

# Environmental Approach (Policy)

ECDC is an EU agency aimed at strengthening Europe's defences against infectious diseases. The core functions cover a wide spectrum of activities: surveillance, epidemic intelligence, response, scientific advice, microbiology, preparedness, public health training, international relations, health communication and the scientific journal Eurosurveillance.

As a consequence of its activities, ECDC also has an impact on the environment, directly and indirectly.

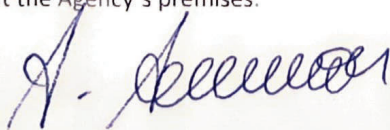
The most prominent environmental aspects are those connected to travel and mobility, resource consumption, and procurement of services and goods. To help us minimize, manage, and have continuous improvement of our environmental performance, we have implemented the Environmental Management System (EMS) according to the Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS).

Our vision is to be a more sustainable and resource-efficient agency, and to achieve that we are committed to:

- ✓ Minimize our climate impact, starting from reducing CO2 emission;
- ✓ Minimize resource consumption through sustainable procurement and efficient use of materials;
- ✓ Adopt relevant environmental standards and requirements in all areas of internal operations;
- ✓ Assess internal activities and identify areas to continuously improve environmental performance;
- ✓ Continuously monitor energy and resources consumption in order to reduce, whenever possible, environmental impacts;
- ✓ Manage and minimize waste through careful and efficient use of materials;
- ✓ Purchase sustainable products and materials wherever feasible (e.g., recycled, FSC or low environmental impact products);
- ✓ Enhance environmental requirements in procurement procedures;
- ✓ Reduce risks from environmental, health or safety hazards for employees and others in the vicinity of its operations.
- ✓ Promote environmental responsibility of staff by increasing awareness of the environmental impacts of their work activities;
- ✓ Comply with all environmental relevant legislation and regulations, where applicable to ECDC;
- ✓ Publicize our environmental statement.

This approach covers all the Agency's operations, including staff activities when on mission or travelling. The approach also applies to all other people present the Agency's premises.

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