

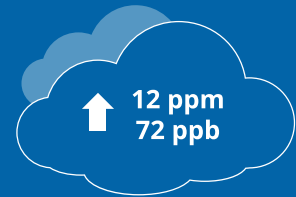
## 5 Years of Global Negative Trends



**Recycling rate down**  
by 20.8%



**Coal consumption up**  
1.3 billion tonnes



**Increase of CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>**  
(CO<sub>2</sub> up by 3.6 ppm from 2023–24)



**Biodiversity still declining**



**Extreme weather cost increased** by €44 billion  
(EU only)



**Increase of subsidies** for fossil fuels 52.2% to €6.7 trillion

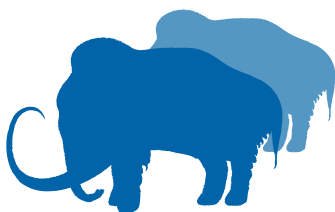
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Almost 7 planetary boundaries breached



**CO<sub>2</sub> levels exceeding those of 3.3 million years ago**

In the Pliocene, temperatures were around 3 °C hotter and sea levels were 20 metres higher



## 5 Policy Actions for a Sustainable Future

**Rethink economic growth:** Move beyond GDP-centric growth models towards sustainability-focused well-being indicators

**End harmful subsidies:** Stop fossil fuel subsidies and ensure a just transition to clean energy

**Promote circular economy:** Improve recycling and resource efficiency to increase circularity

**Protect biodiversity:** Enforce stricter regulations on habitat preservation and restoration

**Base policies on facts:** Prioritize scientific evidence over political expediency in decision-making

