



Environmental Programme

2017–2020

Condensed version

Region Västra Götaland operations

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A brief presentation of the Environmental Programme for Region Västra Götaland operations 2017-2020.

The Environmental Programme 2017-2020 covers all Region Västra Götaland's administrations, companies and operating units that work for and on behalf of Region Västra Götaland, and has been adopted by the Regional Council.

Every day, all year round, work is being carried out jointly in all the Region Västra Götaland operating areas to achieve better health and sustainable development in our local area and in the world beyond. With clear goals and concrete measures, we can together create a better environment and better health – both for us and for future generations. This work is important in matters large and small, it enhances our attractiveness as an employer, and it demonstrates that Region Västra Götaland is a responsible and credible part of society.

A common element in all the work that is being done in Region Västra Götaland is the Västra Götaland vision – A Good Life. A vision within which sustainable development and its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – is firmly in focus.

There is a clear link between health, environment and the economy. This link also characterises all seven environmental areas in the Region Västra Götaland Environmental Programme 2017-2020. In the Programme, you can read about the specific measures that are required for the goals to be achieved and which committees and boards have primary responsibility and ancillary responsibility for ensuring that the measures are implemented. Goals and measures in the Environmental Programme are followed up each year on the group level in the Annual Report

The starting point for the goals are the four challenges facing Region Västra Götaland in its undertaking to mitigate negative environmental impact:

- Low climate impact
- Toxic-free environment
- Sustainable use of resources
- Biodiversity



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Region Västra Götaland – seven environmental areas

→ Transport

Long-term goal

Region Västra Götaland transport operations will be fossil free and energy efficient.

Goals 2020

- Region Västra Götaland's transport of people and goods will be independent of fossil energy by reducing carbon emissions by 80 per cent from 2006.
- Region Västra Götaland's transport of people and goods will be energy efficient

→ Energy

Long-term goal

Region Västra Götaland energy use will be efficient and fossil free.

2030: Region Västra Götaland will halve its energy use in its own buildings and facilities by 2030 compared with 1995.

Goals 2020

- Total energy use in the Region's own buildings and facilities will be a maximum of 170 kWh/m² usable floor space.
- Region Västra Götaland will be independent of fossil energy and fuel by 2020 by reducing carbon emissions by 80 per cent, using the figure for 2006 as a base figure.
- Region Västra Götaland will work to ensure that energy use will be considerably more efficient in leased premises.

→ Products and waste

Long-term goal

The use of resources in Region Västra Götaland will support sustainable development. The waste generated in Region Västra Götaland will be dealt with in a way that supports sustainable development.

Goal 2020

- All prioritised product areas must support sustainable development:
- Construction materials
 - Consumables
 - Electronics
 - Furnishing
 - Food
 - Textiles
 - Waste generated by Region Västra Götaland

→ Medical gases

Long-term goal

Region Västra Götaland will reduce its environmental load deriving from medical gases that have a negative impact on climate.

Goal 2020

- Emissions of nitrous oxide in the healthcare system will be reduced by 75 per cent compared with the 2009 figure.

→ Pharmaceuticals

Long-term goal

Region Västra Götaland will reduce the environmental impact deriving from pharmaceuticals without reducing patient benefit.

Goal 2020

- Reduce the environmental impact deriving from the production and use of pharmaceuticals.

→ Chemicals

Long-term goal

Region Västra Götaland will live up to the national goal of a toxic-free environment.

Goal 2020

- All prioritised product areas will contribute to a toxic-free environment:
- Construction materials
 - Consumables
 - Electronics
 - Furnishing
 - Textiles
 - Play/educational materials
 - Chemical products and individual chemicals

→ Food

Long-term goal

Region Västra Götaland will reduce its environmental impact deriving from food purchases.

Goals 2020

- The proportion of organic food will be 50 per cent of the total food budget.
- Reduced climate impact deriving from the Region's catering facilities

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With clear goals and measures set out in concrete terms, we can work together to create a better environment and better health – both for us and for future generations. The Environmental Programme includes goals and measures within seven areas that will contribute to realising the goals set out in the Region Västra Götaland Environmental Policy.

Region Västra Götaland Environmental Policy

All the work that is being done within each of the Region Västra Götaland operating areas will contribute to promoting good health and sustainable development, and where resource management and ecocycle adaptation are the guiding elements. We undertake to comply with laws and other stipulations. Through a process of ongoing improvement, we will prevent and mitigate negative environmental impact deriving from our operations. We will be forerunners in environmental work, which will be pursued in a systematic, structured manner.

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