



THS POLICY FOR CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

Formalities

Background

Contributing to ecologically sustainable development and limiting climate change is a shared responsibility for all of society's individuals and actors. The Student Union at KTH (THS), conducts several operations with varying climate impact, and through its position as representative for all KTH students has a considerable influence in various contexts. It is therefore important that THS takes its climate responsibility seriously, and acts in a way that adds long-term benefits to its members.

Purpose

The purpose of the Policy for climate and environment is to simplify the environmental work within THS by maintaining a clear direction and level of THS climate responsibility.

Fundamental principles

THS own climate imprint

- Within and between THS's various operations, there should be an opportunity to **share material assets** and thus **reduce new consumption**.
- The use of **disposable items and hand-out materials should be avoided** to the greatest possible extent.
- **Sorting of waste** to enable recycling should be carried out as far as possible.
- **Food with a low climate footprint** should be promoted in all parts of THS operations. If meat is offered, it should always be an active choice.
- **Environmentally friendly travel options** should be chosen if it does not cause significant financial or administrative problems.
- **Energy efficiency of premises**, heating and equipment should be taken into account whenever possible.

Influence

Outwardly, THS should set a good example and use its influence to work towards a more sustainable society as well as encourage the organizations where THS conducts influence work to actively work on sustainability issues.

In relation to KTH, THS should primarily work to ensure that the institution develops the sustainability perspective in all programs and provides the students with effective and relevant tools to meet the climate challenges of the future. THS should also consider that KTH as an organization minimizes its own climate footprint.



Communication

THS shall communicate the environmental work performed by the organization so that both members and the outside world can access the information. The purpose of communication should be to highlight the progress that is being made and to inspire others to action.

A section of the THS Operational Report should be devoted to reporting on climate work within the organization and the progress or challenges that have arisen in the area.

Responsibility and follow-up

The chair or other person responsible for the chapter, association, or other group at THS is responsible for ensuring that the policy is followed in their organization.

THS Union Board shall, through owner and business directives, require THS companies, staff and restaurant operations to prioritize and develop their sustainability work and take the above principles into account.

THS Central shall support chapters and union associations in their environmental work and promote coordination and knowledge exchange within the organization. Within THS Central, there shall be a body with pronounced responsibility for climate issues.