

EEA ENVIRONMENT POLICY



The European Environment Agency recognises that it has a special responsibility, as the only European Union body dedicated exclusively to providing information for protecting the environment, to show leadership in its own environmental management and performance.

On the positive side, the Agency believes that the information it provides has an important beneficial impact on Europe's environment by giving policymakers a sound basis for action and raising public awareness to protect the environment. The Agency is developing systems to assure the quality of its outputs and to evaluate their effectiveness in environmental terms.

However, like other organisations, the EEA also consumes natural resources and pollutes the environment through its operations. Therefore, the Agency is committed:

Our commitments

» to minimising the environmental impact of its everyday work, e.g. using recycled paper and printing on both sides.

» to continuously improving its environmental performance, e.g. meeting increasingly demanding in-house energy efficiency targets.

» to complying with all environmentally relevant legislation in its host country.

This will be done while taking into account the need to safeguard the occupational health and safety of those working at the Agency.

The Agency recognises the need to give priority to minimising the environmental impacts of

- running of EEA offices;
- procurement;
- business travel.

These will be reviewed as part of the annual review and preparation of annual management plan. The EEA will keep other areas under review and give priority to minimising their impacts as and when the need arises.

Regarding travel by Agency employees to and from the workplace, the EEA's policy is to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport.

The EEA environment policy covers Agency staff as well as all non-EEA personnel working on a regular basis at the Agency's premises in Copenhagen, such as consultants and catering contractors.

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