

Towards a European Low-Carbon Circular Economy

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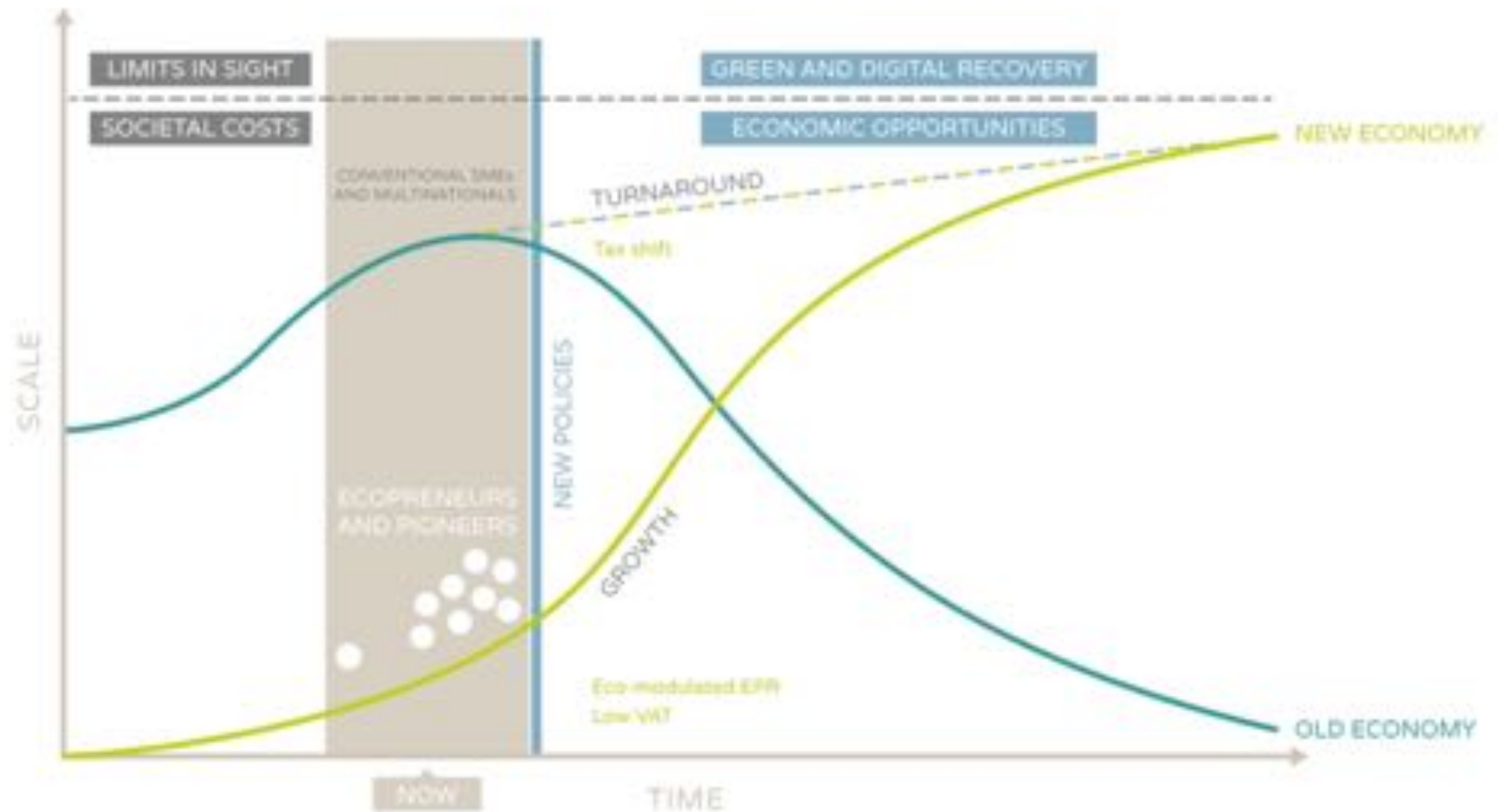
3000 companies, 97% SMEs





Source: Why sustainable SMEs are key for the circular economy, Ecopreneur.eu, 2021 (www.ecopreneur.eu)





Main Ecopreneur.eu positions

- Ambitious implementation of the European Green Deal, Circular Economy Action Plan, Climate Policy, SME Strategy, Textile Strategy
- Strengthening the role of SMEs, e.g. via Circularity Hubs
- Implementation of strong economic incentives: Circular Procurement, EPR, carbon pricing, carbon border adjustment mechanism, tax shift, VAT etc.
- A financial “taxonomy” channelling investments to truly sustainable solutions
- Sustainable Products Initiative: Minimum requirements for low-carbon circular design for all end-products in resource- and waste-intensive sectors



Position on waste management

- EU-wide landfilling ban for non-pretreated municipal waste by 2030
- Prevent lock-in and additional incineration capacity – include it in EU-ETS by 2023
- Adapt fee structure for waste treatment in line with the EU waste hierarchy
- Decrease waste volumes by circular economy models
- Improve separation methods
- Develop chemical recycling technologies under 6 conditions including being net-carbon saving
- Process waste using renewable energy
- Slowly phase out waste incineration with energy recovery as last option



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