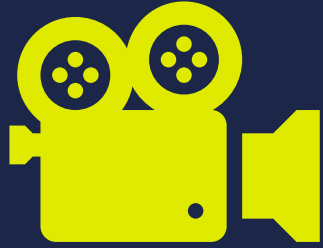


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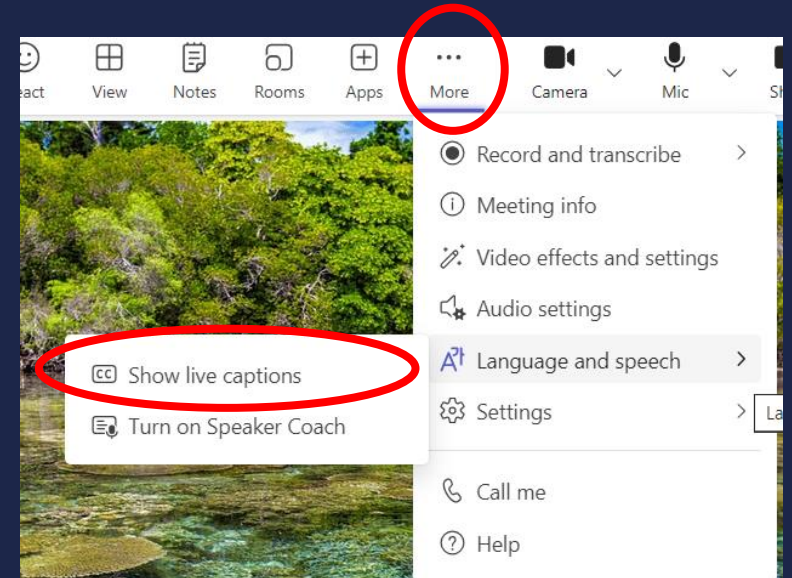




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## Overall objective

To deliver transformative, nature positive action across sports by 2030 and beyond, **enabling sports to champion nature and contribute to its protection and restoration.**

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# Interlinkages between nature and climate change

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## Negative Loop

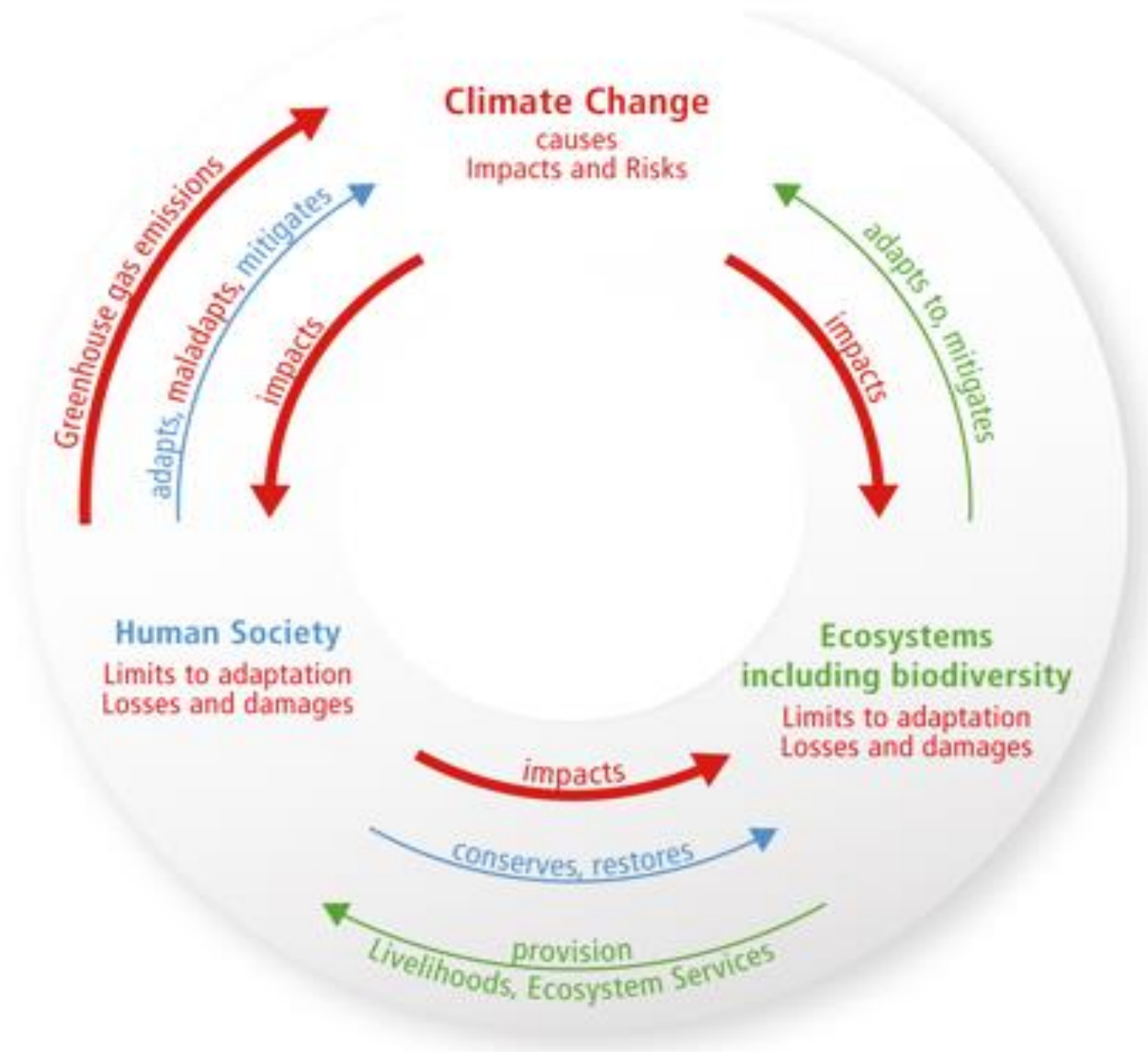


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# Best Available Science



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# Science Calls for Urgent Action



CLIMATE ACTION

**IPCC report: urgent climate action needed to halve emissions by 2030**

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**Global report calls for urgent action to reverse biodiversity loss**

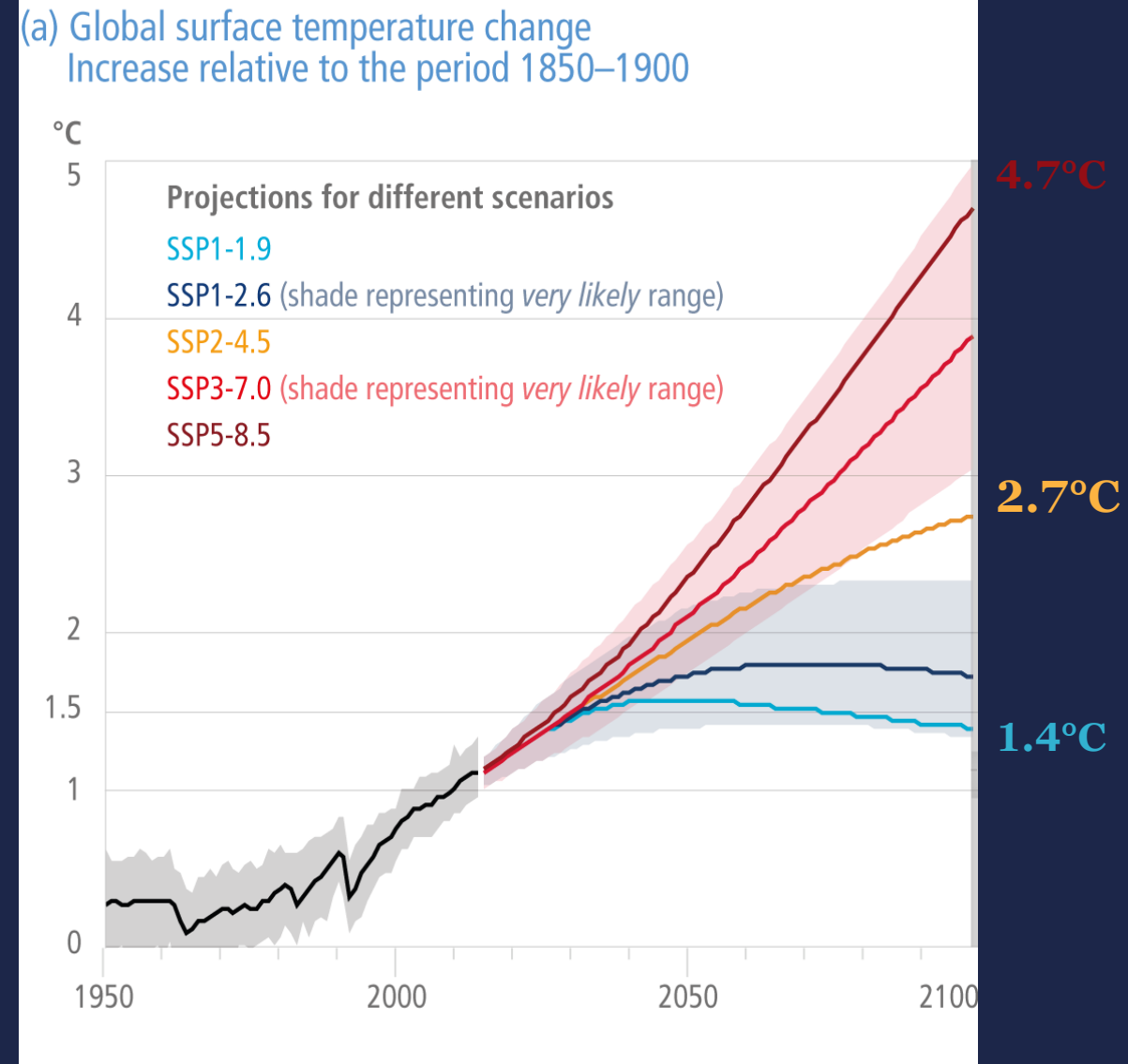
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# Impacts on Sport

Ways the dual climate-nature crisis is already affecting sport:

- Cancelled games due to air quality (E.g., N America wildfire haze 2023)
- Marathon times moved to midnight or cancelled due to heat (E.g., World Athletics Championships 2019)
- Flooded and polluted venues causing cancellation (E.g., Rugby World Cup 2019)
- Shorter ski seasons & increased use of artificial snow (E.g., Winter Olympics 2022)
- Introduction of extreme weather policies, water breaks (E.g., Roland Garros)
- Outdoor crowd misting and fan systems (E.g., Qatar World Cup 2022)



# Looking towards solutions

## Positive Loop

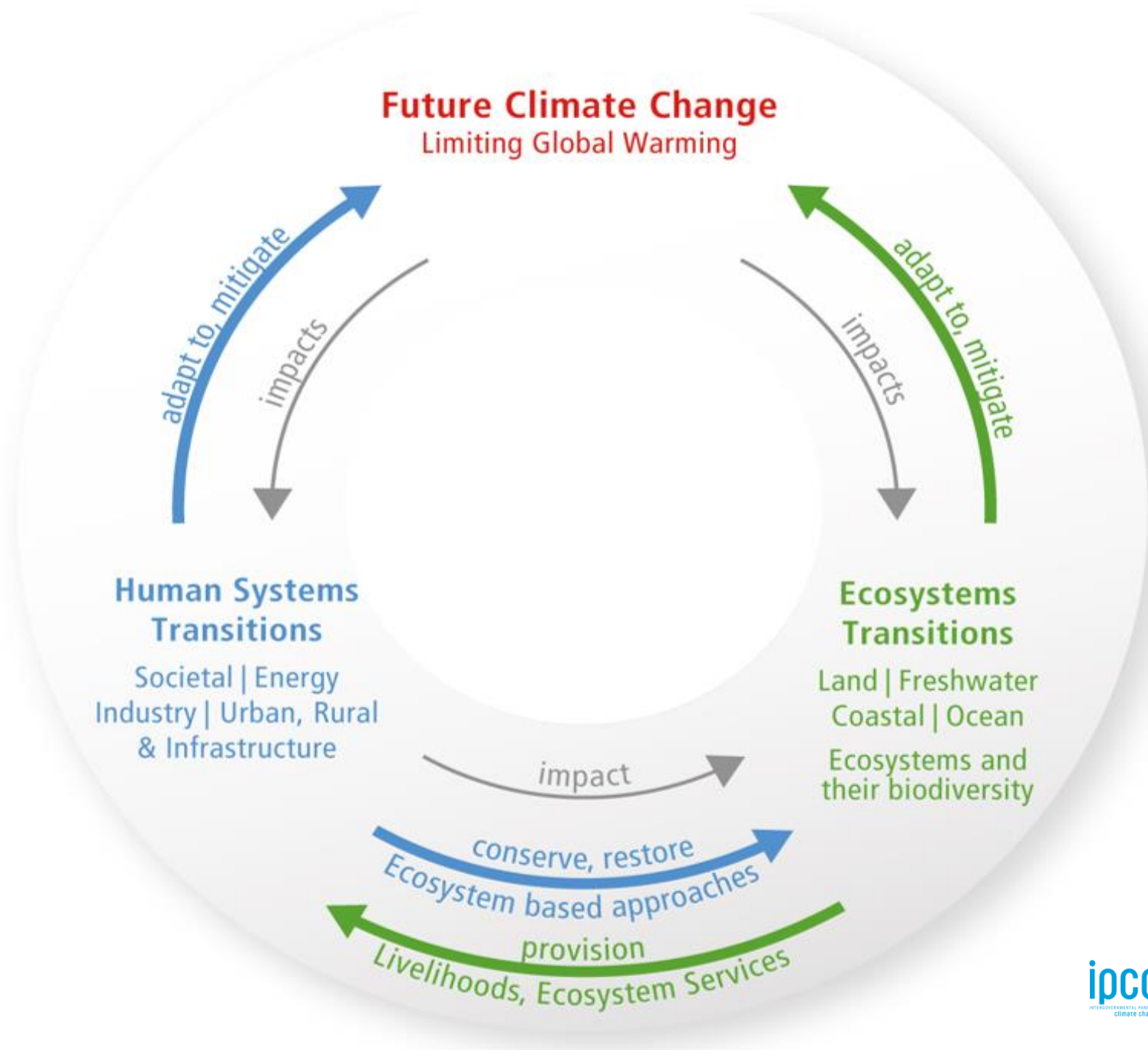


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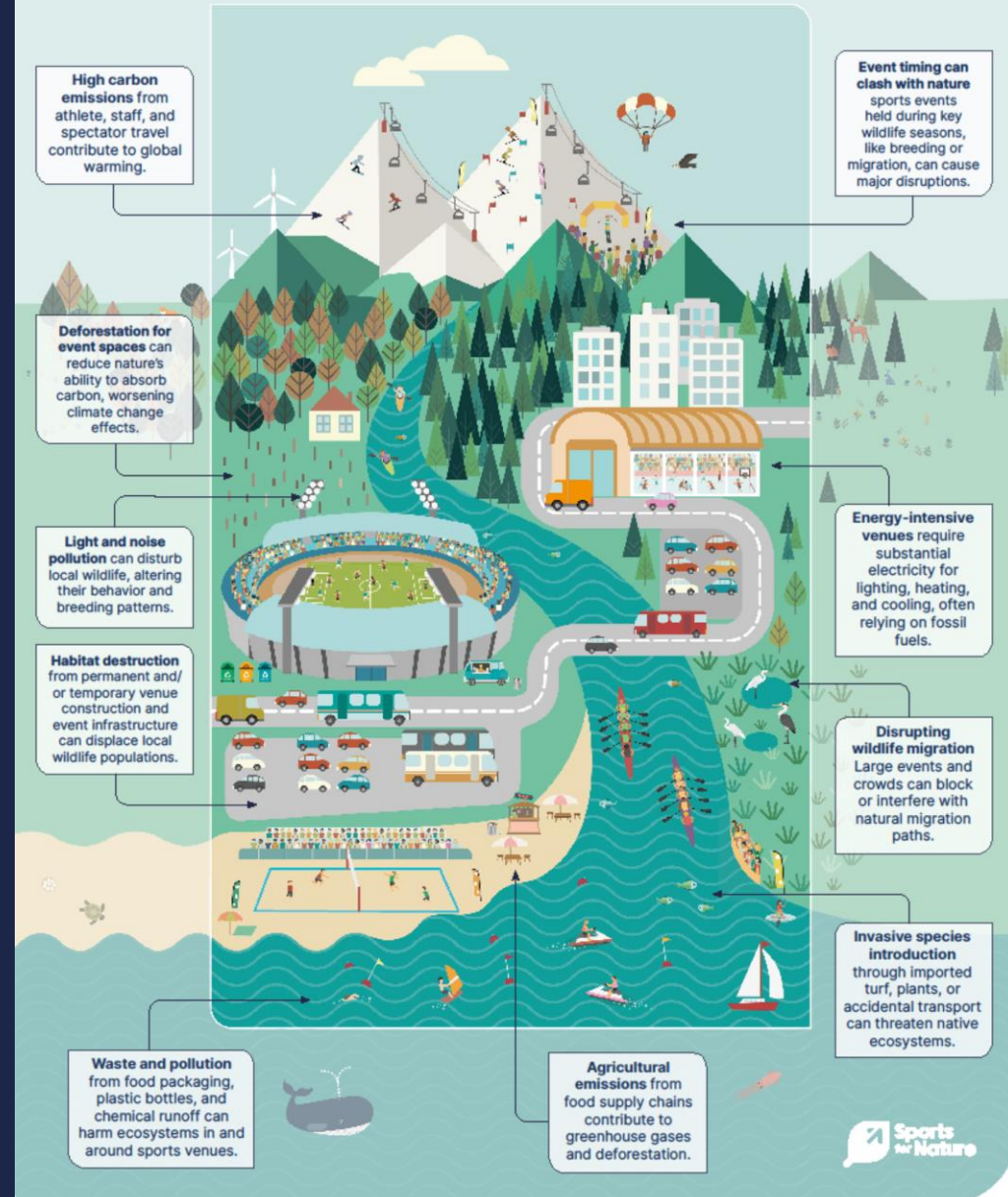
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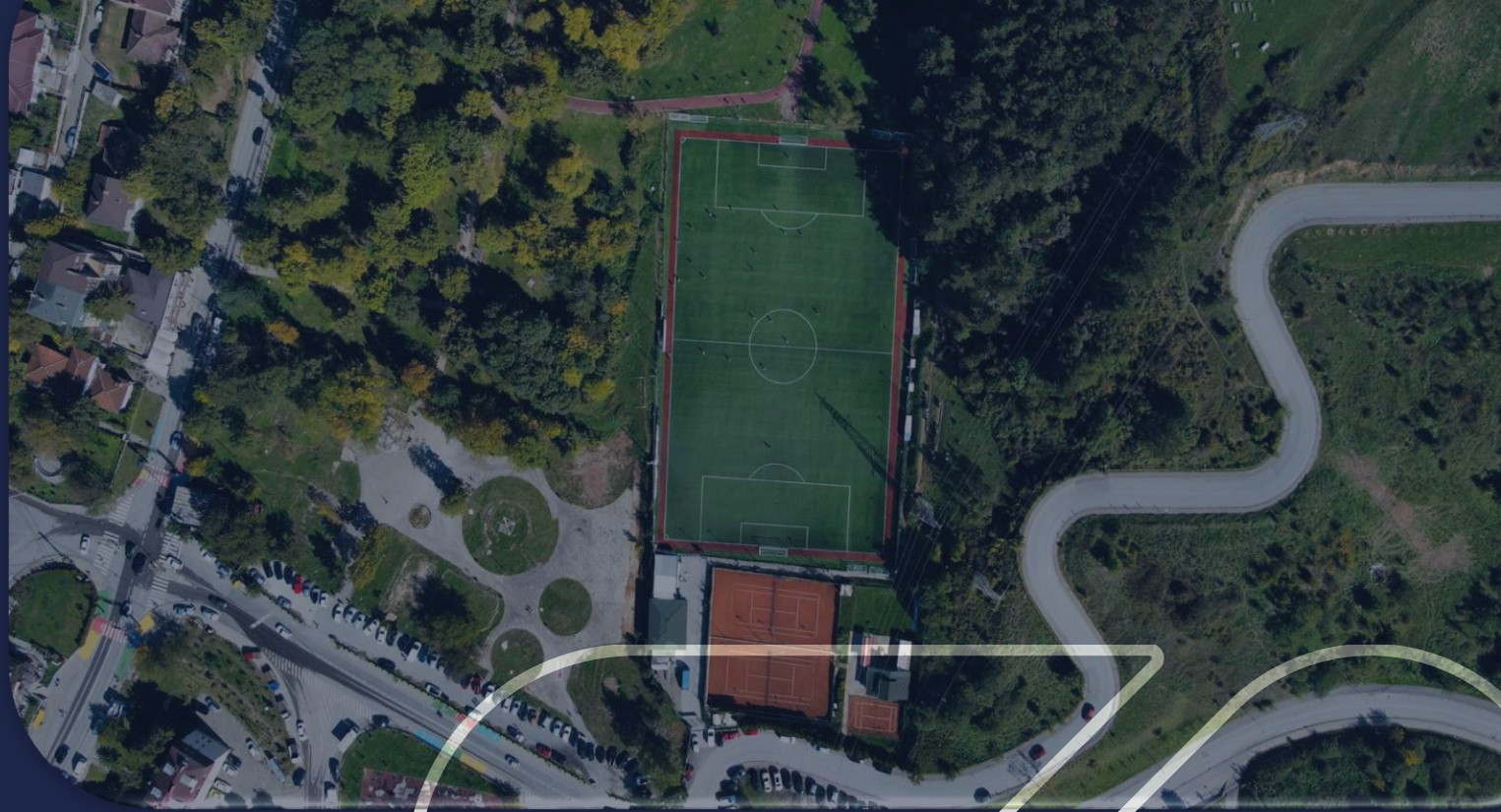
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