

# **Climate Recon 2050: Dialogues on Pathways and Policy**

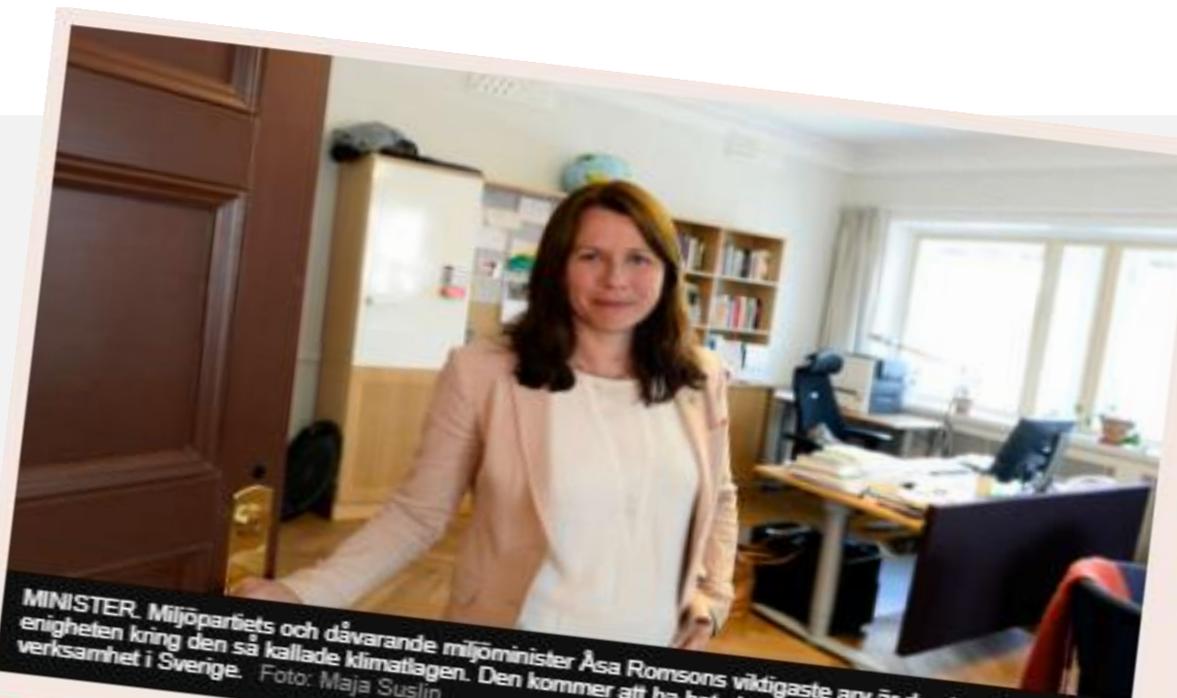
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# “Sweden’s most important law”



1 jan 2018



MINISTER. Miljöpartiets och dåvarande miljöminister Åsa Romsons viktigaste arv är den breda enigheten kring den så kallade klimatlagen. Den kommer att ha betydande inverkan på all ekonomisk verksamhet i Sverige. Foto: Maja Suslin



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**1 januari började den så kallade klimatlagen att gälla. Den är startpunkten för en process som kommer att påverka allt industriellt, finansiellt och politiskt arbete i decennier.**

Klimatlagen liknar budgetlagen och binder kommande generationer på ett sinnrikt sätt. Ingen svensk regering kan i framtiden ignorera ansvaret för att minska utsläpp.

Lagen har trä...

# The climate policy framework

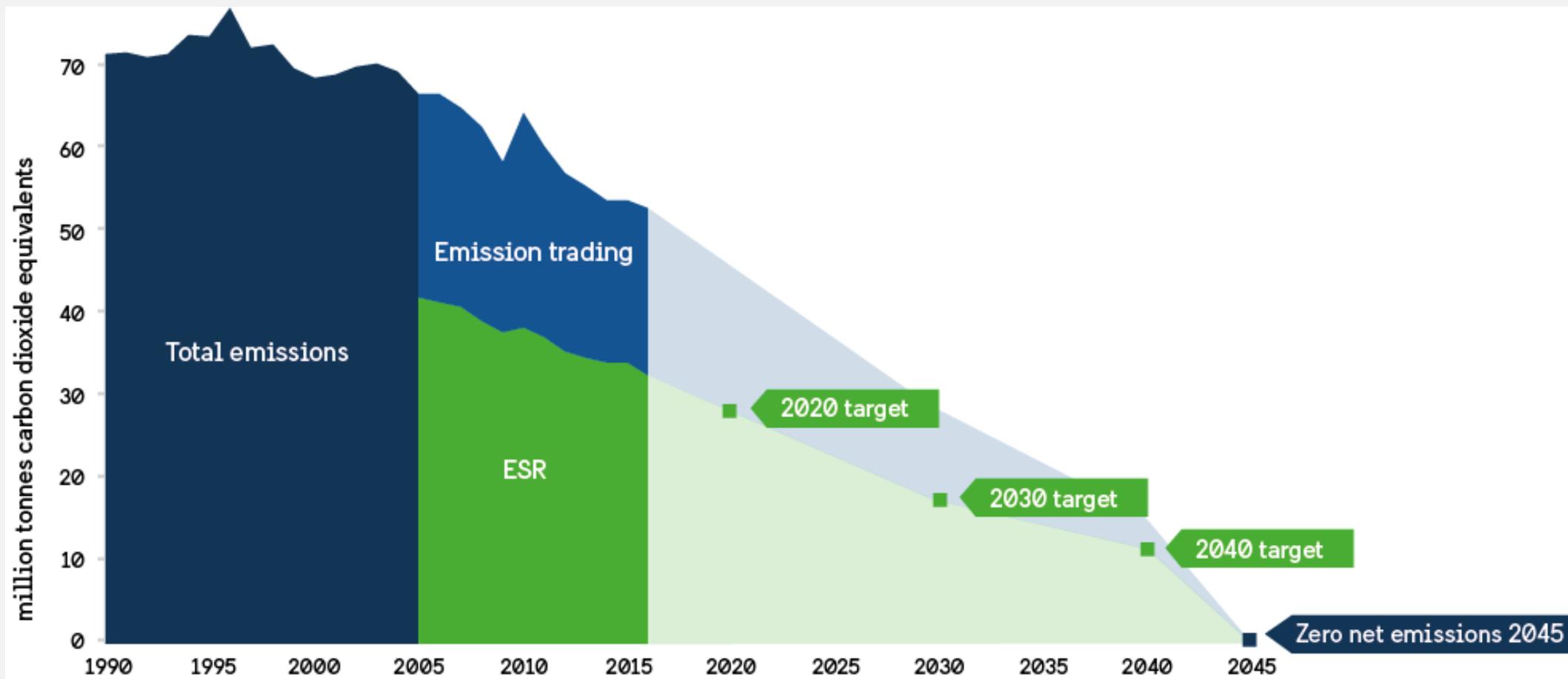
- Long-term targets for Swedish climate policy
- A system for planning and reviewing climate policy
- A Climate Policy Council

1st of January 2018, parts of the framework became regulated in the *Climate Act*.

*Agreed by a broad majority (7 out of 8 parties) in parliament 2017.*



# Towards zero net emissions 2045



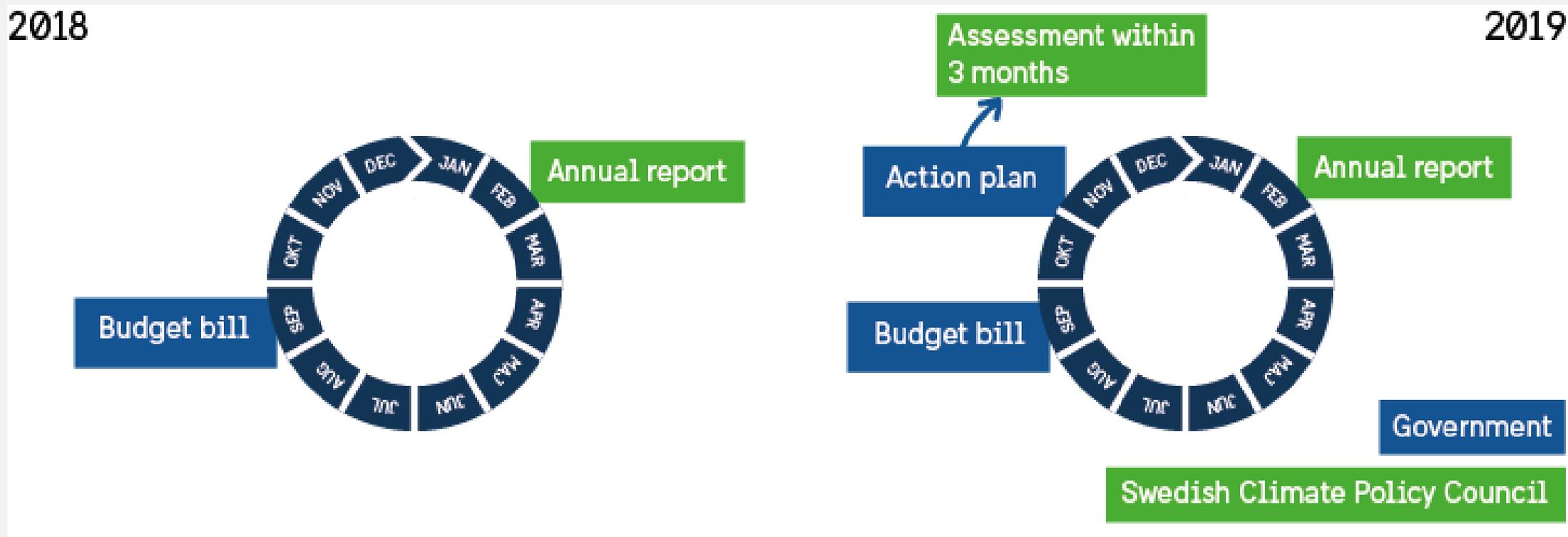


# Terms of reference of Swedish Climate Policy Council

- Evaluate whether *the comprehensive policy* of the government is compatible with the climate targets
  - Do relevant policy areas contribute or counteract climate targets
  - Identify policy areas requiring further measures
  - Reviewing existing and planned policies
- Evaluate analytical methods and models used
- Contribute to the public discussion on climate policy



# Policy planning and evaluation cycle





# Independent advisory body

## Climate Policy Council

- 8 members
- Academic experts
- Original group appointed by government
- 3 year terms
- The council to propose their own successors

Secretariat of 3-4 analysts

## Climate Law

- Short and overarching
- Requires the government to work in line with the overall target set by parliament (net zero)
- Regulates procedures of planning and reporting to government



# Inspiration from fiscal policy framework and Swedish Fiscal Policy Council

Fiscal policy framework established mid 1990's after economic crises.

Fiscal Policy Council 2007

- Transparency
- Robust budget process
- Increased stability in public finances



# Early stage – first full report March 2019

## Some thoughts on challenges...

- The council to find it's unique role and contribution
  - Existing institutions? Evaluation vs advise?  
Academic theory vs practical experience?
- No regulation on how the government should respond or act on the advise brought by the council
- How to monitor – and communicate - a transformative change to net zero emissions?
- Limited resources – dependent on several other government agencies for gap analyses etc.



# Thanks!

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