



The Environmental Policy Programme  
of Stockholm County Council 2012–2016

# Environmental Challenge 2016



SHORT VERSION

 **Stockholms läns landsting**

Stockholm County Council

THIS IS A SHORT VERSION of the Stockholm County Council Environmental Programme for the period 2012–2016, Environmental Challenge 2016.

The Environmental Programme is structured around three target areas: Climate-Efficient, Resource-Efficient and Health-Promoting Environmental Work. The target areas describe how Stockholm County Council intends to work in order to reduce its environmental impact. Together they convey a holistic approach to environmental work.



The target area *Climate-Efficient* stands for renewable energy sources and fuels, efficient use of energy and responsible use of medical gases. It is represented by the green flower.

The target area *Resource-Efficient* stands for sustainable procurement, maximized re-use of resources and minimized environmental impact on natural resources. It is represented by the orange flower.

The target area *Health-Promoting Environmental Work* stands for a preventive environmental work where the use of chemicals, medicines and goods does not create any environmental or health problems. It is represented by the blue flower.

# VISION

The County Council's environmental work is groundbreaking, stimulates environmental technology development and inspires other actors. The County Council's activities are climate-efficient, resource-efficient and health-promoting. Environmental work is a fundamental part of the County Council's work for sustainable societal development and for good health.

# POLICY

The County Council's activities shall be conducted with as little environmental impact as possible and shall prevent ill health. To achieve this, the County Council shall work towards ecological sustainability by:



- ▶ prioritizing the use of renewable resources and reducing emissions of greenhouse gases
- ▶ being resource-efficient in the selection and utilization of goods, services and working methods
- ▶ preventing and reducing pollutant emissions
- ▶ pursuing sustainability issues externally through the regional planning
- ▶ procuring, purchasing and ordering goods and services that cause the least possible environmental impact in a life-cycle perspective
- ▶ meeting legal and regulatory requirements and striving for the constant improvement of environmental performance in our activities
- ▶ communicating internally and externally in order to spread awareness of, and improve, the County Council's environmental results
- ▶ stimulating innovation, technological development and new approaches
- ▶ evaluating the results of the environmental work on a regular basis and reporting it in a transparent manner.



TARGET AREA 1

# Climate-Efficient

– the County Council's climate strategy



VISION Stockholm County Council only uses renewable energy sources and fuels, and these are used in the most efficient way. The County Council's use of medical gases does not affect the climate. The planning and execution of core activities, urban development and infrastructure minimize climate impact.

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The target area Climate-Efficient is the County Council's climate strategy. Here lies an overarching target that links with national and international climate objectives through the use of the base year 1990. The strategy consolidates the County Council's climate impact, demonstrating that we will contribute to more than our share of the national objective, even though our activities are increasing in scope.



## CLIMATE STRATEGY WITH INTERIM TARGETS

During the period 2012–2016, the County Council’s climate work shall focus on the following areas:

1. Improving the efficiency of energy use
2. Improving the energy efficiency of transports
3. Increasing the share of renewable energy
4. Reducing emissions of medical gases that have a climate impact
5. Increasing the share of foodstuffs with a low climate impact
6. Regional planning for a lower climate impact per inhabitant.

## OVERARCHING CLIMATE OBJECTIVES

- ▶ In 2020, the County Council’s total greenhouse gas emissions shall be at least 75 per cent lower compared with the base year 1990.\*
- ▶ In 2016, the County Council’s total greenhouse gas emissions shall be at least 30 per cent lower compared with the base year 2011.\*

\* Calculated as carbon dioxide equivalents





TARGET AREA 2

# Resource-Efficient



► **VISION** Stockholm County Council's use of natural resources does not create any environmental or health problems. Re-use and recycling have been maximized. Preventive health work leads to effective care that is safe for both people and the environment. Responsible planning preserves the resources Stockholm has in its nature and water.

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The target area Resource-Efficient places its focus on reduced resource use and on thinking in terms of closed eco-cycles with respect to goods and services. Waste as a resource has been brought into the Environmental Programme, and food waste is linked to the production of biogas for public transport. The target area also places a focus on the responsibility of setting relevant and quantifiable environmental requirements in all procurements and of following up how our suppliers live up to the requirements.

## INTERIM TARGETS

During the period 2012–2016, the County Council shall be resource-efficient by focusing on the following areas:

- 7.** Adopting an eco-cycle approach in the use of goods and services
- 8.** Streamlining care chains – safer for the patient and better for the environment
- 9.** Planning construction that is adapted to the eco-cycle and low on resource use
- 10.** Reducing the quantities of waste and improving waste management
- 11.** Promoting resource-efficiency and accessibility in urban development structure.



TARGET AREA 3

# Health-Promoting Environmental Work



VISION Stockholm County Council's environmental work is health-promoting. The use of products, chemicals and medicines does not create any environmental or health problems. Transport in the County Council does not give rise to air pollution or noise. Our preventive work leads to healthy inhabitants in an environment with access to fresh air and clean water.

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The target area Health-Promoting Environmental Work highlights the connection between successful environmental work and improved health for residents in the County. Interim target 12 constitutes the County Council's chemicals strategy. The County Council's phase-out list of chemicals hazardous to health and the environment is one part of that strategy.





## INTERIM TARGETS

During the period 2012–2016, the County Council’s environmental work shall be health-promoting by focusing on the following areas:

- 12.** Reducing the environmental and health risks of chemical products and goods
- 13.** Reducing the environmental risks of medicines
- 14.** Reducing emissions of air pollutants and noise
- 15.** Increasing the quantity of organic foodstuffs
- 16.** Promoting a healthy living environment.

# This is how we work

VISION The County Council is known for effective, science-based and groundbreaking environmental work that achieves exceptional results. The County Council's approach to working with environmental issues is applied by others and leads to a better environment.

In order to achieve the targets of the Environmental Programme, effective policy instruments are necessary. The most important policy instruments for environmental work in Stockholm County Council are Organization and planning, Procurement, Communication and Follow-up. This is how we work with these policy instruments in order to reach out and implement the Environmental Programme:

## ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

**Responsibility.** Each administration and company has its own responsibility for implementing the Environmental Programme in its activities and for complying with legislation. The relevant environmental targets are to be integrated into activity plans, and the targets are to be follo-

wed up. The County Council's central environmental department coordinates and monitors the environmental work and supports the development of knowledge in the environmental area.

**Competence.** Environmental training is conducted regularly for employees and suppliers who are to be aware of how the Environmental Programme concerns their work.

**Environmental Management System.** All County Council activities shall have environmental management systems certified in accordance with ISO 14001 and integrated into the management of running operations.

**Economic policy instruments.** There shall be economic incentives for environmental work. To drive development, a certain level of additional costs is accepted in the development of new environmentally adapted products and services. An environmental compensation is paid to those healthcare units that meet environmental requirements in agreements.

**Activity planning and budget.** Activities and measures that are necessary for achieving the environmental targets are to be included in activity planning, decision-making documents and budgeting.



*Environmental impact assessment when making decisions.* When decisions are made, environmental consequences are to be considered in the decision with the objective of minimizing the adverse environmental impact in society.

## PROCUREMENT

*Centrally procured products.* Every activity shall purchase centrally procured products. This ensures that the products meet the County Council's environmental requirements.

*Code of conduct for suppliers.* We require our suppliers to work actively with environmental and social responsibility in the production of the articles they supply us with. Following up how our suppliers live up to the requirements is a natural part of this work.

## COMMUNICATION

*Transparent and motivating.* The County Council's internal and external environmental communication shall be science-based, clear and transparent. It is to help motivate both employees and suppliers to reduce their environmental impact. This communication shall also provide stakeholders with opportunities to evaluate and influence the County Council's environmental work.

*Networks and environmental research.* County Council activities are to participate in networks and partnerships that help both to disseminate and gather knowledge and to achieve the objectives of the Environmental Programme. We shall also support environmental research and be active in the development of standards and guidelines.

#### FOLLOW-UP

*Environmental performance.* Each activity is responsible for following up the environmental targets and other environmental requirements in their own operations. Each organization compiles an annual report that provides a presentation of environmental work.

*Annual environmental report.* We gather information on a regular basis from our own activities and from our suppliers. Environmental data is presented annually in an environmental report which is reviewed by independent auditors.

*Specification document.* The Environmental Programme specification document gives details of how the objectives of the Environmental Programme are to be measured and followed up.

*Environmental Challenge 2016 contains ambitious targets. But ultimately the greatest challenge lies in what we leave for future generations.*


*As a reminder, we have involved an adolescent in our work with Environmental Challenge 2016. Her name is Elsa.*

*Elsa is a young teenager. In 2016 she will be an adult. Elsa will be accompanying us in our work to achieve the targets of Environmental Challenge 2016, as a perennial reminder of why this is such an important task.*



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