

## Environmental letter 1 - 2018

### To all employees,

**This is the first newsletter in a new series to inform you about ongoing environmental work at Stockholm University and MBW department. It also gives everyone the opportunity to make suggestions and comments on how environmental work can be developed within MBW.**

Stockholm University has been certified according to environmental management standards ISO 14001 since 2014. ISO 14001 is an internationally accepted standard, which forms the basis for establishing environmental management.

The University also complies with the requirements to EMAS. **The EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS)** is a management instrument developed by the European Commission for organizations to evaluate, report, and improve their environmental performance. The university annually reports about a number of core indicators for environmental performance according to EMAS.

**Why does Stockholm University have a policy and an environmental management system?**  
(<https://www.su.se/sustainablecampus/management/environmental-policy>)

An environmental management system is a way of administratively organize environmental work in an organization. ISO 14001 determines how to design the environmental management system and what functions should be available, such as a basic policy, time-based goals in an action plan, and a follow-up to environmental work. The ISO standard does not require the organization to be environmentally friendly in all respects, however provides the ISO standard a management system for dealing with environmental issues. The standard is therefore a good tool for working with long term environmental work. The local action plans are perceived with the University's central objectives and its action plan.

### Action plan

Through our local environmental action plan – MBW's Environmental Action Plan for 2018 (currently only available in Swedish, PUB ([//file.mbw.su.se](http://file.mbw.su.se))(P:)miljö/miljöhandlingsplan/2018 – we create structure for our environmental work and visualize the activities that are taking place at the department.

### Environmental routines

We influence our environmental impact through our major activity: research and through collaboration with other laboratories. Therefore we have internal routines such as waste management and recycling routines, we follow SU policy for travel, we aim to reduce paper consumption (new printers), as well as supply information to new employees.

### **What can you do as a PhD student or employee?**

The University's [Sustainable Campus website](#) provides simple suggestions to anyone wanting to contribute to a better environment on a personal level.

If you are an external visitor and would like to suggest an improvement or to report an incident or concern about the local environment, please contact Jenny Lilliehöök, the University's Environmental Coordinator. Email: [jenny.lilliehook@su.se](mailto:jenny.lilliehook@su.se) or tel. 08 16 39 88.

If you are employed by Stockholm University, please use [SAMIR](#), the university's reporting system for environmental anomalies or for suggestions on improvements. In case there is a problem in reporting, please contact Heinrich von Fircks, [heinrich.vonfircks@su.se](mailto:heinrich.vonfircks@su.se) or tel 070 181 55 28.

Environmental work is realized to a large extent through knowledge, continuous improvement, and by change through of our behaviors on the daily basis.

### **All persons at Stockholm University (our department) are responsible:**

- **To relate their daily responsibilities to the University's environmental procedures and guidelines**
- **To help MBW to achieve the goals of environmental action plan for 2018,**
- **Be familiar with the University's environmental policy**

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[https://www.su.se/polopoly\\_fs/1.217525.1421146026!/menu/standard/file/instructions\\_for\\_climate\\_friendly\\_travel\\_and\\_travel\\_free\\_meetings.pdf](https://www.su.se/polopoly_fs/1.217525.1421146026!/menu/standard/file/instructions_for_climate_friendly_travel_and_travel_free_meetings.pdf)

- **Be familiar with the university's environmental management system and its organisation**

<https://www.su.se/sustainablecampus/management/organisation>

- **Have knowledge about travel and meeting policy for Stockholm University**

[https://www.su.se/polopoly\\_fs/1.217530.1421146879!/menu/standard/file/Travel\\_and\\_meeting\\_policy.pdf](https://www.su.se/polopoly_fs/1.217530.1421146879!/menu/standard/file/Travel_and_meeting_policy.pdf)

- **Be familiar with handling of waste and handling of hazardous waste**

[https://www.su.se/polopoly\\_fs/1.286053.1465565681!/menu/standard/file/Hazardous%20waste%20management.pdf](https://www.su.se/polopoly_fs/1.286053.1465565681!/menu/standard/file/Hazardous%20waste%20management.pdf)

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