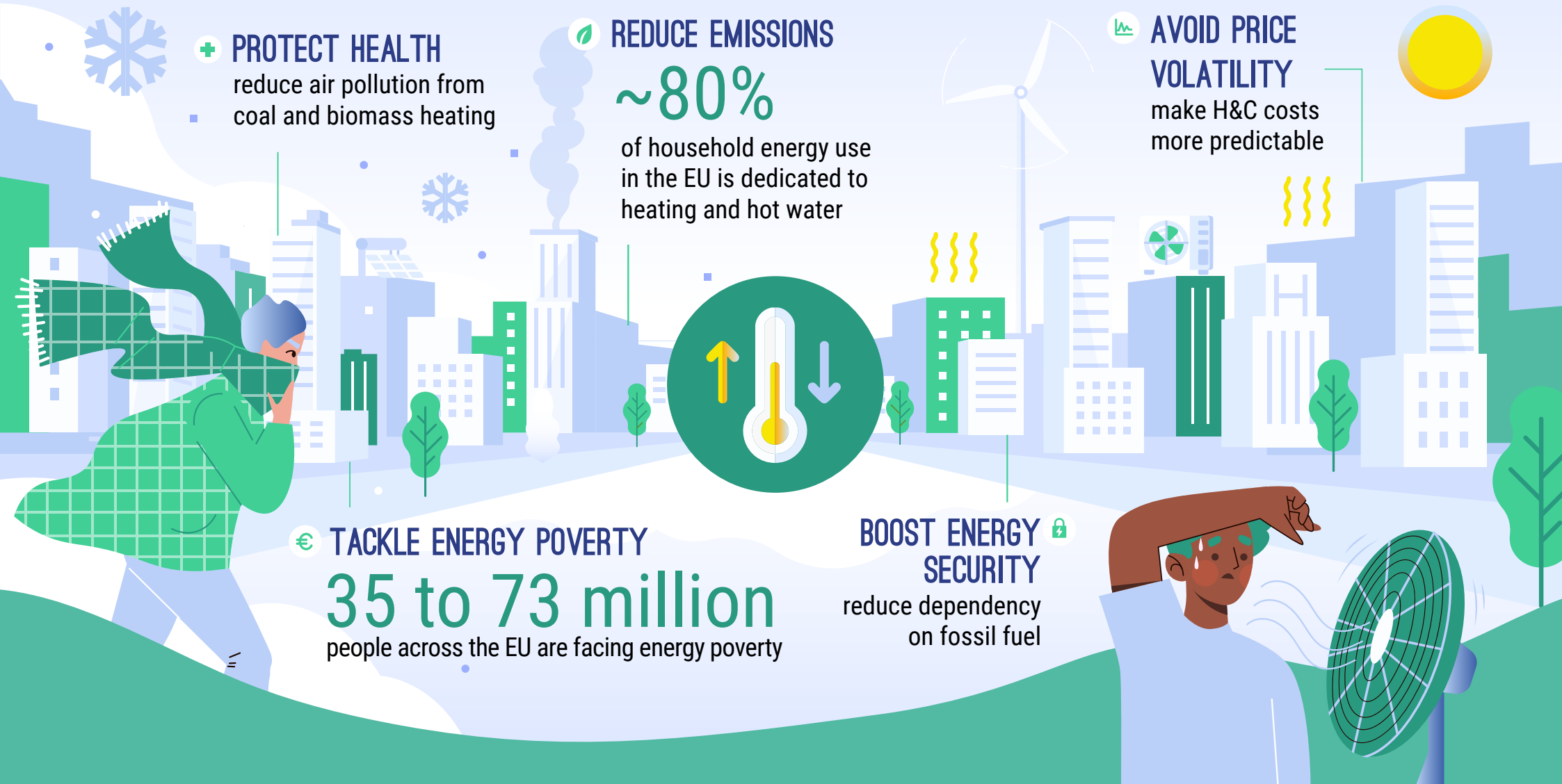


WHY DOES THE EU NEED A HEATING AND COOLING STRATEGY?

Heating and cooling (H&C) represent almost half of the EU's energy use. A H&C Action Plan is crucial to:



HOW CAN THE HEATING AND COOLING STRATEGY SUPPORT CITIES?

This strategy should establish clear decarbonisation pathways for industrial and urban heat, accelerate permitting processes, and unlock investment in clean technologies and infrastructure by providing:

- Best practice examples & exchanges between city planners
- Dedicated funding mechanisms
- Clear guidelines
- Technology guidance
- Programmes up-skilling city planners
- Support the development of one-stop-shops
- Monitoring and implementation of municipalities' development plans to meet 2030 and 2040 targets

A SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY MUST ALSO ENABLE SYSTEM-WIDE CHANGE



The EU should support regional collaboration, enabling small and cross-border municipalities to pool resources and expertise through joint technical offices.