02. Behavioral challenges and EU policies on circular economy

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Circular consumption Activities to tRansform households toward material Efficiency

Horizon Europe Project 2024-2027





What is the CARE project about?

- Our objective: To transform a total of 100 households in five European countries into circular model households regarding the material flows of food or clothing.
- The CARE pilots will be implemented in five regions - both urban and rural - that are part of the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative (CCRI).



The pilots will contain: customized, inclusive, and cost-free circular advisory services and interventions that target changes in consumption practices.

We will measure improvement in material efficiency, living conditions, and sustainable wellbeing using life cycle assessment (LCA), especially the Product Environmental Footprint (PEF).





Pilot locations

CCRI pilot areas:

- **Tampere region**, ulletFinland
- Asker, Norway ullet
- Gothenburg, ullet









CCRI fellow areas:

- Lääne-Harju, ullet
 - Estonia
- Berlin, Germany \bullet





Our goal: Reducing food and clothing waste

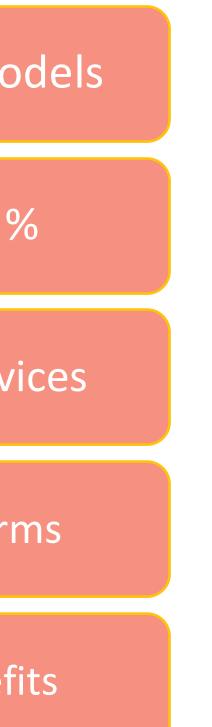
Transform households into circular role models

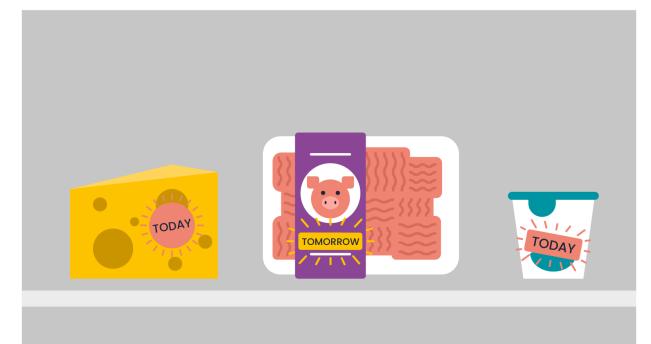
Reduce material inefficiencies by 30-50 %

Deliver replicable and scalable advisory services

Foster systemic change through policy reforms

Create environmental and community benefits











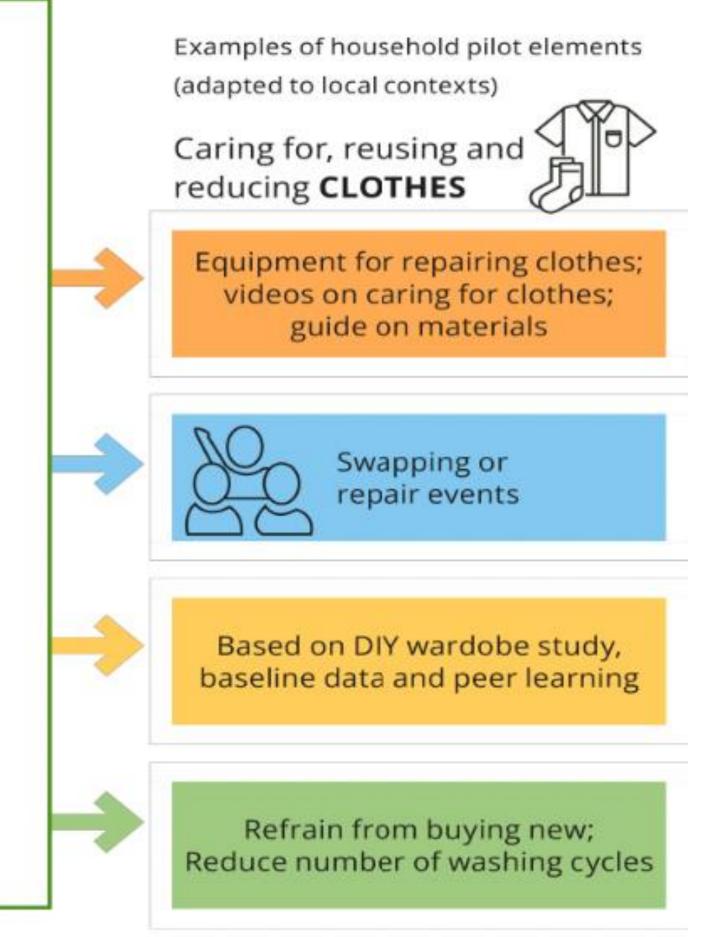
Changing behaviours of 100 households



Figure 4 Key elements of CARE pilots, and examples of plot elements in the circular food and circular clothing pilots.

KEY ELEMENTS OF ALL PILOTS

- Knowledge and equipment (videos, guides, materials)
- Social dimension (social networks, local communities)
- Customized advice (linked to advisory services)
- Challenges to change practices (at least 2 challenges per pilot)





How can we reach people?





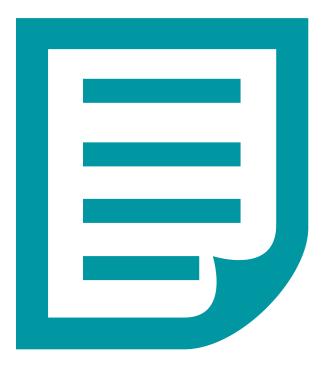
15 kg/yr

EU citizens buy an average of around 15 kg of clothing and textiles per year.











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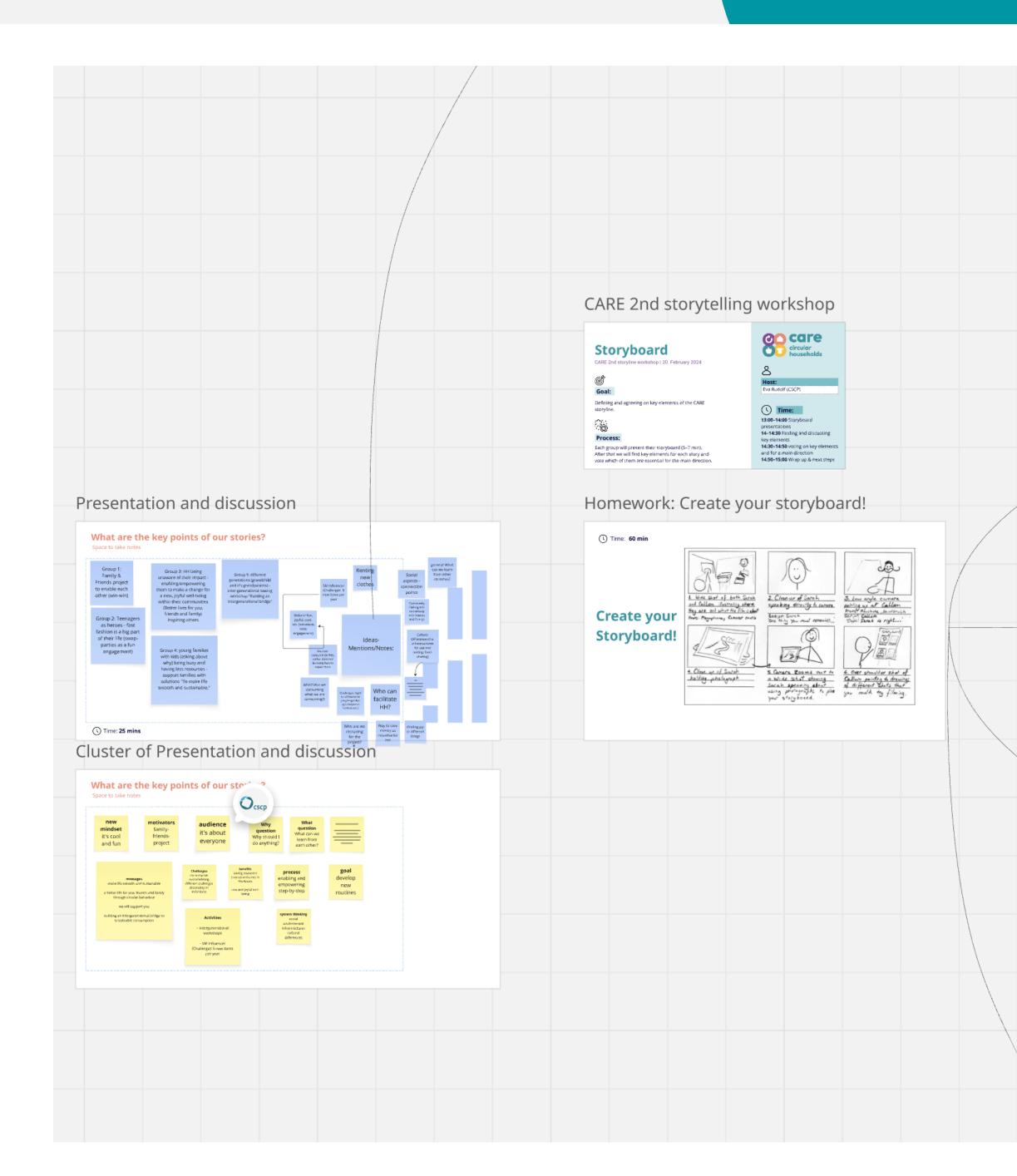




Storytelling as a tool to connect with people







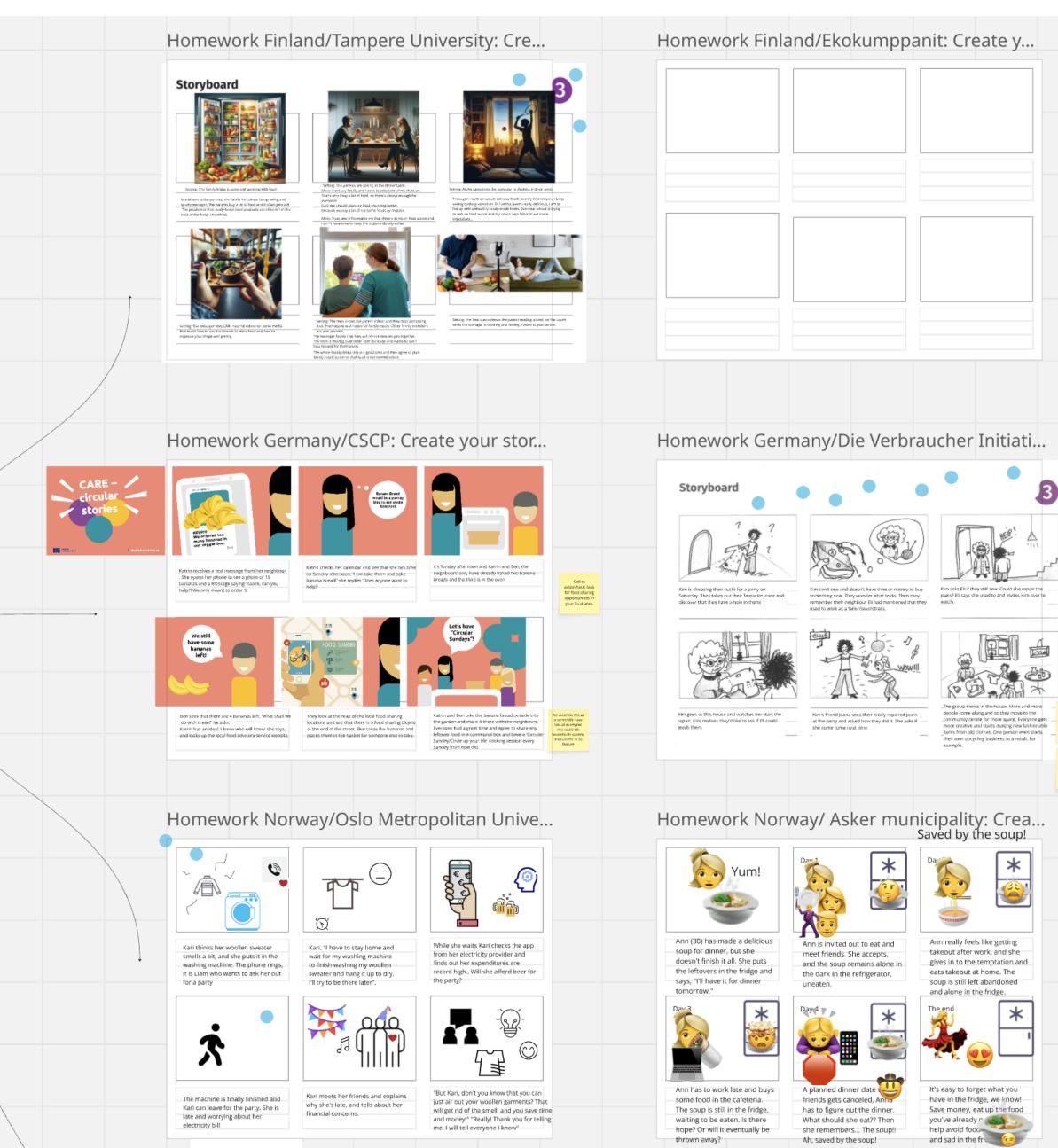




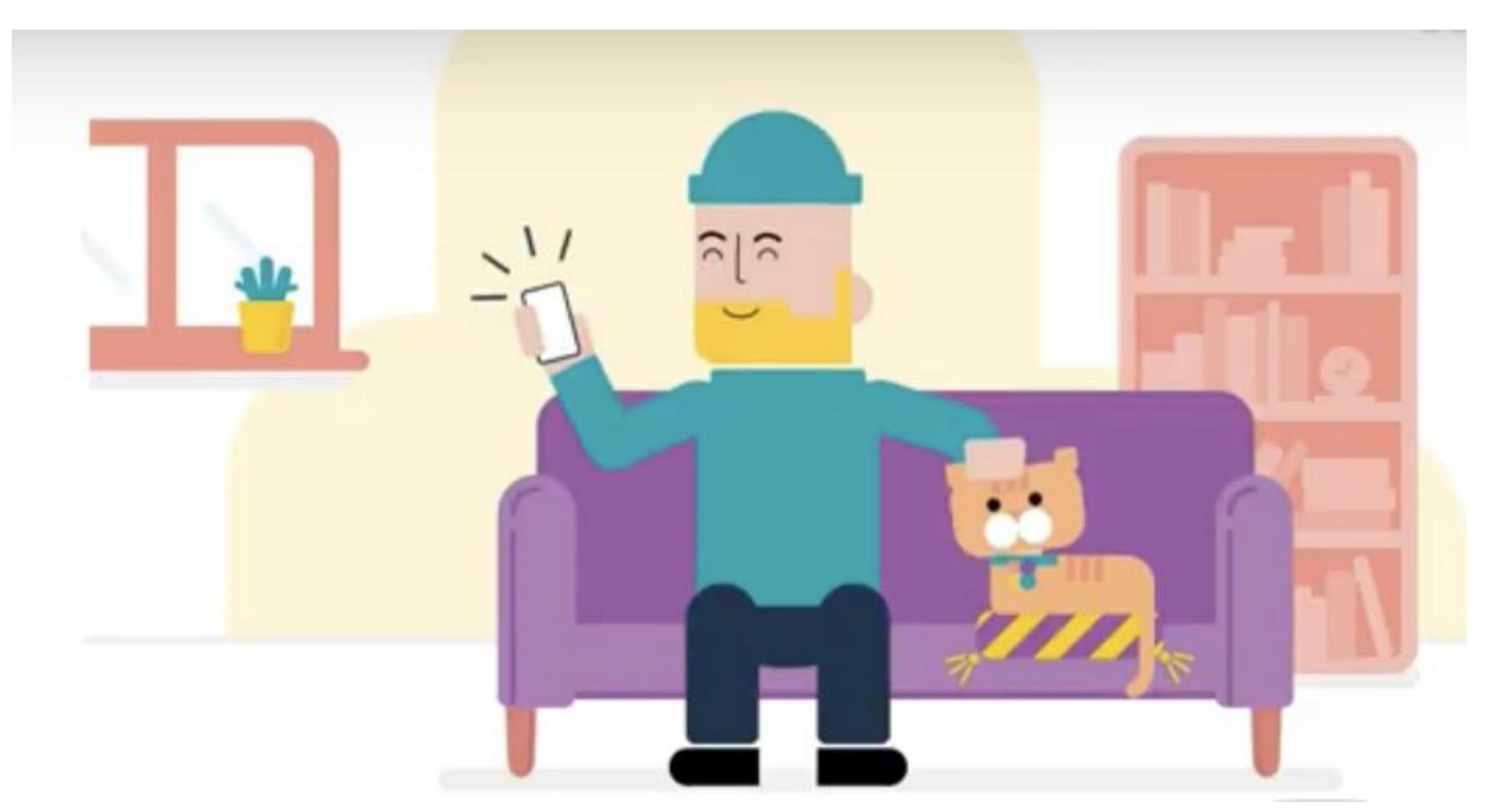
Photo from Human Centred Design Workshop in Norway





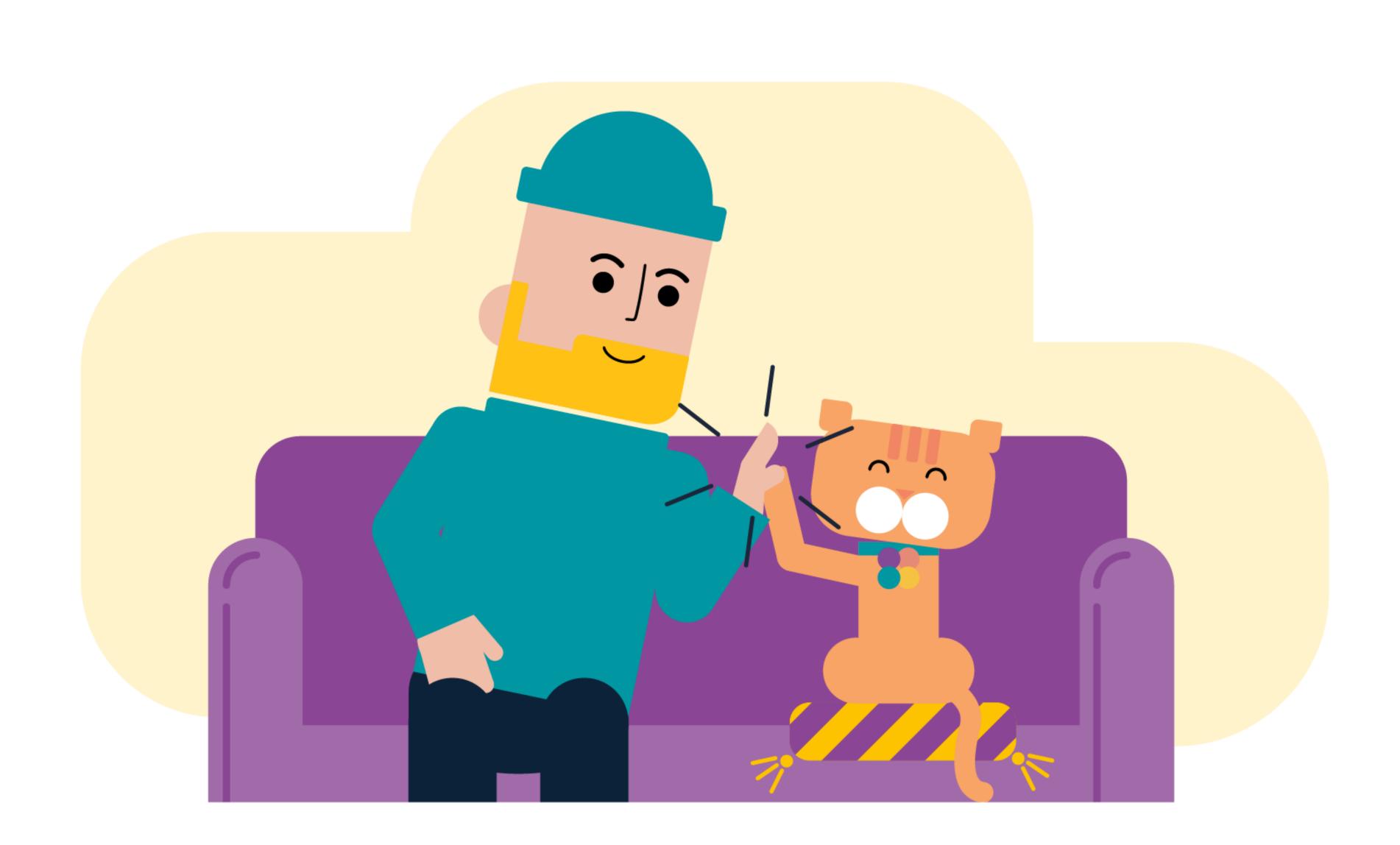














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