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Energy and Environment Mission Statement
of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

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The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar upholds the values of the historic Bauhaus – an experimental, interdisciplinary spirit and a practice-oriented approach. The University relies on these values to develop innovative approaches to research and teaching in the field of environment and sustainability. Sustainable architecture and urban planning, environmental engineering, and critical engagement with ecological issues in art, design, and planning are the key focus areas. Ecological and resource-friendly construction methods are also researched and taught in Civil Engineering. Topics such as the use of sustainable materials, circular economy, climate-adapted buildings, and environmentally responsible product design are represented in all faculties. The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar influences social transformation processes, guiding them towards increased environmental awareness and reinforcing this claim in its mission statement through tangible measures.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Environmental Impact

The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar is committed to emission-reducing measures that support a long-term goal of becoming climate neutral. The main priority is reducing emissions. Energy and water consumptions will be reduced in a targeted manner, electricity and heat savings measures are being implemented, and environmental performance is being made measurable.

Impact of Mobility

The University is aiming to reduce its traffic volume and to examine its mobility behaviour on a regular basis. Threshold limits are set to serve as guides. The goal is to better understand the impact of mobility and to promote more sustainable alternatives. The resulting freed-up parking spaces will be transformed into vibrant campus areas.

Optimising Resource Consumption

The economical and efficient use of resources and materials is a key component of our approach, provided this is compatible with the University's operation. Recycling is encouraged, and the monitoring of energy and resource consumption in particular will be improved. The energy and environmental management system is continuously being improved and further developed.

Renovation and Modernisation

The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar prioritises the use and renovation of existing buildings over new construction. Renovation and modernisation should optimise the energy efficiency of suitable existing buildings. Current standards are taken into account in order to minimise emissions throughout a building's entire life cycle. Economic feasibility is also taken into consideration.

Continuous Development and Implementing Measures

The University is committed to continuously expanding its sustainability efforts. Measures are regularly reviewed and developed to ensure compliance with legal requirements and new technological developments.

Improving Climate Resilience, Biodiversity, and Inclusion

Ecological and social sustainability should be apparent on the University's campus, especially in its public spaces. Existing areas should support resilience against environmental, climate, and health risks through measures. Spaces are to be upgraded in terms of accessibility. Measures to maintain and improve the quality of public spaces go hand in hand with improving the functions of their ecosystems.

Fostering Participation

The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar makes space for transparency in environmental and energy management. Through active communication and participation, students, staff, external partners, and the interested public are involved and made aware of the importance of environmental achievements.

Information:

This Mission Statement was created in the process of establishing an energy and environmental management system. The document was approved by the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar Presidential Board on 5 November 2025.

It is based on the requirements stipulated in the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001, the ISO 50001, and the University's current strategic guidelines, especially those concerned with sustainability, construction, and operations. In order to comply with technical, legal, and strategic developments, the Mission Statement is reviewed and updated on a regular basis. The Statement serves as a guideline for the entire University and supports continuous improvement in energy and environmental management.

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