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The European University Institute (EUI) is a leading institution in Europe in the fields of social sciences and humanities, offering doctoral, post-doctoral, master's, and executive education programs. It was established by the **Convention of April 19, 1972** (Law no. 920 of December 23, 1972, published in the Official Gazette no. 19 of January 23, 1973), ratified by the Member States of the European Community with the aim of providing advanced academic education to researchers and doctoral students, and promoting research at the highest level.

The EUI community consists of approximately 1,300 members, including researchers, faculty, and administrative staff from over 60 different countries.

The legal headquarters are located at the Badia Fiesolana in Via dei Roccettini in San Domenico-di Fiesole (Florence).

ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY


The **European University Institute** recognizes the imperative need for action to address the ongoing climate crisis and formally commits to contributing in a systematic and thoughtful manner by actively participating in the synergistic efforts promoted by the international community.

COMMITMENT

The **mission** of the Institute is to "create an intellectually stimulating environment where new insights can emerge to foster the progress of our societies," and thus it cannot disregard the responsible management of resources, aimed at the continuous improvement of environmental performance.

In line with the EMAS Regulation, the EUI commits to:

- Collecting data on its environmental performance;
- Setting concrete objectives to reduce impacts;
- Preventing any form of pollution related to its activities;
- Protecting the biodiversity of the areas in which it operates;
- Implementing measures aimed at energy efficiency and promote the use of energy from renewable sources;
- Involving all suppliers (subcontractors) in improving their environmental performance related to activities carried out at and for the Institute;
- Defining specific indicators to monitor achieved results;
- Developing a well-planned strategy to reduce the environmental impact of its activities;
- Continuously monitoring the results achieved;

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- Complying with all environmental regulations and obligations under Italian law, as well as with voluntary commitments made during the EMAS Registration process;
- Raising awareness within the EUI community on environmental sustainability issues and keeping them informed about the Institute's performance.

More Specifically, the EUI is committed to improving its impact in the following areas:

- **ENERGY:** improvement of energy efficiency;
- **WATER:** better management of water resources;
- **WASTE:** reduction of waste produced and increase in waste separation rates;
- **OFFICE MATERIALS:** reduction in the use of paper;
- **MOBILITY:** promotion of sustainable mobility;
- **PROCUREMENT:** application of environmental evaluation criteria in procurement processes;
- **GHG EMISSIONS:** reduction of greenhouse gas emissions

TOOLS

To formalize its commitment, the EUI has chosen to adopt the environmental management tool developed by the European Commission, the **Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS)**.

This scheme involves the structuring and implementation of an **Environmental Management System (EMS) aimed at the continuous improvement** of environmental performance.


The implementation of an EMS has enabled the identification of key areas of environmental impact for the Institute, systematic data collection related to these areas, and careful analysis of this data. This has provided the foundation for drafting an effective plan of concrete actions to improve environmental performance, along with continuous monitoring of the results achieved.

SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This policy and the related Environmental Management System apply to all activities and premises of the EUI within the province of Florence.

PRINCIPLES

As a European institution and a leading intellectual hub for social sciences and humanities in Europe, the EUI has a duty to promote and implement its commitment to environmental sustainability by adhering to the following principles:

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- **Strong institutional commitment:** The principles and issues related to environmental sustainability shall be considered in all policies and decisions, as well as in the planning of strategic objectives for the EUI.
- **Integrated values:** The values promoted by environmental sustainability shall guide the EUI's mission, vision, and objectives.
- **SMART criteria:** Environmental performance improvement goals shall be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound to ensure proper monitoring through dedicated Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- **Transparency and communication:** Open and ongoing dialogue regarding actions taken and results achieved by the EUI is essential to keep stakeholders informed and engaged.
- **Shared responsibility:** All members of the EUI community shall be accountable for the environmental performance of the Institute.
- **Education and awareness:** All EUI community members are encouraged to participate in events, workshops, and training sessions on environmental sustainability issues relevant to our society and to our specific context, to promote education and awareness.
- **Stakeholder engagement:** Feedback from EUI stakeholders is crucial in shaping action plans aimed at improving the Institute's environmental performance.
- **Continuous improvement:** Thoughtful deployment of improvement actions in all areas of impact identified as significant for the EUI, and continuous monitoring of achieved results, are essential to promote dynamic and continuously improving environmental sustainability action plans.

The EUI assumes the responsibility of communicating this policy to the entire organization and relevant stakeholders.

Signature
The Secretary General
