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# THE EU SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

## State of play in implementation and its upcoming review

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## OVERVIEW

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- 1. EU approach to SD**
  - 2. Links to Lisbon**
  - 3. Progress since 2001**
  - 4. Review of the EU SDS**
  - 5. Conclusions**
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# 1. EU APPROACH TO SD

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- **Overall aim: Brundtland definition**

**INTERNAL** – COM (2001) 264 + Gothenburg conclusions

## **A. ADDRESSING UNSUSTAINABLE TRENDS IN 6 PRIORITY AREAS**

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| <b>1. <i>Climate change</i></b>    | <b>4. <i>Sustainable transport</i></b> |
| <b>2. <i>Public health</i></b>     | <b>5. <i>Aging population</i></b>      |
| <b>3. <i>Natural resources</i></b> | <b>6. <i>Social exclusion</i></b>      |

## **B. NEW APPROACH TO POLICY MAKING**

- ***Improve policy coherence (ExIA)***
  - ***Get prices right (MBI)***
  - ***Global and long term perspective***
  - ***Invest in science and technology for the future (ETAP)***
  - ***Improve communication and mobilize citizens and business***
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## EU APPROACH TO SD

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**EXTERNAL** – COM (2002) 82 + WSSD plan of implementation

- Halve no. in extreme **poverty**
  - Halve the no. lacking **access to water** + sanitation
  - 10 year frameworks for **sustainable consumption and production**
  - Reduce rate of loss of **biodiversity**
  - Increase substantially global share of **renewable energy**
  - Restore **fish** stocks
  - Sustainable use of **chemicals**
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## 2. LINKS TO LISBON

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### EU SDS:

- completes the Union's political commitment to economic and social renewal
- adds a third environmental dimension to the Lisbon Strategy
- establishes a new approach to policy making

EU SDS	Lisbon
-Long term	-Mainly short term (2010)
-International dimension	-Internal dimension
-Interlinkages	-Economic, social and environmental targets
-Societal vision	-Coordination between EU and national levels
-Guidance for all EU policy	



## 3. PROGRESS SINCE 2001

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### WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

#### A. PRIORITY AREAS

- *Climate change:*
    - Ratification of Kyoto
    - Energy initiative (type II partnership), renewable energy coalition
    - ECCP (emission trading system, energy performance in buildings, renewable energy directive, energy taxation directive ...)
  - *Health:*
    - REACH proposal, consumer strategy, food safety authority
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## PROGRESS SINCE 2001

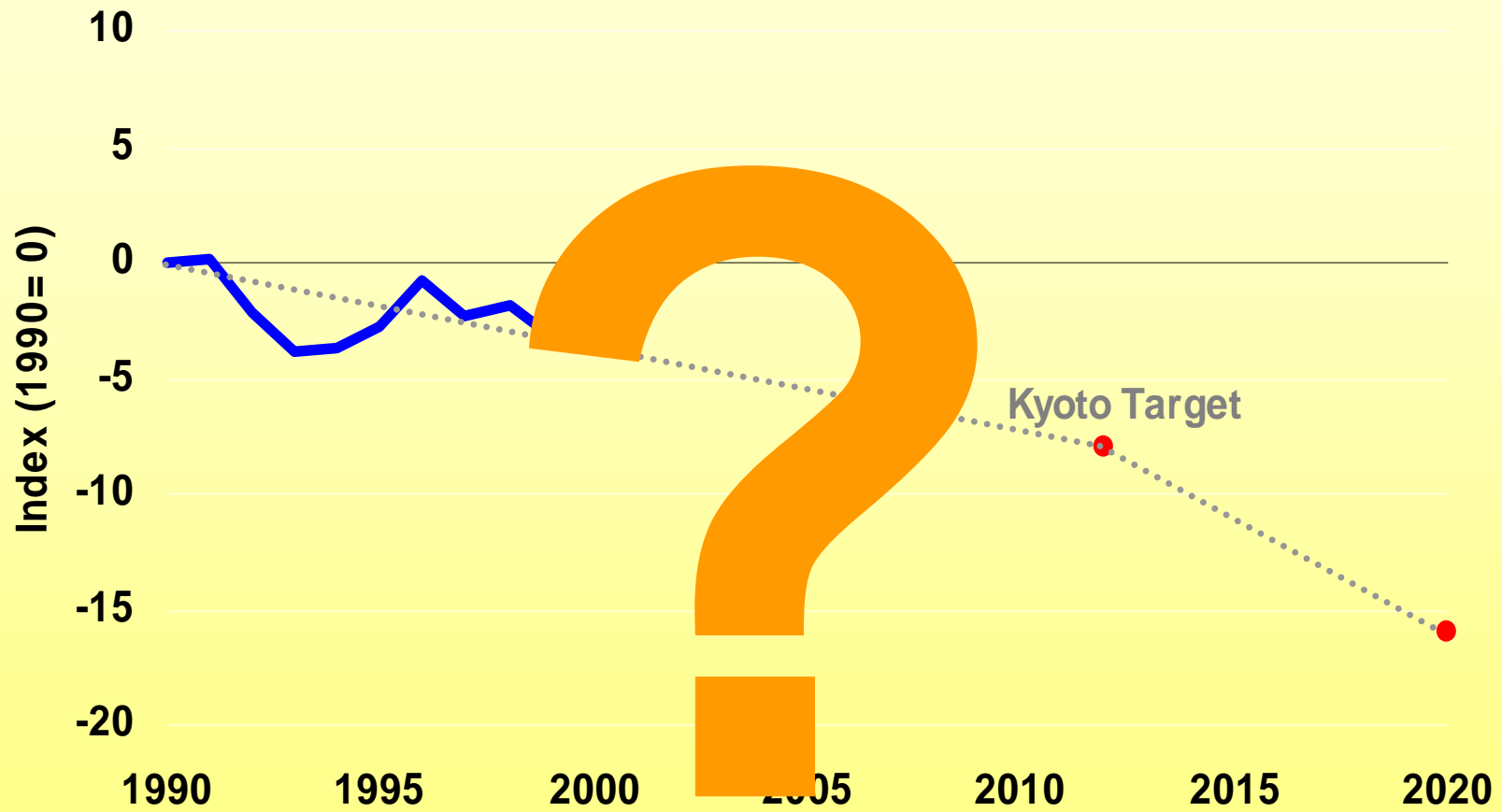
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### A. PRIORITY AREAS

- *Resources:*
    - Biodiversity: CAP and CFP reforms, Natural 2000, indicators, ODA
    - Resource efficiency: IPP, WEEE, thematic strategies for waste prevention and recycling and for resource use, CSR, EU Water for Life initiative, SCP
  - *Transport:*
    - Euro IV, bio fuels Directive, infrastructure charging, Marco Polo programme (modal shift)
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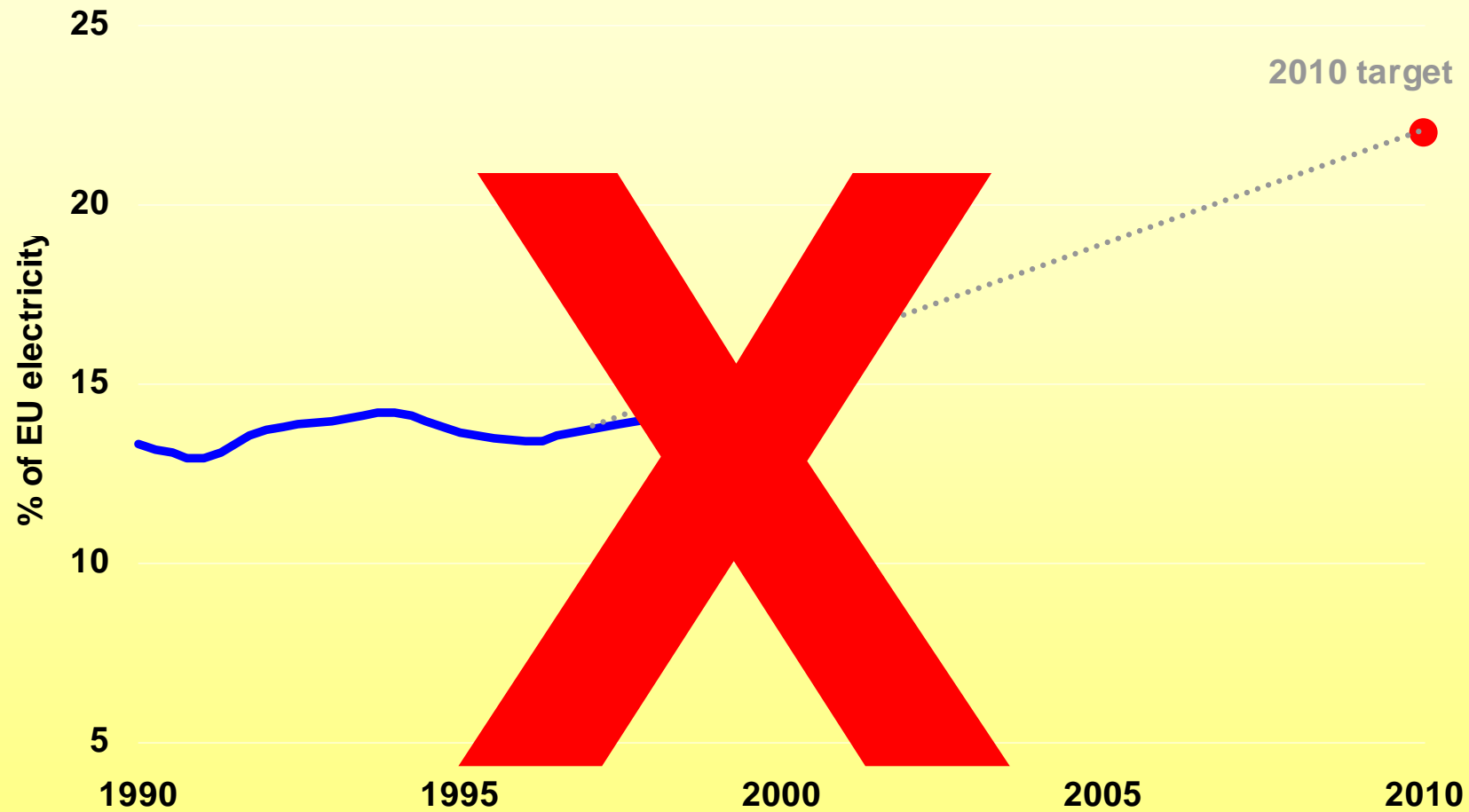


# GHG EMISSIONS





# ELECTRICITY FROM RENEWABLES

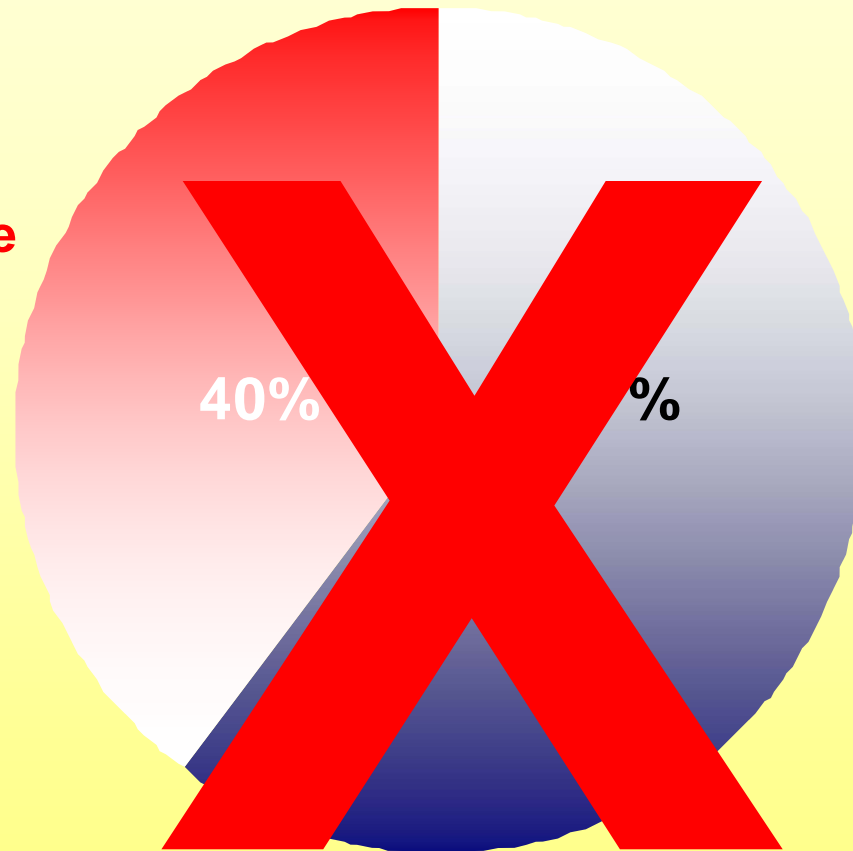




# FISHERIES

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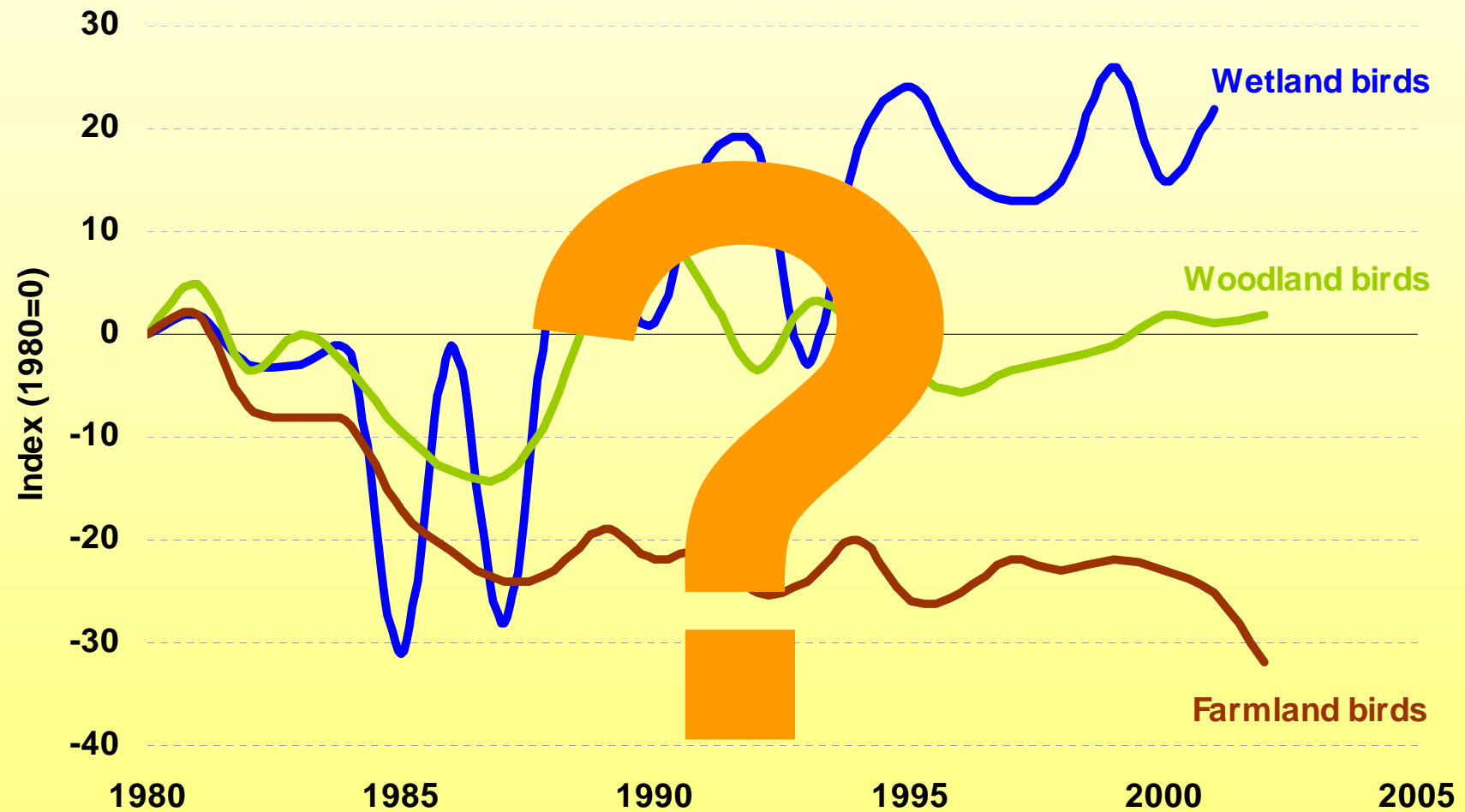


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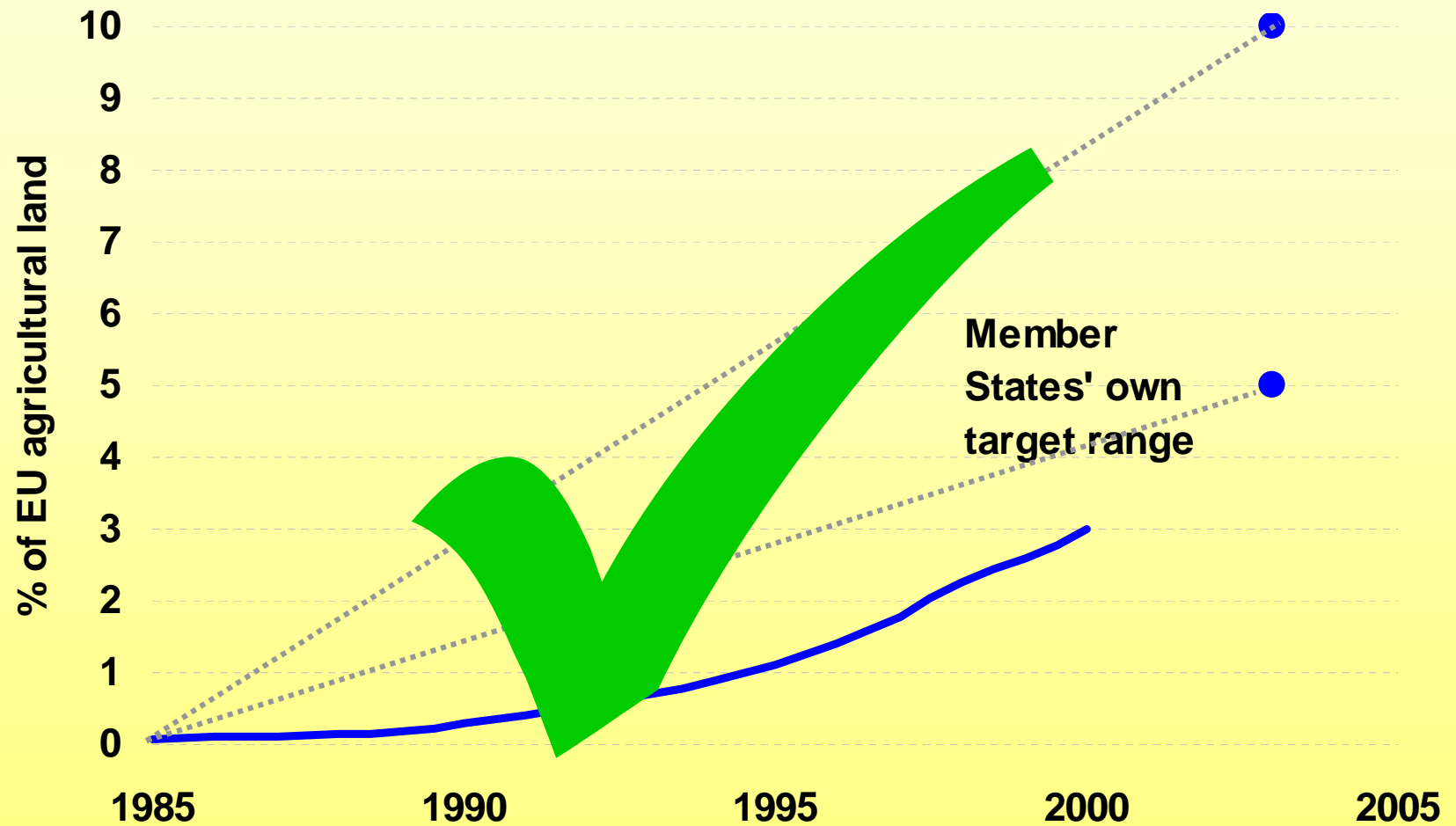


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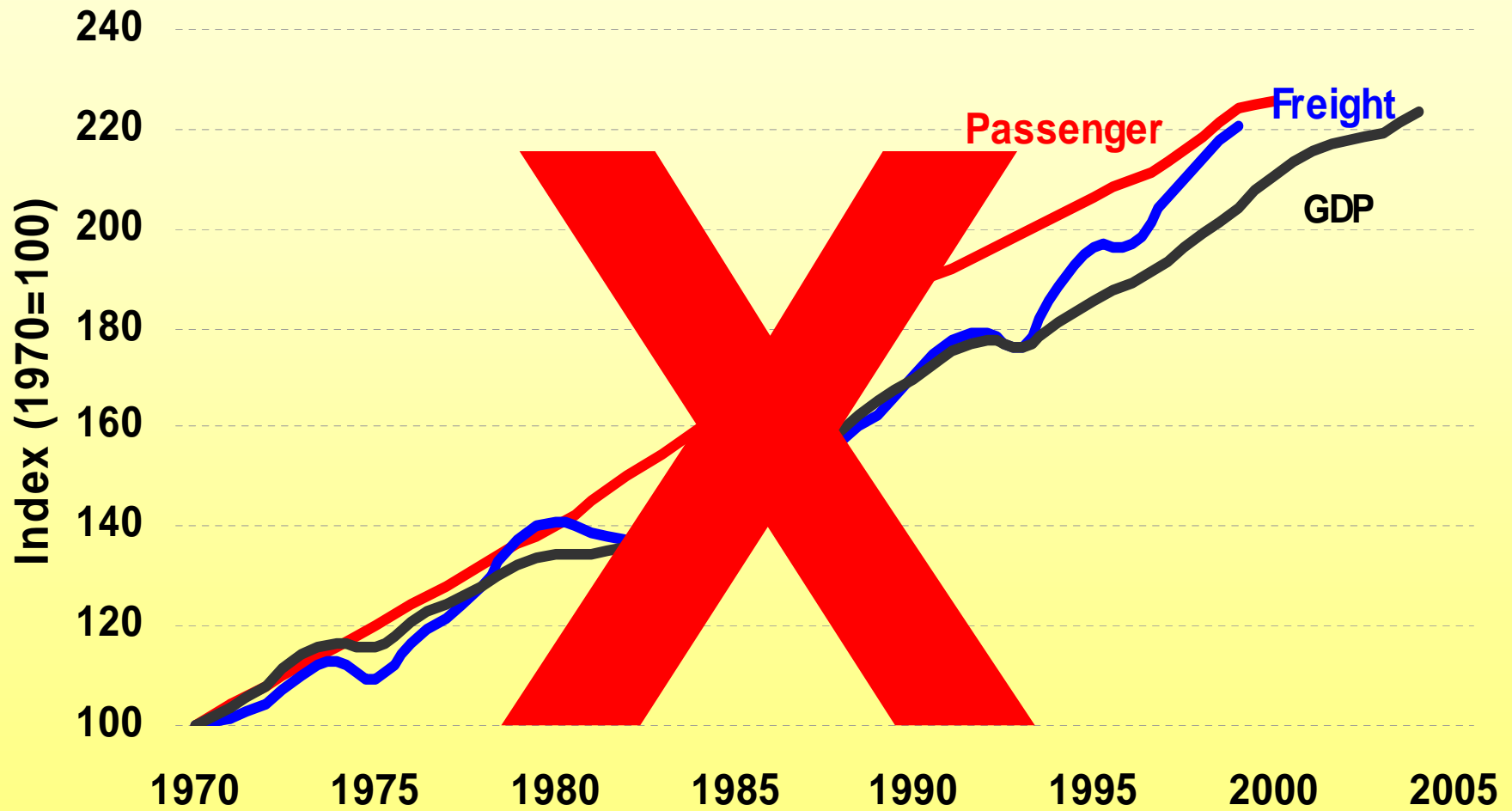


# ORGANIC FARMING



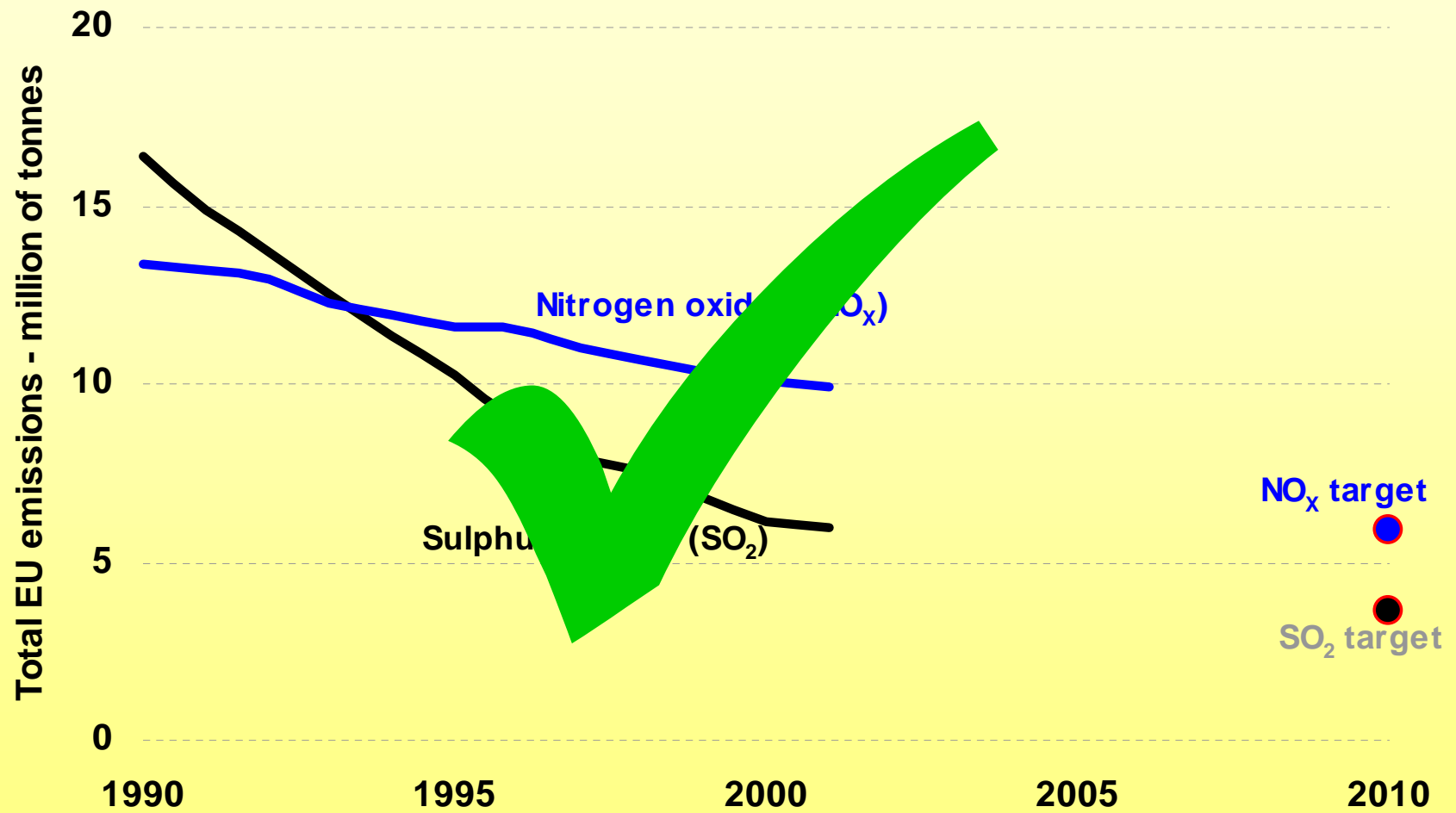


# TRANSPORT





# AIR EMISSIONS





## PROGRESS SINCE 2001

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### B. NEW APPROACH TO POLICY MAKING

- *Policy coherence and sectoral integration: IA, SEA and EIA, Thematic Strategies (6th EAP), Cardiff process*
  - *Getting prices right: energy products taxation, emissions trading, state aid guidelines ...*
  - *Investing in science and technology: Action plan for R&D, ETAP*
  - *Communication and citizens mobilization: Aarhus, CSR, standards for stakeholders consultation*
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## PROGRESS SINCE 2001

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### SUMMARY OF PROGRESS...

- **UNSUSTAINABLE TRENDS ARE NOT REVERSED**
- **INSTRUMENTS FOR POLICY COHERENCE STILL NEED TO DELIVER**
  - Slow progress in Cardiff integration process
  - Insufficient vertical integration of national, EU and international strategies

**SUBSTANTIAL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE  
BUT PROGRESS STILL INSUFFICIENT**

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## 4. EU SDS REVIEW

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- Review at start of each new Commission
  - Negative political climate
    - Shadow of the Lisbon mid-term review
    - Calls for rebalancing towards economic concerns
  - Political aspirations
    - Prepare for a full review to reinvigorate SD
    - Accomodate competitiveness concerns...
    - ... but prevent 'race to the bottom' and rather lead 'race to the top'
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# EU SDS REVIEW

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- **KEY CHALLENGES**

- Put a well argued case for environmental policy
  - Highlight potential positive synergies (ETAP)
  - Identify costs of inaction
  - Be clear on what a shift towards SD really implies
  - Involve civil society
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## 5. CONCLUSIONS

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- Enlargement reinforces the need for SD as EU's guiding vision
  - Use the review to reinvigorate SD
  - Mobilise sufficient political and societal support for SD
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