



Environment Policy of the EMCDDA *(as adopted on 4.6.2014, Decision DEC/DIR/2014/08)*

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), in response to the growing need to preserve and improve the environment, and to the calls for its protection made by an increasingly environmentally aware and concerned society, is committed to reducing its negative environmental impact and to continually improving its environmental performance as an important part of the Centre's operating methods.

For this purpose, the key principles and objectives of the EMCDDA environmental policy may be resumed as follows:

- Comply with or exceed the requirements of current environmental legislation in particular the legislation applicable to the EMCDDA.
- Minimise waste by evaluating operations and ensuring they are as efficient as possible, and actively promote reuse or recycling internally, as well as amongst the Centre's visitors and suppliers.
- Encourages efficient use of energy, utilities and natural resources, especially where these are non-renewable.
- Operate and maintain the vehicle(s) of the agency, and adopt a travel policy with due regard to environmental issues and encourage the use of alternative means of transport and car sharing as far as reasonably practical.
- Purchase and procure products that do the least damage to the environment, namely those with eco labels or suppliers with environmental certificates, where possible, in order to minimise the environmental impact of production, distribution and consumption.
- Promote environmental conscious behaviour by the staff of the EMCDDA and contribute to raise awareness to others by adding environmental statements to work e-mails and publications.
- Establish procedures for periodic review of environmental compliance, measures taken and goals achieved.
- Be an environmentally responsible neighbour in the community where the agency operates, and seek to identify and correct incidents or conditions that endanger health, safety, or the environment.
- Participate in efforts to improve environmental protection and understanding. Sharing appropriate pollution prevention technology, knowledge and methods with other European Agencies.
- Consider obtaining an environmental certification of the EMCDDA in the long run, with due regard to the available resources.