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## THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The European Parliament recognizes its responsibility for making a positive contribution to sustainable development as a long-term goal. Parliament fulfills this responsibility in its political and legislative role, but also in the way it operates and the decisions it takes on a day-to-day basis.

In 2007, the European Parliament therefore decided that its administration would embark on the path of applying the EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme) standard, with the aim of continually improving its environmental results with regard to activities, products and services.

Interest in the environmental performance of organisations is continuously increasing. A proactive approach to environmental challenges is the hallmark of successful organisations. A broad range of benefits arise from EMAS registration, including reduced costs for resources and waste management, risk minimization, regulatory compliance and improved relations with internal and external stakeholders.

### The European Parliament hereby


- *reaffirms its commitment to maintaining its EMAS registration and its environmental approach to continuous improvement with a view towards achieving environmental sustainability in all its administrative activities;*
- *stresses the already good overall performance of the Environmental Management System (EMS) at the European Parliament but also underlines the need to further intensify efforts in order to achieve Parliament's current key performance indicator objectives in time, particularly in the area of greenhouse gas emissions;*
- *aims to set up new medium- and long-term key performance indicators with concrete and quantified objectives beyond the current deadlines;*
- *undertakes to ensure compliance with objectives and requirements laid down by national and EU legislation;*
- *undertakes to implement preventive measures to further improve its environmental performance and to ensure that environmental considerations are integrated in all its administrative activities;*
- *endeavours to provide sufficient resources for its EMS and activities relating thereto;*
- *undertakes to include and apply strict environmental and energy efficiency criteria in all of its building policies and building projects;*
- *encourages responsible and appropriate behavior by training, providing information and increasing the awareness of all its staff, but also its Members and their assistants, about EMAS-relevant aspects of their activities;*
- *undertakes to introduce best practices with regard to its main environmental impacts, in particular greenhouse gas emissions and waste management as well as an efficient use of energy, water and paper;*
- *endeavours to further strengthen Parliament's green public procurement approach by developing targets for the classification of contracts.*

The European Parliament undertakes to describe in detail, implement and pursue this present Environmental Policy, to communicate it to its Members, staff, contractors and any other interested parties and to make it accessible to the public.

The European Parliament's Environmental Policy is implemented through its EMS. The Environmental Policy and the EMS cover the main environmental aspects, both directly and indirectly, as well as their impact on the sites concerned, and make it possible to establish corresponding objectives.

  
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Brussels, 21 June 2016



  
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