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Area CP4. Sectoral transitions

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ASCOR framework

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Note: [ASCOR framework: methodology note - Version 1.1](#) was used to assess 70 countries in 2024.

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1. Introduction to sectoral transitions

Key context of sectoral transitions



Setting **sectoral targets** in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) informs investors about the credibility of economy-wide targets and provides sector-specific guidance to corporate actors.



Energy efficiency targets and laws are essential for achieving net zero. Energy efficiency provides some of the quickest and most cost-effective CO₂ mitigation options while lowering energy bills and strengthening energy security.



Mandatory climate-related disclosure at the corporate level can help increase transparency, accountability and sustainable practices.



According to the **International Energy Agency** ([IEA](#)), to be considered aligned with 1.5°C, the **electricity sector** must reach net zero in 2035 in “advanced economies”, 2040 in China, and 2045 in the rest of the world.



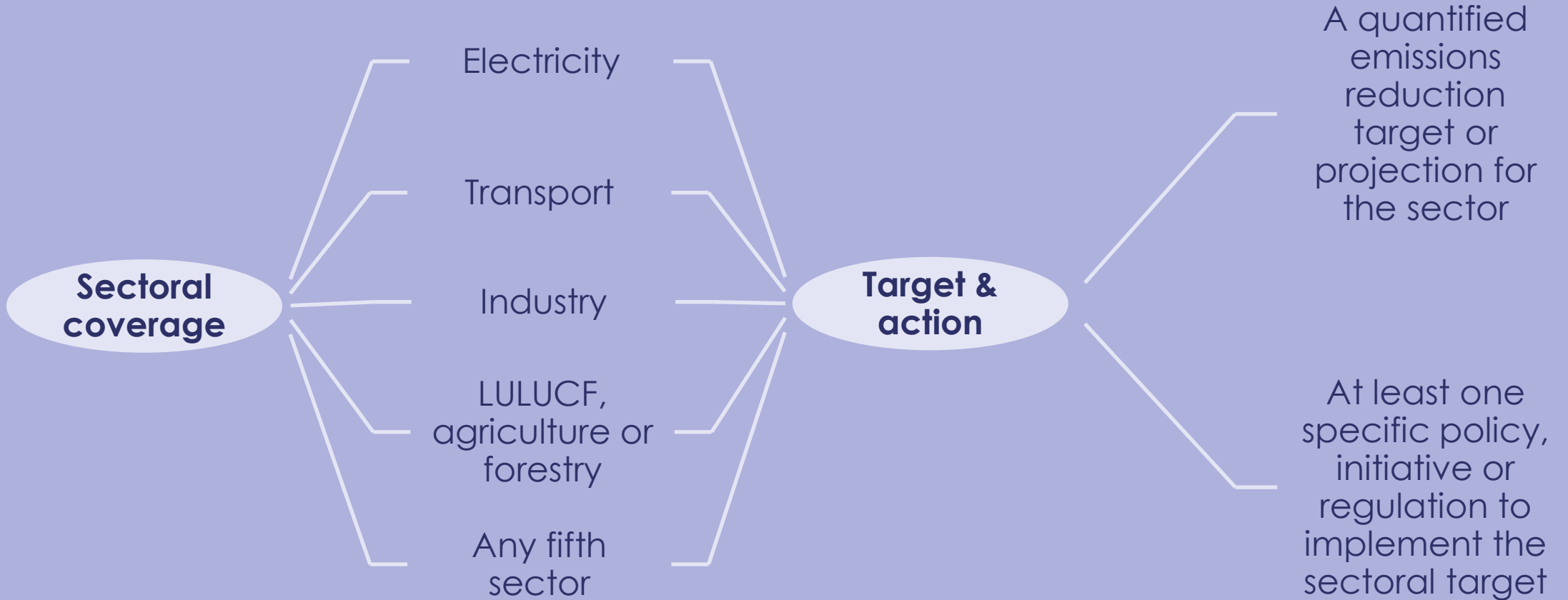
Emissions from **land use, land use change and forestry** (LULUCF) must also be reduced. The [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#) sets a **30% target for protected areas** by 2030.

2. How does ASCOR assess sectoral transitions?

Indicators and metrics (1)



CP4a. Does the country have a multi-sector climate strategy?



Indicators and metrics (2)



CP4b. Does the country have a law and target on energy efficiency?

CP4bi. What is the country's energy intensity of primary energy?



CP4c. Has the country established mandatory climate-related disclosure?



CP4d. Has the country set a net zero electricity target aligned with 1.5 °C?

CP4di. What percentage of the country's electricity generation is from low carbon sources?



CP4e. Has the country increased its protected areas as a % of total land area over the last 5 years?

CP4ei. What is the amount of protected area in the country as a percentage of total land area?

How does ASCOR assess sectoral transition?



ASCOR assesses a range of sectoral strategies, regulations and actions that indicate the scope of implementation of the transition.



To align with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, low-income countries are exempt on all indicators and middle-income on certain indicators.



When assessing this area, we rely on legislative and executive documents, UNFCCC submissions and [National Energy and Climate Plans](#). We use the [World Bank](#), the [IEA](#), and the [Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool](#) for the quantitative metrics.

3. Results of 2024 assessments

2024 assessment results

CP 4.a Does the country have a multi-sector climate strategy?



CP 4.b Does the country have a law and target on energy efficiency?



CP 4.c Has the country established mandatory climate-related disclosure?



CP 4.d Has the country set a net zero electricity target aligned with 1.5°C?



CP 4.e Has the country increased its protected areas as a percentage of total land area over the last 5 years?



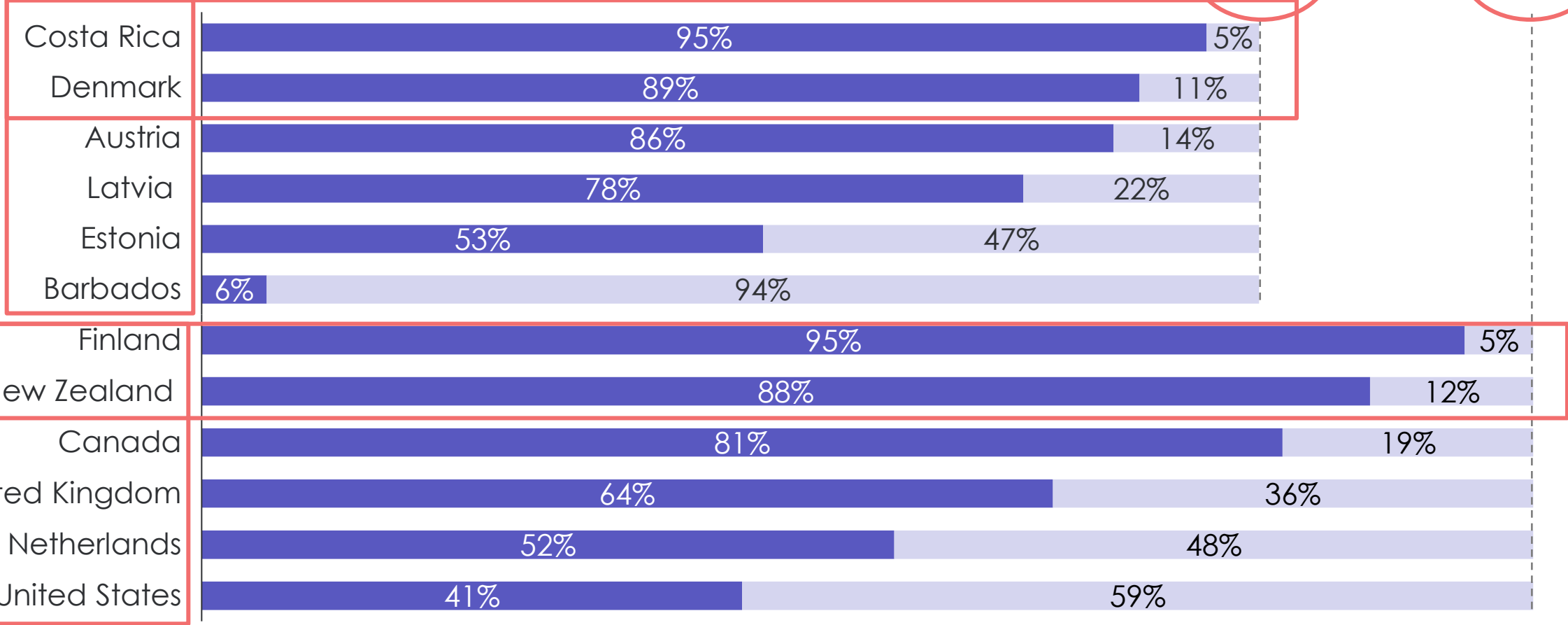
Yes No

Note: The number of countries assessed against each indicator is specified next to each bar.

Progress towards net zero electricity targets

2030
Targets

2035
Targets



■ Current share of low-carbon sources ■ Increase needed

Source: Authors' analysis based on IEA for data on electricity generation from low-carbon sources. Data for Barbados is sourced from BNEP and data for Estonia from the Elering.

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