

ENVIRONMENT POLICY



Consensus
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STUDENTKÅR

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Background and purpose

Consensus' work should contribute to a long-term sustainable society. This is achieved through having the organization be influenced by an awareness of the responsibilities and consequences regarding activities that would impact the environment since Consensus' business often calls for a need to commute. In today's society, there are several options for means of travel and they all imply different consequences for the environment, economy, and efficiency in time spent traveling.

This policy intends to lay out the responsibilities and commitments which Consensus' as an organisation have in their duties to promote sustainable development from an environmental point of view.

Consensus should take into account to the environmental work at Linköping's University. Therefore, Consensus should have insight in actual actions to promote sustainable development and be updated with knowledge and information from the environmental issues in the society.

Consensus will encourage and support environmental work within LiU, committees and other parties who Consensus interacts with.

Purchase

The organization of Consensus should take heed of environmental aspects during purchases. This could be through choosing organic, locally produced or eco-labeled products when they are available. The organization will strive towards using these reusable resources in an efficient manner. Consensus should continuously value before purchasing products and consider sustainability when choosing products. The environmental aspect should always be weighed against the efficiency of time and cost.

Lighting and electronics

Consensus should work towards avoiding unnecessary electricity consumption as much as possible. Use of electricity and lightning should be done with awareness, without affecting quality of the working environment. When leaving the premises, lightning and electronics should be turned off to avoid unnecessary electricity consumption. When purchasing lightning, the environmental aspects should be weighed considered in relation to cost.

Waste

Consensus will work towards reducing the amount of waste in everyday business as well as recycle said waste in an environmentally proper way. This should apply to organizations conducted under Consensus such as the café and pub. Possibility of recycling should be given at events arranged by Consensus and associated organizations. The organization may reduce their waste in different ways, for example through avoiding single-use products, using



electronic resources instead of paper copies, and reduce food waste through climate-smart purchase and avoiding procure food in larger quantities than necessary.

Transport

Consensus' need for commuting or travel will be planned with consideration of environment, economy and time.

Walking, bicycling or Campusbus should be regarded as the primary transport during short trips, for example between Campus US and Campus Valla. Public transport is secondarily recommended considered to time efficiency and perspective of sustainability. Public transport should be weighed against cost- and time efficiency. The campus bus should be used during trips between Linköping and Norrköping. Meeting and other attendances should be planned with regards to the time of departure and arrival of the campus bus.

Traveling by train should be regarded as the primary transport during longer trips. Exceptions may be made with regard to inconvenience of transport or significant difference in price when there are other options available. These alternatives should be able to be argued from a perspective of sustainability.

Traveling by car should, be made with Consensus eco-friendly car and be planned in a manner that enables several passengers in the same vehicle to reduce unnecessary car journeys. When using the car the perspective of sustainability should be weighed. The car should be the last alternative, considered to the environmental affect and cost-and time efficiency.

Choice of transport should be as economically efficient as possible but also maintain a reasonable standard of travel, i.e. by reserving seats, but not booking first class tickets.

Vegetarian Options

Consensus should at events/activities/meetings that is arranged by Consensus always offer at least one vegetarian dietary alternative. At meetings organized by Consensus, where food is offered, vegetarian food (lacto-ovo) should generally be served.

