

The European Training Foundation (ETF) is an Agency of the European Union. Its mandate is to contribute to human capital development in partner countries by delivering high-quality and timely support to the EU's external policies and actions, and providing relevant policy advice and targeted direct technical support to the partner countries. This aims to facilitate their development towards the adoption and implementation of policies that support the improvement of education and training systems and lifelong learning.

ETF, as an EU agency, is committed to contribute to the EU sustainable development goals<sup>1</sup> through a medium-term sustainability plan that acts on three pillars:

- protection of diversity and inclusion
- application of Green Public Procurement (GPP)
- promotion of environmental protection through its environmental management system

This policy and related actions contributes to the commitment of the European Commission to be carbon neutral by 2050.

In particular, with the aim of pushing the drivers of environmental sustainability, ETF has established in 2021, and choses to maintain, an Environmental Management System which complies with the EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS)<sup>2</sup> and ISO 14001 standard<sup>3</sup>. Within the overall regulatory framework, the ETF is committed to:

- Protecting the environment and minimize pollution through a sustainable use of resources;
- Complying with the relevant environmental legislation, regulations and other compliance obligations;
- Creating, maintaining and continuously improving the Environmental Management System and its environmental performance;
- Ensuring awareness of environmental issues and the active participation of all staff, with a view to reduce the ETF environmental impact;
- Encouraging suppliers and external stakeholders to abide by the environmental protection principles established by the ETF.

With the help of its Environmental Management System, the ETF pursues the following strategic environmental goals:

- To reach climate neutrality in its operations by 2030, by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 60% compared to 2005 (corresponding to approximatively 38% compared to 2019) and compensate for remaining emissions through carbon removals.

This goal is pursued through plans and actions inspired by this policy which act on:

- rational use of energy and material resources
- improvement and optimization of business trips and events
- increase in Green Public Procurement (GPP<sup>4</sup>)
- increase in environmental awareness of ETF stakeholders

The ETF makes available the resources necessary to implement its Environmental Policy and to achieve its strategic environmental goals, defined and communicated in the environmental declaration document. The ETF commits itself to carry out all planned activities in an effective and efficient manner. The ETF defines specific performance indicators and targets and reports annually on achievements in the ETF's Annual Activity Report.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/sustainable-development-goals\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/sustainable-development-goals_en)

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas/index\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas/index_en.htm)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.iso.org/standard/60857.html>

<sup>4</sup> [https://green-business.ec.europa.eu/green-public-procurement\\_en](https://green-business.ec.europa.eu/green-public-procurement_en)

The ETF Environmental Policy is public. The policy applies to all staff or external persons and activities related to ETF activities and performed on or off-site.



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