

# LundaEkonomerna Environmental Sustainability Policy



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## Environmental Sustainability Policy

### 1. Validity

This policy concerns all activities organized by LundaEkonomerna. The Board has the right to make exceptions to this policy.

### 2. Purpose and background

Climate change is one of the most critical global challenges of our generation and many more to come. Many students at Lund University have signed the “climate call” (Klimatuppropet) in spring 2019. The aim of this initiative is to urge Lund University to reduce its carbon footprint. LundaEkonomerna is supporting this initiative which served as the initial spark for the creation of this policy. This policy shall serve as our independent support and approach towards a more climate friendly student life. Our Union shall work continuously to decrease its environmental impact and ultimately be part of the solution not the problem. This policy aims to steer and direct the activities of LundaEkonomerna towards a reduction of our environmental impact that is created by our activities.

### 3. General Policy

#### 3.1 Food

Food served at all LE events shall, in general, be vegetarian as the standard option. Meat-based food can be served upon request and to a higher price. This price shall include an additional charge, which will be allocated to the “environmental disposition” fund and donated to environmental associations at the end of every fiscal year.

#### 3.2 Use of Disposables

Disposables can be used. However, a focus on environmentally friendly disposables is required. When using disposables, these need to be sorted and adequately recycled after using them. Skånis has plates and cutlery available for 30 people. Events at Skånis that require more of the latter can use disposables as an addition



to the existing cutlery. However, in general, the use of the existing plates and cutlery is required to minimize the waste impact.

### 3.3 Transportation

#### 3.3.1 Long Distance Travels

Transportation shall follow an environmentally friendly approach. Distances up to 680 km shall be taken by public transport, if possible. If flights, in general, need to be taken for context-specific reasons, environmental / CO2 compensation is required.

#### 3.3.2 Car Rental

If the Union is conducting activities that require the rental of cars, the prioritized option shall always be electric or hybrid cars if that is considered to be financially sustainable.

#### 3.3.3 Union Activities Abroad

Committees that conduct Union-related activities abroad, i.e. arranged vacations or business trips, shall use buses or trains and if possible, avoid flights. The team-building activity budget post should not be used for trips conducted by flying.

### 3.4 Recycling

Skånis has a recycling system. All members of LundaEkonomerna need to use this recycling system. All committees are required to have a recycling plan before the start of their event.

### 3.5 Use of Print

Printed media shall only be used in exceptional cases, eg:

- Corporate partners who have stated the use of print in their contracts.
- Posters by the Board with a long-term purpose and relevant information.

All other occasions need to be discussed with the committee's contact person in the Board beforehand. Digital marketing channels should always be fully used. LUSEM's



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printers shall not be used for printing LE material and The LE printer cannot be used to print private material.