

# UPPSALAEKONOMERNA STUDENT UNION ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY





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# **Environmental Policy of Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union**

## **1. Introduction**

Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union works with environmental sustainability in order to take our part in creating a better and more sustainable world. The following policy has been created in order to concretize how the union is working with environmental sustainability and is supposed to work as a guideline for all members of the union. As a union with a large number of members we have an opportunity to work proactively with decreasing our ecological footprint.

## **2. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to concretize how environmental sustainability permeates Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union. The policy is supposed to work as a guideline for the committees and their project groups in their operative work. The goal of the policy is that the union should work actively towards having as little impact on the climate as possible.

## **3. Vision**

Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union should be a role model within environmental sustainability amongst other student associations and student unions across Sweden.

## **4. Monitoring**

Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union should, in their annual report, describe how the union has worked with sustainability during the fiscal year.

## **5. Food**

Lacto-ovo vegetarian and vegan options should always be offered during an event hosted by the union. Food that is provided free of charge during an event hosted by the union, internal as well as external, should be lacto-ovo vegetarian or vegan.

## **6. Recycling**

It should always be clear where one can recycle at Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union's premises.

## **7. Disposable Items**

Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union strives to use as few single-use plastic articles as possible. The union is cautious with other disposable items and strives to use them as little as possible.

## **8. Material and Sponsored Products**

Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union is cautious with purchasing new products and receiving sponsored products and it should always be considered whether the product's benefit for the member is worth its impact on the environment. The union strives to reuse sponsored products to the extent possible. The union should each semester review what products and materials that can be donated to charity.

## **9. Transportation**

Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union travels by train to the extent possible and it should always be the alternative that is considered first. If traveling by train is not an option, the union should strive to climate-compensate bus and car travels.

Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union does not use air travel as a transport alternative within the Nordic countries (excluding Iceland) or for leisure purposes. Exceptions may be made in consultation with the Board of Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union if none of the above alternatives is defensible or if special reasons exist.

## **10. Education Regarding Environmental Sustainability**

Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union should strive to educate all elected members on environmental sustainability. Project groups should be well informed about the policy and work actively in order to have a minimum impact on the climate.



## **11. Asset Management**

Uppsalaekonomerna Student Union should strive to make environmentally conscious decisions regarding investments and the stock portfolio should not have shares in oil companies.