

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

East Asian Student Association Lund



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The EASA Lund Environmental Policy in Short

EASA Lund's vision is having a minimal environmental impact through our operations. We hope to achieve this by always aiming to choose the most sustainable option when it comes to transportation, accommodation, and purchasing. At the same time we make sure to minimize waste by being resource effective, and recycling.

Purpose

East Asian Student Association Lund (EASA Lund) recognises the environmental challenge the world faces. Therefore, EASA Lund is ready to take its responsibility in mitigating negative climate impact. We are not a large contributor, but as every contribution matters we commit to minimizing our environmental impact on a local and global level as much as possible.

Structure

The general guidelines are to be considered by every member, in every aspect of EASA Lund's operation. "Vision" clarifies the purpose and goal within every category. "In practise" shows the most recent approach to reaching the vision, however this approach can be changed as we gain new perspectives and when new members and their ideas join the association. The president of the EASA Lund board is ultimately responsible for making sure that the environmental policy is followed.

General guidelines

According to Swedish law all businesses and organisations are obliged to accumulate the knowledge needed to protect the environment against any hurt or inconvenience caused by them. Due to this EASA Lund aims to understand the consequences of its actions. In all our operations we aim to minimize our environmental impact. This includes reducing our waste by avoiding disposable items and recycling. Furthermore, we aim to use as much carbon neutral transportation as in our operations.

EASA Lund meetings and events

During any meetings or events arranged by EASA Lund, participants during an event should all take responsibility to act in a way that does not harm the environment.

In practice the board chooses to achieve this by

- Making every day actions that contribute to reducing our environmental impact such as turning off lights and electronics when leaving a room and remove chargers from outlets when items are not charging.
- Recycling any recyclables left from events.
- Avoiding unnecessary printouts.

- Aiming to choose environmentally friendly food at events where this is possible, and always making sure to provide vegan options at events where food is served.
- Choosing train as a means of transportation within Sweden and, if travelling by other means of transportation, conducting climate compensation.

Heads of Events

The Heads of Events consider the general guidelines when it comes to commitments. To minimize waste from events and transporting speakers to Lund in a sustainable way are two main focus areas.

In practice the board chooses to achieve this by:

- Booking trains before flights for lecturers if possible.
- Climate compensating flights.
- Recycling waste after committee meetings.
- Aiming to use less paper cups for coffee and other drinks.
- Offering vegan options and serving vegetarian food at events including food where this is deemed possible.
- Aiming to host events at Wermland Nation, the only nation certified by KRAV.

Presidency

The presidency, here defined as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, has the main responsibility for EASA Lund's operation and therefore also for the environmental impact that comes from it. Therefore, the presidency takes the environmental impact into account when strategically planning for the future.

In practice the current board chooses to achieve this by

- Ensuring that members follow the environmental policy.
- Searching for improvements of the environmental policy to raise the ambitions and make sure it is up to date.
- Working towards digitalising as much as possible of EASA Lund's archive and documents
- Avoiding unnecessary use of paper.

Heads of Communications and External Relations

Vision

The main focus for the head of communications and the head of external relations is to minimise paper waste.

In practice the board chooses to achieve this by

- Keeping the number of posters relatively and focusing on distributing these in the most strategic places.
- Avoiding printing until final versions of documents have been made.