



1 **TYY Environmental programme**

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21 **1. TYY as an environmental actor and climate influencer**

22 TYY Environmental programme provides guidelines for considering environmental issues
23 in the Student Union of the University of Turku. The programme deals with both the
24 activities of TYY and those of TYY organisations. The concept “environment” refers
25 primarily to the local and global living environment, on the state and quality of which
26 human action impacts positively or negatively.

27 According to TYY’s Political agenda, the Student Union should have an active role in the
28 societal debate related to environmental and climate crisis and in the activities preventing
29 the climate crisis. The Student Union should be a pathfinder and pioneer, which shows
30 example for organisations and interest groups with its activities.

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32 TYY demands actions for stopping the environmental crisis, i.e. the climate crisis and the
33 biodiversity crisis. The environmental crisis is the largest generational policy issue of our



34 time, because insufficient political actions place the insecurity and costs brought by the
35 environmental crisis on young people.

36 The public authorities hold the responsibility for stopping the climate crisis and the
37 biodiversity crisis. Public decision-making should be in line with the valid international
38 climate agreement and pursue curbing the rise of the global average temperature to 1.5
39 degrees. Finland must be a pioneer and promote a more ambitious climate policy than
40 currently in international climate negotiations and in the European Union.

41 Climate influence is an established part of TYY activities. TYY climate influence targets TYY
42 members, organisations, university and other stakeholders as well as decision-makers at
43 different levels of administration. Setting an example, reviewing TYY's own activities and
44 communicating them by making use of this programme constitute one form of TYY
45 climate influence.

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47 **2. Perspectives of TYY Environmental programme**

48 The environmental programme describes TYY's internal activities and organisational
49 activities from four different perspectives. The perspectives include raising environmental
50 awareness, sustainable procurement and premises, sustainable organisation of events and
51 environmental influence.

52 ***2.1 Raising environmental awareness***

53 Raising environmental awareness is intended to make Student Union actors and
54 organisations aware of the impact of their activities on the environment and help them
55 evaluate and report these impacts. Both TYY and organisations utilise the Environmental
56 programme to measure their environmental actions by reporting the fulfilment of its
57 objectives in a manner internally agreed. Raising environmental awareness is a natural part
58 of TYY activities and sustainable development themes concern all sectors of the activities of
59 the Student Union and TYY Group.

60 ***2.2 Sustainable procurement and premises***

61 Making ecologically sustainable procurement is part of the everyday choices of the Student
62 Union and organisations. The adjustment of consumption habits has significant
63 environmental effects, which makes it important to consider sustainability perspectives in
64 the procurement, use and maintenance of premises and material. When planning travel
65 modes, the effects of travelling on the environment should be taken into account.

66 ***2.3 Sustainable organisation of events***

67 Organisation of events with a view to environmental issues decreases the negative
68 environmental impacts of events and influence the community by showing an example of



69 how events are organised in a sustainable manner. Already in the planning phase, it is
70 important to determine the principles to be considered when organising the event.

71 **2.4 Environmental influence**

72 Environmental issues are an overlapping theme in the society and each Student Union and
73 organisational actor thus has the possibility to embark on environmental influence. Active
74 environmental influence can increase the involvement of students in environmental issues.
75 The objective of environmental influence is to increase awareness on the sustainable
76 development themes and climate crisis as well as to influence the surrounding society.

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78 **3. Objectives and measures of the Student Union**

79 The objectives and measures of this section concern all TYY activities. The objectives and
80 measures have been categorised on the basis of the aforementioned perspectives. Each
81 perspective includes related objectives and measures that promote them.

82 The responsible parties have been bolded in the measure sections. If responsibility is not
83 specifically placed on a certain actor, the responsibility for realising the objectives and
84 measures of the programme is with TYY employees and the Executive Board.

85 **3.1 Raising environmental awareness**

Objective: Everyone at TYY Office is familiar with the Environmental programme and knows how environmental issues relate to one's sector.

The Secretary General trains new employees and the new Executive Board concerning TYY Environmental programme. The Executive Board Member responsible for Environmental Affairs supports the consideration of the Environmental programme as part of the activities of each sector when preparing the implementation plan. Testaments are complemented with sections on how sustainable development is considered in each sector.

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Objective: The Environmental Wing and other wings are significant actors in increasing environmental awareness at the campus.

TYY Wings are trained on TYY Environmental programme and how they can impact environmental issues. Training the Wings is at the responsibility of the Executive Board .
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Objective: TYY organisations are familiar with TYY Environmental programme and utilise the Environmental guide in their activities.

The Executive Board Member for Environmental Affairs and the Environmental Wing train organisations actors twice a year. Furthermore, meetings and trainings
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are organised during the year in accordance with the needs of the organisational actors.

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89 *3.2 Sustainable procurement and premises*

Objective: TYY food procurement is sustainable.

Food procurement favours primarily vegan products instead of animal-based products. Moreover, products with a Fair-Trade certificate and domestic seasonal products are preferred.

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Objective: TYY does not make unnecessary procurement and procurement supports circular economy.

The necessity of the procurement is considered in each procurement. In addition, the amount of package waste from each product should be taken into account in procurement. Procurement favours recycled items and unnecessary items are recycled.

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Objective: The amount of food waste in TYY activities becomes smaller.

The amount of food waste is minimised and reported with a follow-up form.

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Objective: TYY decreases its emissions from travelling.

When travelling, the most environmentally friendly option is the primary option. Private car and flights are only used when justified. Before making a travel decision, it should be considered whether it is purposeful to physically participate in the event.

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Objective: TYY rental premises have sufficient dish and dishwashing capacity, so that tenants do not have to use disposable dishes.

Premise manager updates the accessories and instructions if needed. Available accessories are informed to the tenants.

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Objective: Turku Student Newspaper takes into account environmental perspectives in its activities.

The Executive Committee takes into account the environmental perspective in the selection of the printing house when approving the call for offers and the offer and together with the **editorial staff**, considers ways to decrease the number of newspapers ending up in waste.



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96 **3.3 Sustainable organisation of events**

Objective: TYY premises are an example of premises where environmental perspectives are taken into account.

Executive Board Member for Environmental Affairs ensures that the premises include instructions for recycling and saving water and electricity. The temperature of the premises should be established as 18-22 degrees.

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Objective: TYY premises recycle plastic, bio, paper, cardboard, glass, metal and composable waste.

TYY Secretary General, Premise Manager and the Executive Board Member for Environmental Affairs ensure that recycling is possible in all TYY premises. **The Executive Board Member for Environmental Affairs** monitors the realisation of recycling and promotes the recycling possibilities of organisations.

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Objective: Waste from TYY events is decreased.

TYY events do not use disposable dishes. Functional recycling possibilities in events decrease the amount of waste.

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Objective: When planning events, the impact of choices on the emissions of the event is understood.

The Student Culture Sector considers environmental perspectives when planning events.

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101 **3.4. Environmental influence**

Objective: TYY has an active role in the social discussion related to the climate and environmental crisis.

The Executive Board and the **Executive Board Member for Environmental Affairs** follow the political debate related to environment and participate in it from the student's perspective.

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Objective: TYY's voice is heard at the university in sustainable development issues.

TYY is represented in the university groups related to environment. TYY communicates its work in these groups for its organisations and members.

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Objective: TYY impacts the activities of its organisations so that ecological sustainability is widely realised in the university community. TYY sets an example for its organisations.

TYY training events bring up the environmental perspectives related to the theme of the training. The organisational part of the Environmental programme is actively implemented. TYY communicates its environmental solutions to its organisations and members.

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Objective: The entire Student Union, including the Universtas Group, operate in an environmentally sustainable manner.

TYY promotes making the activities of its cooperation partners more environmentally friendly.

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107 4. Objectives and measures of TYY organisations

108 The objectives and measures of this section concern the activities of TYY organisations. The
109 objectives and measures have been categorised on the basis of the perspectives mentioned
110 in section 2. Each perspective includes related objectives and measures that promote them.

111 The responsible parties concerning TYY organisations have been bolded in the measure
112 sections. The organisational part of the realisation of the programme is at the responsibility
113 of the organisation's person responsible for environmental affairs together with its Board.
114 Those organising events in each organisation are responsible for the events complying with
115 TYY Environmental programme. If responsibility is not specifically placed on a certain actor,
116 the responsibility for realising the objectives and measures of the programme is with the
117 actor appointed by the Board of the organisation.

118 In addition to TYY Environmental programme, the activities of the organisations are
119 supported by TYY Environmental guide that has been complemented with concrete
120 guidelines.

121 4.1 Raising environmental awareness

Objective: Organisations have a person responsible for environmental affairs who has been trained in the task.

The person responsible for environmental affairs participates in environmental education provided by TYY's Environmental Wing

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Objective: The Board of the organisation is aware of the environmental impacts of the activities of the organisation and of TYY Environmental guide and programme.



The organisational person responsible for environmental affairs guides the Board of the organisation on the objectives and sustainable measures of the organisational section of TYY Environmental programme. **The Board of the organisation** reviews the current state of activities and considers possible measures to increase sustainability in their activities.

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124 **4.2 Sustainable procurement and premises**

Objective: Organisations' food procurement is sustainable.

Organisations primarily favour vegan products instead of animal-based products in their food procurement. Moreover, products with a Fair-Trade certificate and domestic seasonal products are preferred.

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Objective: The amount of food waste organisational activities becomes smaller.

The **organisational actors** making food procurement carefully plan the purchases so that no surplus food is left. Surplus food is made use of, and the amount of food waste is monitored e.g. with a follow-up form.

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Objective: Organisations do not make unnecessary procurement and procurement supports circular economy.

Organisations make procurement only when necessary and the life cycle and sustainability of the products should be considered, in addition with e.g. package waste from the procurement. Procurement favours recycled products. For example, anniversary purchases are primarily immaterial presents.

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Objective: Organisations decrease their emissions from travelling.

When travelling, the most environmentally friendly option is the primary option. Private car and flights are only used when justified. Before making a travel decision, it should be considered whether it is purposeful to participate in the event through remote connection. When selecting the venues for events, those organising the events consider the possibilities to utilise public transport.

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129 **4.3 Sustainable organisation of events**

Objective: No electricity or water is wasted in the premises or events of organisations.

The organisations ensure that there are clear guidance for ecological use of the premises.

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Objective: Organisational premises recycle plastic, bio, paper, cardboard, glass, metal and composable waste.

Organisations have division of responsibility concerning recycling and the users of the premises are informed of recycling.

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Objective: Waste from organisational events is decreased.

Organisations do not use disposable dishes in their events but utilise e.g. TYYMA dishes. Already when planning events, waste sorting and recycling possibilities and the sufficiency of sorting containers is considered.

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133 **4.4. Environmental influence**

Objective: Organisations communicate about environmental affairs for their members.

Organisations communicate environment-related issues and their environmental solutions for their members and encourage them to participate in environment-themed campaigns such as #SiistiVappu and TYY Sustainable development week.

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Objective: Subject-specific and faculty organisations actively promote environmental affairs in their faculty or section.

Organisations bring up topical issues concerning environmental affairs related to teaching, premises and other matters related to the field of the organisation. For example, **the organisation's person responsible for academic affairs** can bring sustainable development themes that are important to students to the discussion on academic affairs.

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137 **5. Follow-up, reporting and revision of the programme**

138 The fulfilment of the objectives is followed as part of other continuous activities and each
139 sector should mark an entry on them in their annual report or testament.

140 TYY Executive Board Member for Environmental Affairs and the Secretary General follow
141 the realisation of the programme at an annual level, making sure that each sector has
142 entered the progression of sustainable development goals in their annual report. The
143 Executive Board Member for Environmental Affairs and the Secretary General enter the
144 measures in the annual report that are not sector-specific and compile a review on the
145 fulfilment of the Environmental programme in the mid-year report.

146 The Executive Board Member for Environmental Affairs schedule one sustainable
147 development overview for the office staff and Executive Board. The Executive Board



- 148 Member for Environmental Affairs, together with the Environmental Wing, reviews the up-
- 149 to-dateness of the Environmental programme and the needs for revision every four years.
- 150 The Environmental guide is updated at the latest when the programme is updated.