EU Agencies Network Charter on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and responsible environmental management

The EU Agencies Network is committed to promoting sustainability and responsible environmental management within the Agencies and Joint Undertakings (JUs) it represents. The Network recognises its responsibility for making a positive contribution to sustainable development and to lead by example in the transition towards a more sustainable economy in line with the goals of the EU Green Deal[1][2][3] and the objectives set by the European Commission[4] and the European Parliament.

The EUAN members commit to:

1. Taking the necessary steps towards achieving climate neutrality by 2030,
2. Engage and proactively act towards reducing their negative impact on the environment, through continuously improving their environmental performance,
3. Set, implement, and monitor an environmental policy, objectives, and targets,
4. Promote the careful use of resources in their day-to-day operations,
5. Systematically measure their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions,
6. Prioritise actions to reduce emissions, with a special focus on travel-related emissions,
7. Maximise the use of sustainable electronic solutions and green public procurement to limit their material impact,
8. Ensure compliance with applicable environmental regulations and sustainability reporting,
9. Continually raise staff awareness and encourage the implementation and exchange of environmental best practices,
10. Secure adequate resources for the implementation of the provisions of this Charter,
11. Compensate their remaining unavoidable GHG emissions through certified carbon removal schemes, once common EU standards for certification of high-quality carbon removal standards are in place.

This Charter is thus a commitment to achieve climate neutrality among the EU Agencies Network by 2030, in line with the EU's aim of making Europe the first climate neutral continent by 2050.

[1] How do the EU institutions and bodies calculate, reduce and offset their greenhouse gas emissions? (europa.eu)

[2] The Europen Parliament carbon footprint - Towards carbon neutrality (europa.eu)

[3] Feasibility and scoping study for the commission to become climate neutral by 2030 - Publications Office of the EU (europa.eu)

[4] Greening the Commission Communication (C(2022) 2230 final