

Environmental Policy

The Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) is a liaison body for official Nordic co-operation. The NCM office in Estonia is a foothold to extend co-operation to Estonia, coordinating and implementing a wide range of topics and projects of mutual interest to Estonia and the Nordic countries as well as the other Baltic States.

The environment has been one of the cornerstones of this partnership. Concern for environmental challenges is embedded in daily agendas across the Nordics and increasingly so elsewhere.

In carrying out our activities, we acknowledge that they also affect our ecosystem. In order to live up to our rhetoric and reduce our own impact on the environment we have designed and implemented an environmental management plan.

Senior management have defined the organisation's environmental policy and ensure that, within the defined scope of its environmental management system, it:

- includes a commitment to continual improvement and prevention of pollution;
- includes a commitment to comply with legal and other requirements to which the organisation subscribes related to its environmental aspects;
- provides the framework for at least the annual setting and reviewing of environmental objectives and targets; and
- is documented, implemented and maintained.

However, merely complying with environmental legislation is not sufficient as a pre-requisite to ensuring sustainable ecosystems. Going beyond this is inevitable.

We commit ourselves to the following:

- minimizing the negative impact caused by business travel and mobility or offsetting its negative consequences;
- reducing electricity consumption or making it greener;
- making paper consumption more efficient;
- introducing green purchasing policies (ICT, paper, chemicals, office supplies etc.);
- preventing waste generation and advancing recycling;
- imposing green requirements on contractors and service providers whenever possible;
- integrating regular eco-management accounts into annual reports;
- continuously monitoring our environmental performance and setting new targets; and
- further raising public awareness and endorsing policies and activities contributing to sustainable development.

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