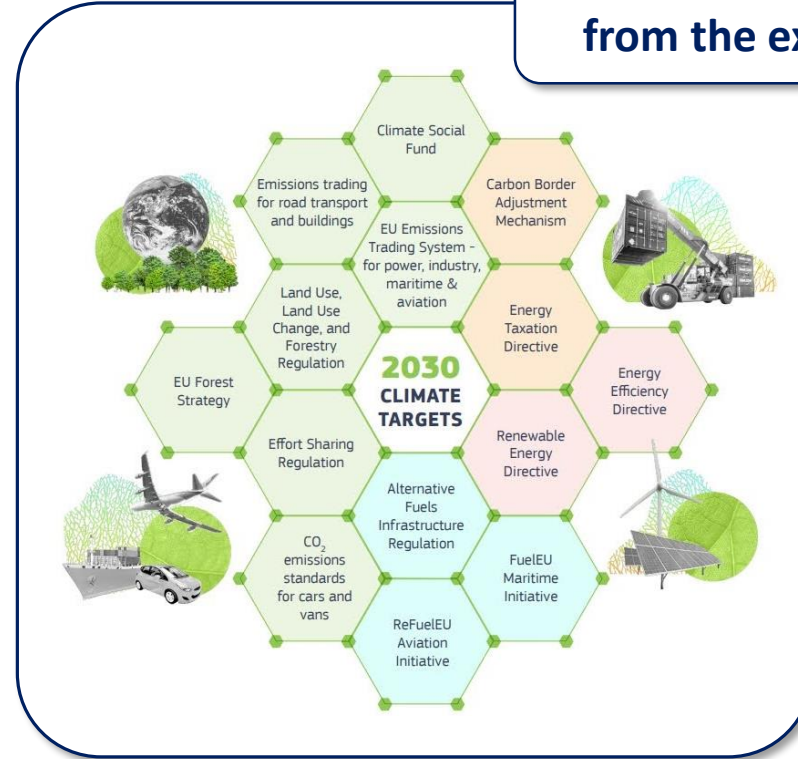
Priority focus and levers available

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Areas of intervention on which the University has “direct” levers

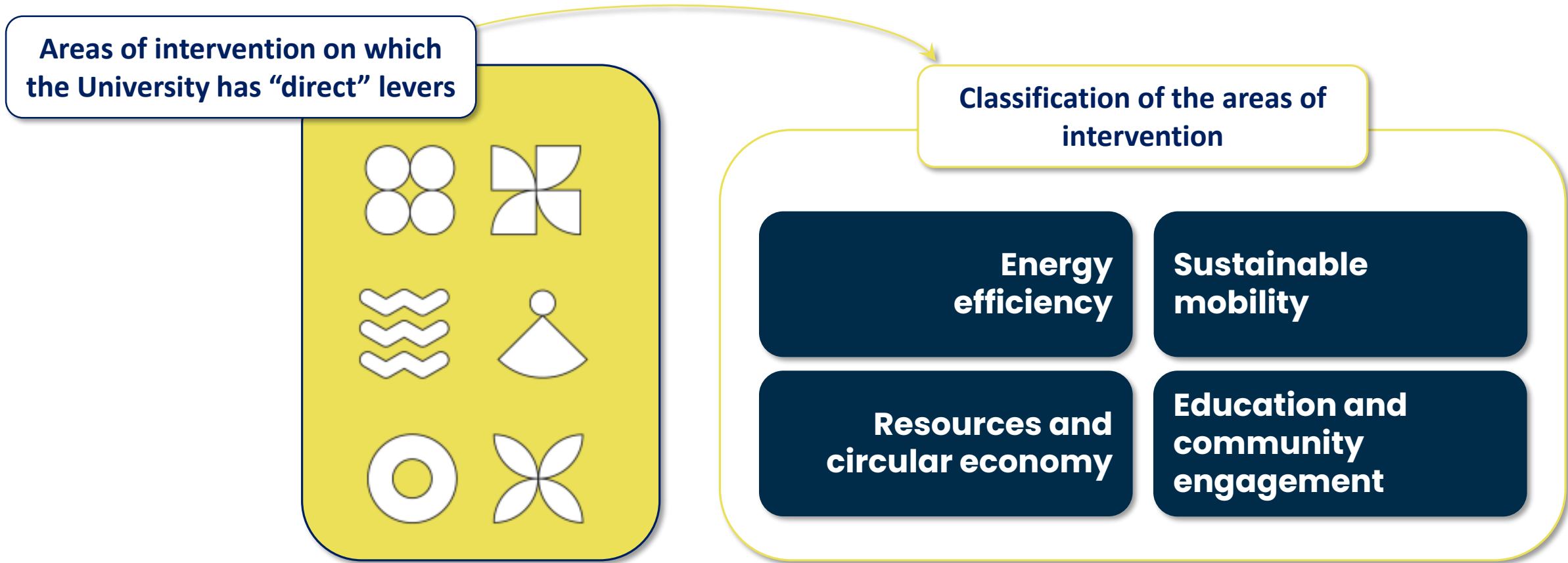


Areas of intervention gained from the external context



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Actions: energy efficiency

Progress

Energy efficiency

Sustainability protocol for university buildings: new constructions and retrofiting (IISBE agreement)	
3-years works program 2023-2025: building retrofiting interventions (envelope insulation, window replacement, LED, photovoltaic implementation) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corso Castelfidardo • Via Peano 	
DASHBOARD for the monitoring of the updates on the decarbonisation plan	
Implementation of the available sensors network throughout PoliTO Campus	
Automatic alert feedback implementation related to photovoltaic systems	
Definition of optimized control strategies and tuning of HVAC systems and lighting bodies	
Data Centers efficiency implementation	
Optimization of the learning/social environments	

Classification of the areas of intervention

Energy efficiency

Sustainable mobility

Resources and circular economy

Education and community engagement

Actions: sustainable mobility

Progress

Sustainable mobility

Business travels: Good practices for low impact business travels	
Day-to-day mobility: Actions to encourage sustainable transportation choices according to the home-to-work commuting plan	
Electric grid and plug-in vehicle charging stations	
Fleet renewal with low-impact vehicles (BEVs / Plug-in Hybrid / Full Hybrid)	
Fleet integration with soft mobility means (bicycles/pedal assisted bicycles) or low-impact means (electric scooters)	
Optimized management service and dematerialized booking system for University vehicles	
MaaS implementation (Mobilità as a Service)	

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Actions: resources and circular economy

Resources and circular economy

	Progress
Waste and plastic reduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Waste sortingVending machines and water dispensersWater bottles distributionPlastic-free cafeterias	
Food: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Local and certified productsFood impact communication	
Sustainable events: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sustainable events checklistSustainable merchandising	
Water saving: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Water consumption surveySanitary water use efficiency	

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Actions: education and community engagement

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	Progress
Call for ideas Targeted to the entire PoliTo community : on adaptation initiatives and topics related to sustainability	<div><div></div></div>
Cooperation with PoliTO research groups Testing research-based solutions at the scale of university campuses	<div><div></div></div>
Nature Based Solutions Planting program at the scale of PoliTO Campus	<div><div></div></div>
“Foresight-driven” program towards Polito 2040 PoliTO towards the urgent challenge of climate and ecological crisis	<div><div></div></div>
SDGs classification on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scientific publications and research projects• Teaching courses	<div><div></div></div>

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