

# **SUSTAINABLE CONCRETE FOR SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTIONS**

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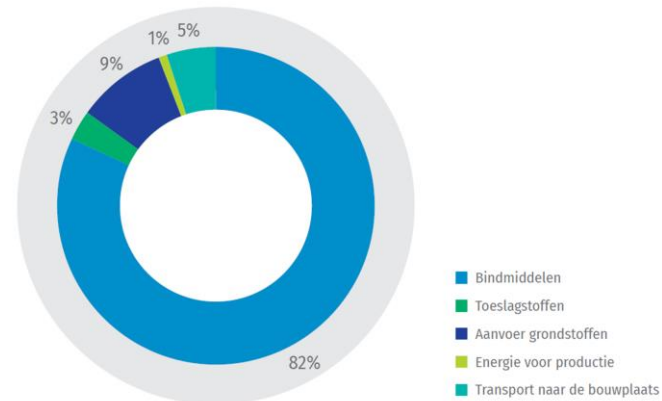
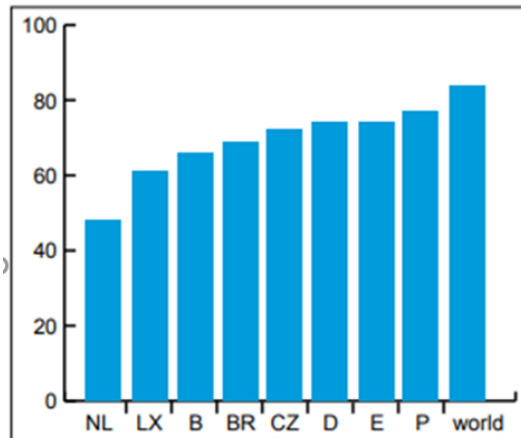
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# How sustainable is Dutch concrete?

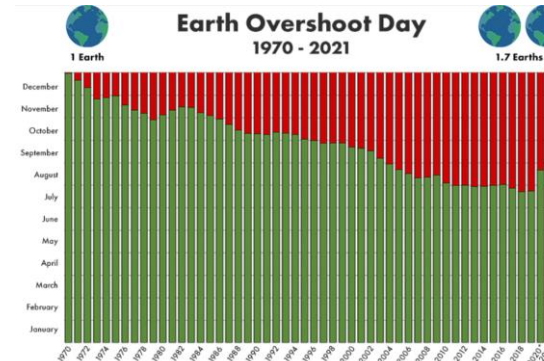
- Use of cement  
 Global (2020): 4800 Mton (of which 50% in China)  
 NL (2020): 4.8 Mton for production of 13 Mm<sup>3</sup> of concrete
- Average clinker content of cement  
 NL = 49%; Other countries: 60-85%
- CO<sub>2</sub>-emission  
 NL = 1.2%; Global average = 7% of total CO<sub>2</sub>-emission



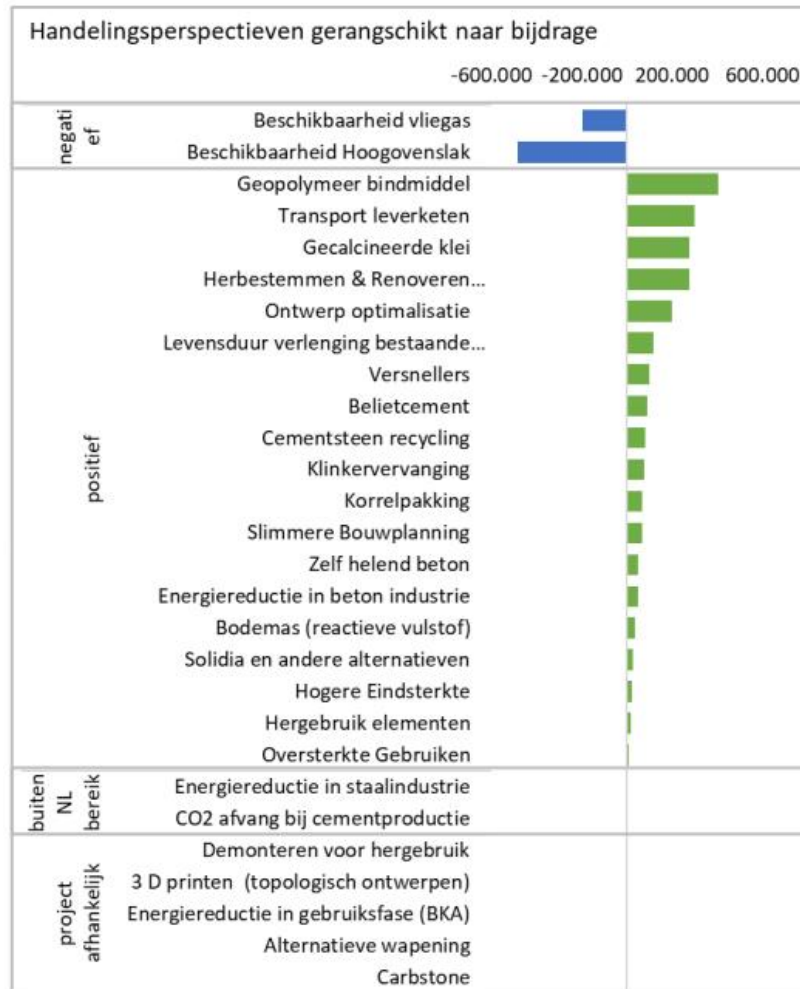
# Dutch Concrete Agreement

- Agreement between all parties concerned in 2018
- Goals:
  - CO<sub>2</sub>-emission in 2030 (relative to 1990):
    - initially reduction of at least 30% and ambition of 49%
    - in 2022: increased to 55% and 100% respectively
  - Circularity in 2030:
    - 100% reuse of concrete demolition waste as raw materials for new concrete (closed loop)

**BETONAKKOORD**

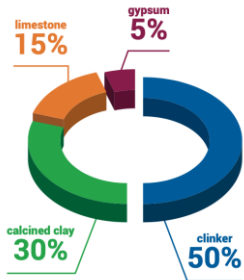
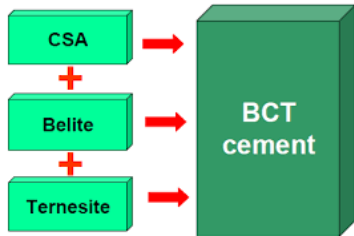


# How to achieve the goals agreed?



- Roadmap based on potential options for taking measures (28 'handelingsperspectieven')
- Environmental criteria for sustainable public procurement (reward sustainable initiatives in contracts)
- Decreasing maximum MKI-value (environmental impact of concrete products) in time (every 2 years)
- Adjust concrete regulations (based on performance not composition)
- Yearly monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub>-profile of concrete products

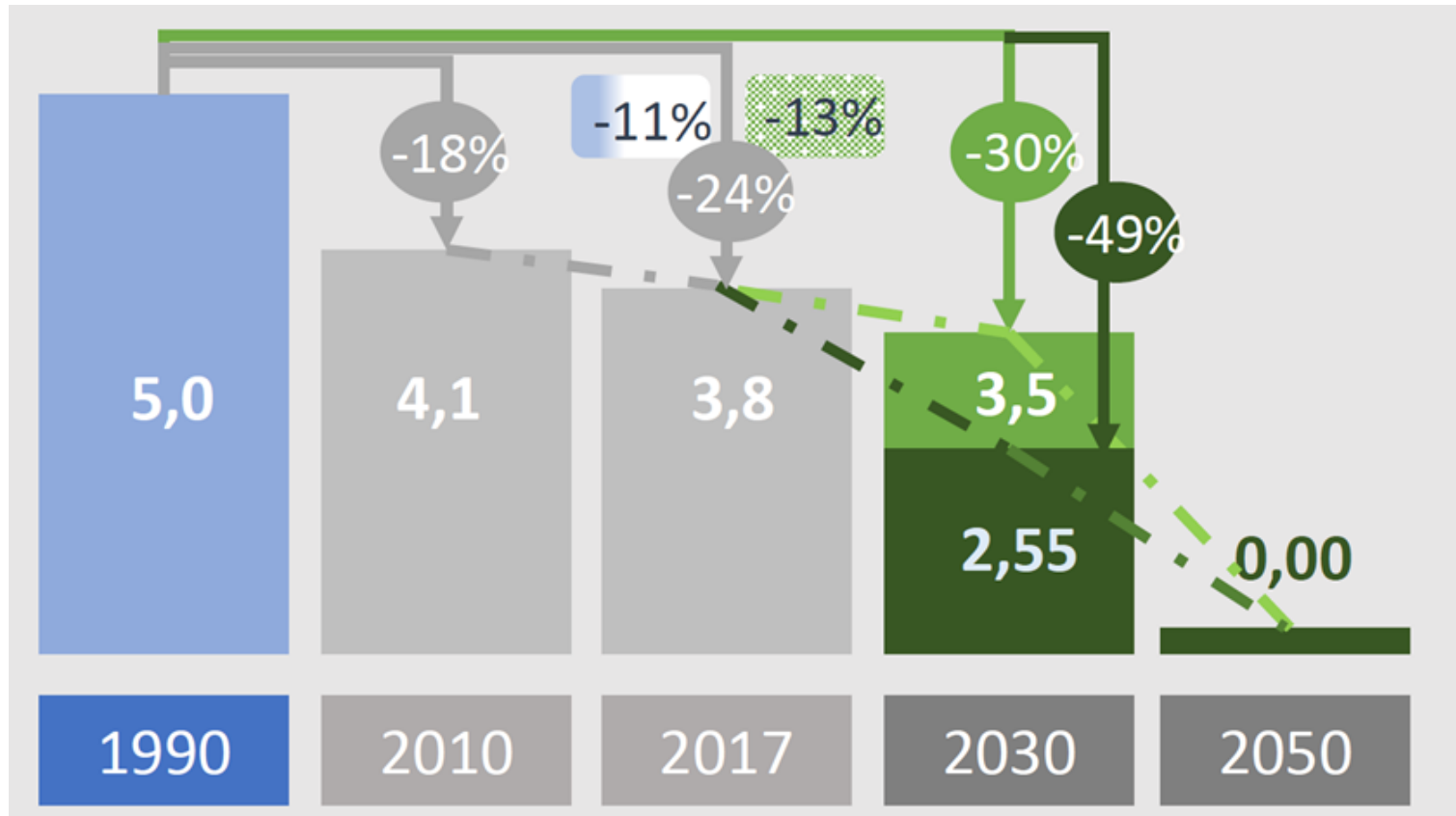
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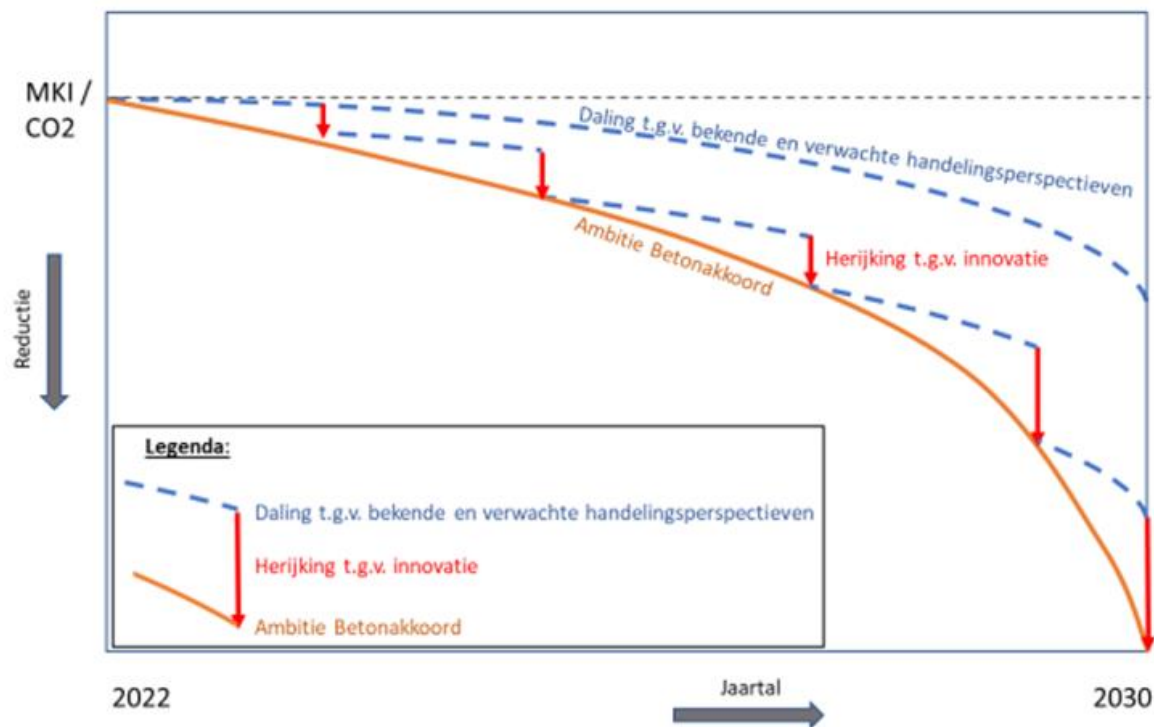
- New cements with lower CO<sub>2</sub>-emission (new types of clinker like Ternocem, based on calcinated clay like LC3-50, CEM II cements with less clinker, ...)
- Clinker replacing reactive fillers (like ground lava, LD-steel slag, municipal incinerated bottom ash, waste glass, ....)
- Alkali-activated binder (geopolymer, hybrid systems)
- Improved particle size distribution (especially fillers)
- Hardening accelerators
- Performance based mixture design
- Sustainable energy sources for transport and production
- Use of secondary aggregates and fillers (recycled concrete)
- Reuse of concrete buildings and elements (e.g. beams)



## Where are we now?



- 49% reduction in 2030 will most likely be achieved using present developments
- To reach 100% reduction we need new innovations





**Thank you four your attention!!**



**Any questions?**