



THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

# SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

The Student Association at the Stockholm School of Economics (SASSE)

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# 1. GOALS

It is of utmost importance that SASSE acts in a sustainable manner throughout the whole organisation to

achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. All functionaries and elected officials of SASSE should recognise that sustainability is a matter of urgency, and that SASSE is responsible to deliver its share for a sustainable society, given the current climate crisis.

All elected officials and functionaries of SASSE shall aim to reduce their carbon-emissions and environmental impact within, but not limited to, the following scopes:

- a) Travels, such as benchmarking trips of committees, excursions, or travels that are fully or partially funded by SASSE and represents the organisation, committees or independent projects;
- b) Events, such lunch lectures;
- c) The implementation of new projects.

# 2. DEFINITION

SASSE defines sustainability as all aspects pertinent to Environmental Sustainability, following the ESG regulations. Although SASSE also recognizes the significance of Social and Economic sustainability, this policy does not cover the aforementioned sectors as other bodies within SASSE are already committed to their fulfilment.

# **3. ORGANISATIONAL BODIES**

SASSE maintains two bodies concerned with operational and strategic sustainability work:

- a) The Sustainability Representative.
- b) The SASSE Sustainability Group.

Both functions exist to help SASSE reach the objectives stated in the annual Sustainability Plan as well as this Sustainability Policy with the set target of carbon-neutrality by 2030.

# 4. REPORTING

SASSE shall strive to implement sustainability work in all activities and decisions of the organisation. Based on these efforts, SASSE shall implement sustainability reporting for internal usage and further improvement of its sustainability routines. The report shall follow the transparency principle and be based on both SDG and GRI disclosures, which are in turn built upon the environmental aspects of ESG principles.

### 5. SASSE's AMBITION

It is SASSE's ambition that:

a) Through education, knowledge of sustainability is spread and sustainable awareness of the members is enhanced;

- b) Recycling will contribute to a greener environment and SASSE's recycling routines are constantly improved;
- c) Through a zero-waste policy, every event and banquet shall attempt to minimise excess resources;
- d) Its use of water and energy in every line of its operations is carried out in a manner that prevents unnecessary consumption of resources.
- e) Existing resources are reused, and not bought on a frequent and wasteful basis. If new procurement is necessary, one should always try to purchase from sustainable suppliers that take their social responsibility and work on reducing their environmental impact.

#### 6. SASSE's POSITION

It is SASSE's position that:

- a) The contact information to the Sustainability Representative should be easily accessible for all students (who want or need it). All contact with the representatives is handled with confidentiality and everyone should have the possibility to contact them anonymously;
- b) Potential SASSE's partners should clearly outline their path to carbon neutrality. If there is any doubt, potential partners must be investigated and approved by the Student Association Board;
- c) Travels and activities conducted as part of official SASSE operations that are fully or partially funded by the organisation shall be conducted such that their carbon emissions and environmental impact are minimised to the extent that is feasible. This includes but is not limited to avoiding air travel domestically and ensuring that international travel is environmentally offset.