

# Let's talk about sustainable research

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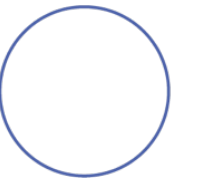
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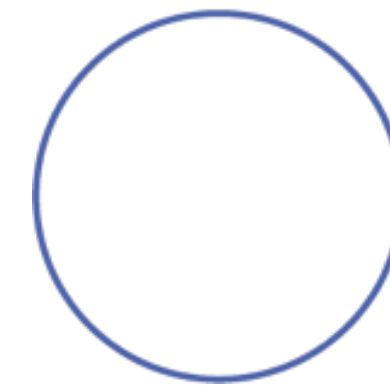
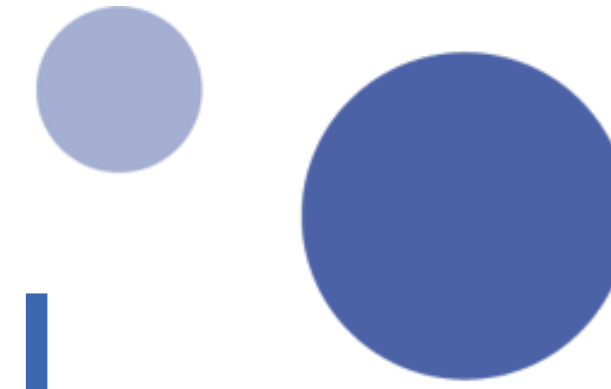


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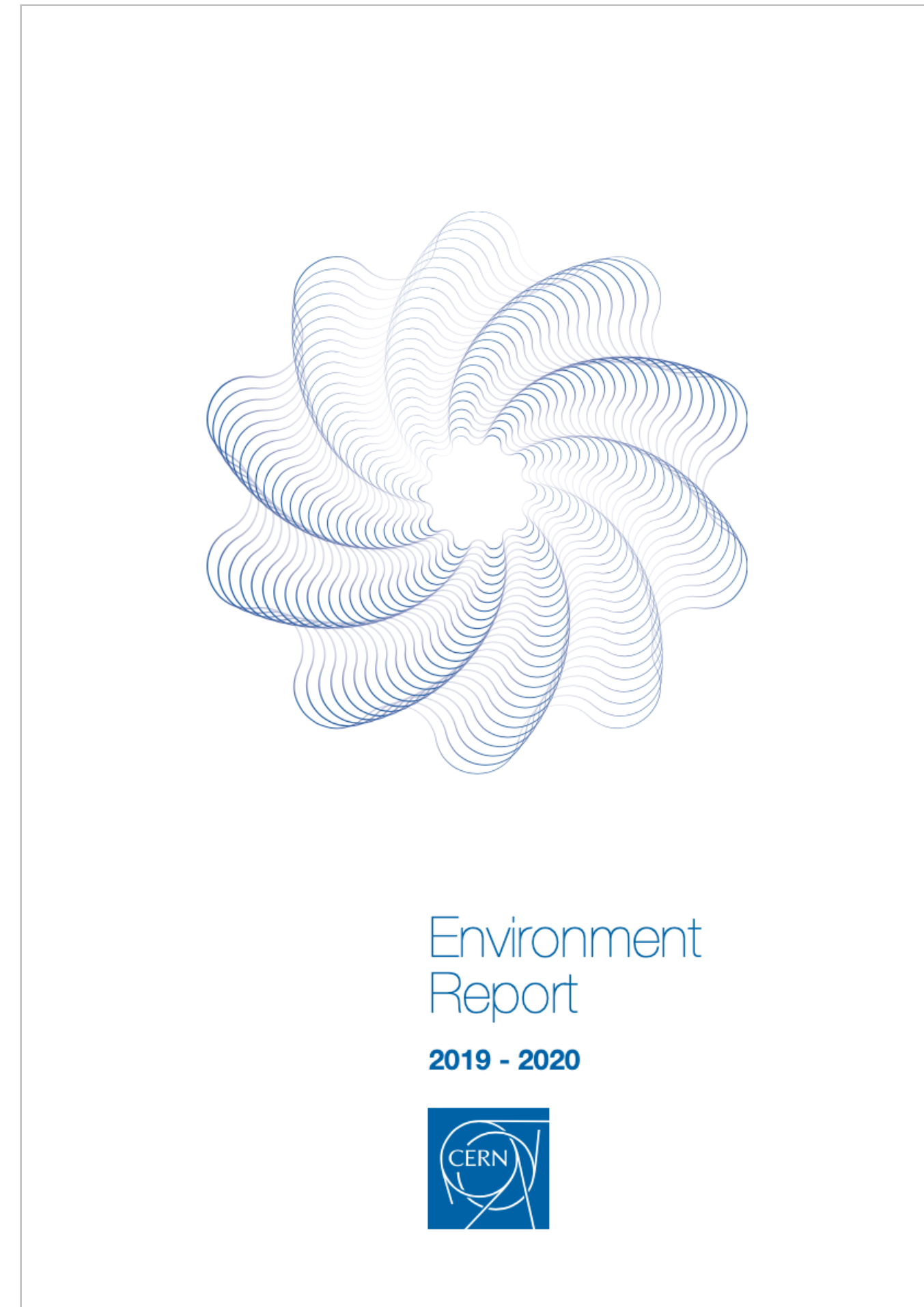
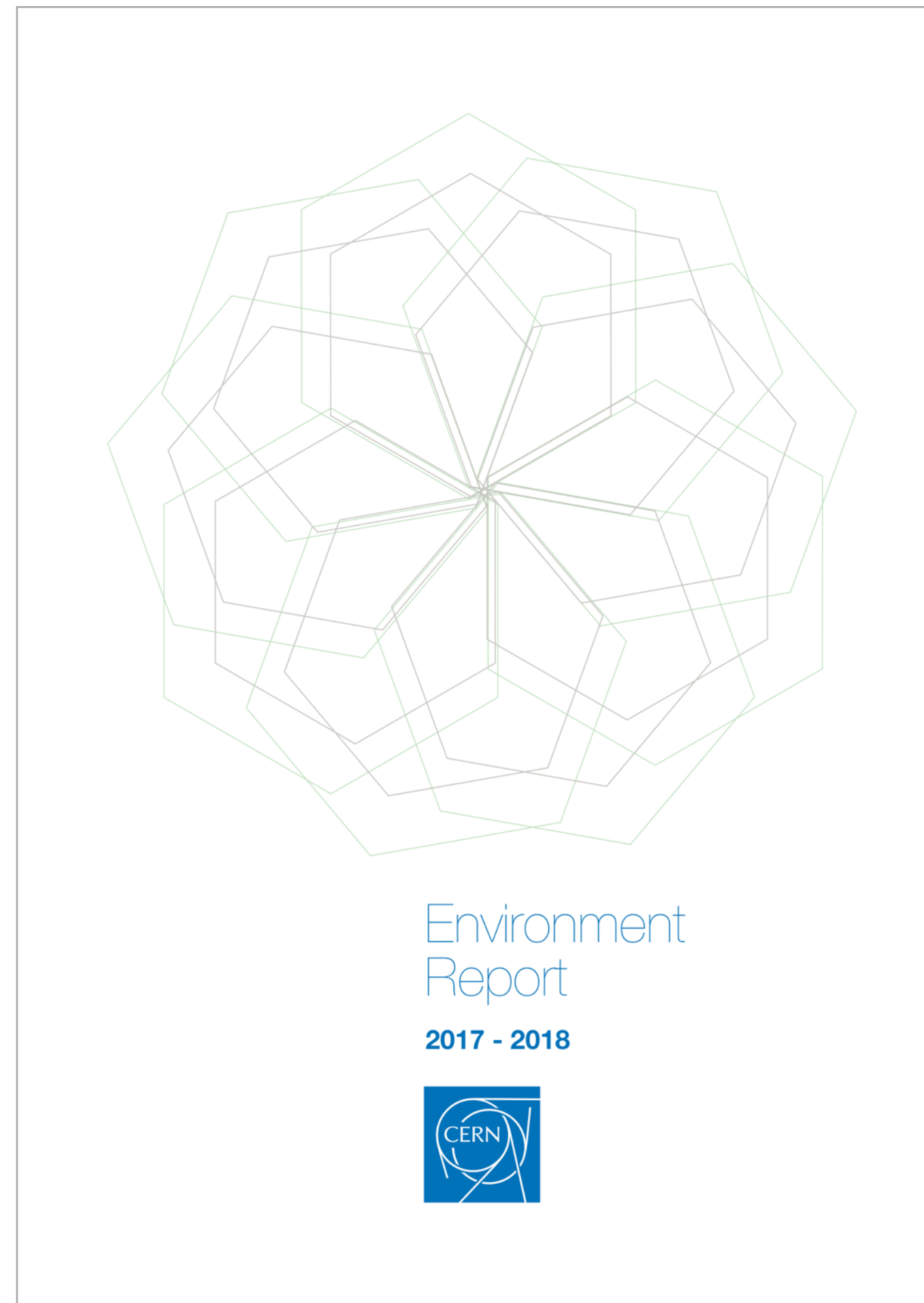
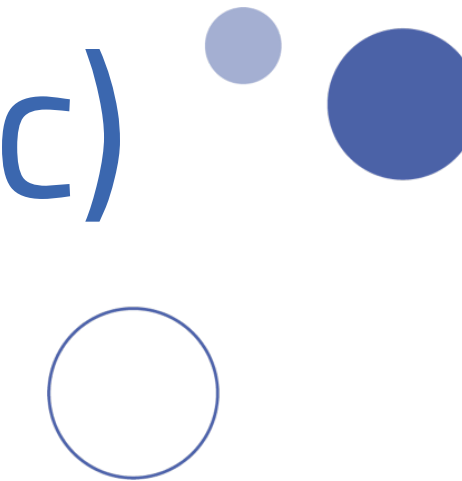
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Essential the save Earth as we know it, the biosphere, human kind...

... and for gaining support to particle physics research and future projects



# CERN's Environment Reports (public)



Environment  
Report  
2021-2022

To be published  
later in 2023

<https://hse.cern/environment-report-2017-2018>

<https://hse.cern/environment-report-2019-2020>



## About CERN

**>17 900** people

CERN employs around 3600 people and some 12 500 scientists from around the world use the Laboratory's facilities. The remainder is largely made up of associates and students (page 8).

## Energy

**1251 GWh**

CERN consumed 1251 GWh of electricity and 64.4 GWh of fossil fuel. The Laboratory commits to limiting rises in electricity consumption to 5% up to the end of 2024, while delivering significantly increased performance of its facilities (page 12).

## Emissions

**223 800** tCO<sub>2</sub>e

CERN's direct greenhouse gas emissions were 192 100 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent, tCO<sub>2</sub>e. Indirect emissions arising from electricity consumption were 31 700 tCO<sub>2</sub>e. CERN's immediate target is to reduce direct emissions by 28% by the end of 2024 (page 14).

## Ionising Radiation

**< 0.02 mSv**

People living in the vicinity of CERN received an effective dose of between 0.7 and 0.8 milliSieverts, mSv, from natural sources. CERN's activities added under 0.02 mSv to this, less than 3% of the naturally occurring background (page 16).

## Waste

**56% recycled**

CERN eliminated 5808 tonnes of non-hazardous waste, of which 56% was recycled, and 1358 tonnes of hazardous waste. CERN's objective is to increase the current recycling rate (page 18).

AT A GLANCE

# CERN AND THE ENVIRONMENT

IN 2018

## Noise

**70 dB(A)**

CERN has invested resources to keep noise at its perimeters below 70 dB(A) during the day and 60 dB(A) at night. This corresponds to the level of conversational speech (page 17).

## Environmental Compliance

**146** monitoring stations

CERN has a state-of-the-art environmental monitoring system consisting of 146 monitoring stations. The Organization reports quarterly on environmental issues to Host State authorities. No serious environmental incidents were recorded in 2018 (page 23).

## Biodiversity

**15** species of orchids

There are 15 species of orchids growing on CERN's sites. CERN land includes 258 hectares of cultivated fields and meadows, 136 hectares of forest and three wetlands (page 22).

## Water and Effluents

**3477** megalitres

CERN drew 3477 megalitres of water, mostly from Lake Geneva. The Laboratory commits to keeping its increase in water consumption below 5% up to the end of 2024, despite a growing demand for water cooling of upgraded facilities (page 20).

## Knowledge Transfer

**18** domains

CERN's 18 technology domains have several environmental applications including reducing air and water pollution, environmental monitoring, and more efficient energy distribution using superconducting technology (page 24).



# ENERGY

## 428 GWh

In 2019, CERN consumed **428 GWh** of electricity and **68 GWh** of fossil fuel. CERN's electricity consumption during this period was about 64% lower than when the accelerator complex is running.

The Laboratory is committed to **limiting rises in electricity consumption to 5%** up to the end of 2024 (baseline year: 2018), while delivering significantly increased performance of its facilities. CERN is also committed to increase energy re-use.

# EMISSIONS

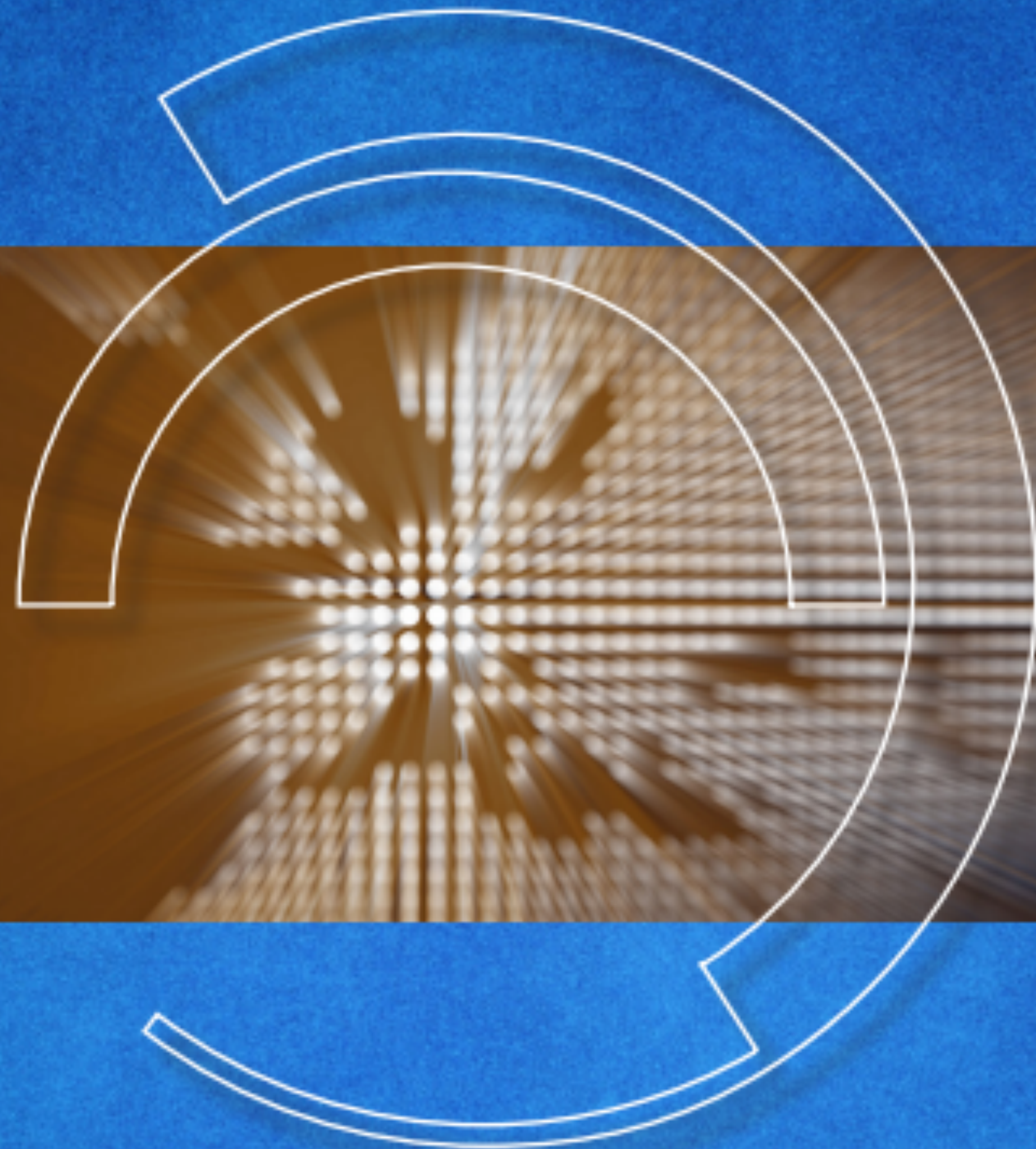
## 78 169 tCO<sub>2</sub>e

In 2019, CERN's direct greenhouse gas emissions (scope 1) were **78 169 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)** which is less than half of the amount emitted annually over the period 2017-2018 when the accelerators were running.

Indirect emissions arising from electricity consumption (scope 2) were **10 672 tCO<sub>2</sub>e**. In addition, indirect emissions from water purification, waste treatment, business travel, personnel commutes and catering (scope 3) were **12 098 tCO<sub>2</sub>e**.

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# 2020 UPDATE OF THE EUROPEAN STRATEGY FOR PARTICLE PHYSICS

by the European Strategy Group

*"The vision is to prepare a Higgs factory, followed by a future hadron collider with sensitivity to energy scales an order of magnitude higher than those of the LHC, while addressing the associated technical and **environmental** challenges."*

Preamble

Major developments from the 2013 Strategy

General considerations for the 2020 update

High-priority future initiatives

Other essential scientific activities for particle physics

Synergies with neighbouring fields

Organisational issues

Environmental and societal impact

Concluding remarks

- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
- **TRAVEL**

<https://europeanstrategy.cern>

<https://home.cern/sites/default/files/2020-06/2020%20Update%20European%20Strategy.pdf>



# European Particle Physics Communication Network

## EPPCN

A network of communication officers representing each member or associate state. Established by the CERN Council in 2005 following the approval of the European strategy for particle physics (ESPP)

- Strengthen communication and share best practices
- Offer communications advice on long-term strategic issues to CERN Council
- Prepare and implement communication activities (mainly on LHC and future colliders)
- Foster long-term support for fundamental sciences related to CERN's mission and the ESPP

In 2021/2022, EPPCN in collaboration with the CERN-ECO team  
prepared the ESPP update Communication Strategy

High Lumi LHC WG

Environment WG



## II. Particle Physics Community





## **Goals and audiences**

1. Establish a culture of environmental awareness and engagement
2. Raise awareness about what is being done within the particle physics community



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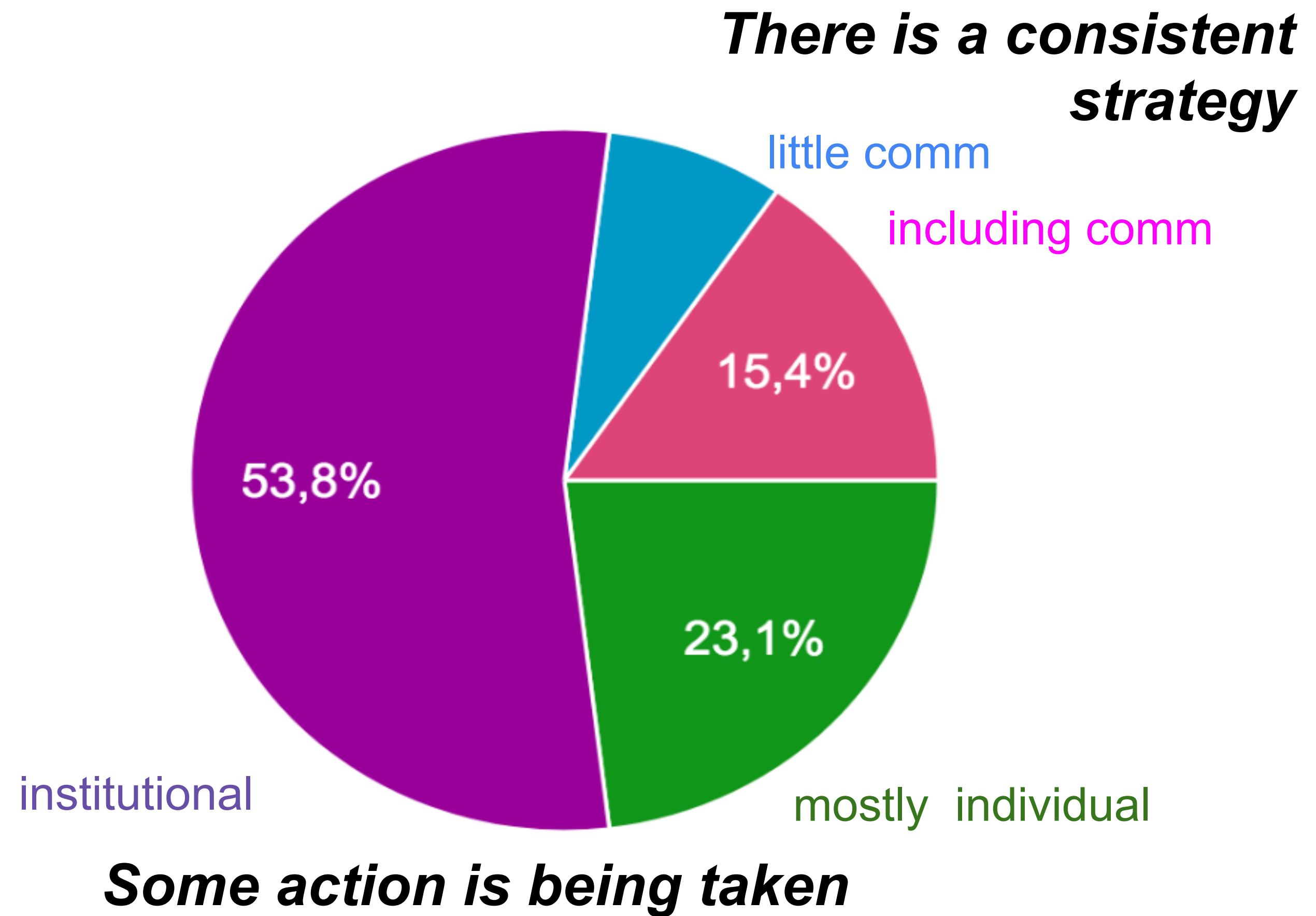
## **Actions**

1. Collect info —> Survey
2. Spread info —> Campaigns
3. Contribute to a step forward (of the community, in each country) Call for (more) action

# Survey results (I)

Attitude of the particle physics community towards environmentally responsible research

- CERN
- Norway
- Switzerland
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Sweden
- Finland
- Italy
- France
- Spain
- Portugal
- Hungary
- Israel



# Survey results (II)



## Actions mentioned by several countries

- Selective waste collection
- Avoid use of plastic and other disposable materials
- Printing policy
- Energy saving guidelines
- Traveling policy
- Calculation of the lab carbon footprint

# Survey results (III)



BAD

Mentioned difficulties / problems

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### **Internal: particle physics community**

- Gap between the engaged people and those who seem to see science as an exception
- How many people in the lab are aware and committed to the existing sustainability goals
- “It is done at top-level in our university. It doesn't concern us too much”



# The first campaign



- 5 June 2023 - Monday [CERN] to Saturday
- Based on a pool of stories that can be used in different contexts in the different countries
- EPCCN Environment WG + SoMe WG
- Social media [Twitter+....] + Web-based articles
- Local events (seminars, Institute news, newsletters, thematic lunch/coffee...)

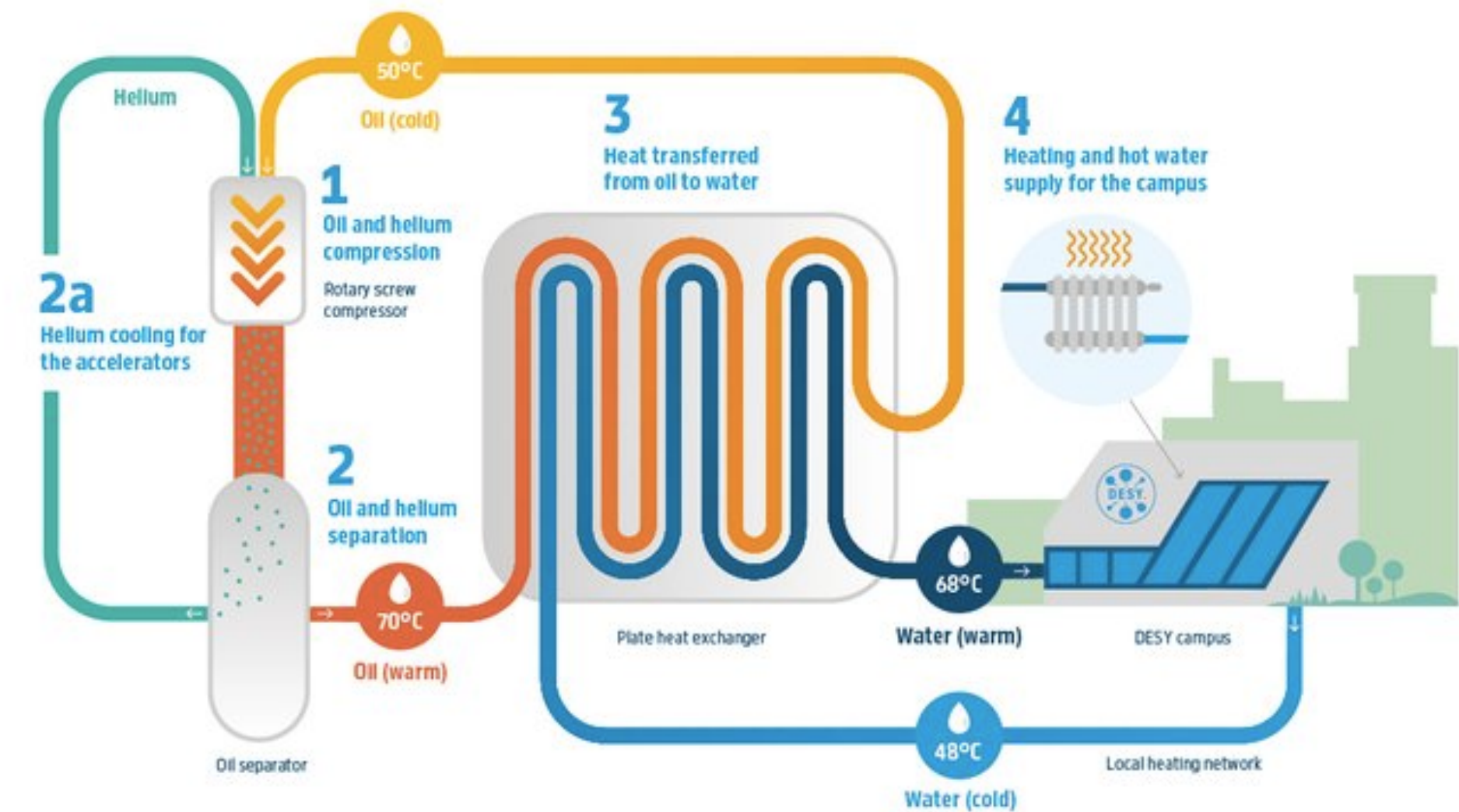
# DESY (Germany)

## DID YOU KNOW THAT...

*DESY already heats one third of its campus with waste heat from the accelerators, and this is just a starting point ?*

Learn more about this project in DESY's first sustainability report [https://nachhaltigkeit.desy.de/sustainability\\_report/index\\_eng.html](https://nachhaltigkeit.desy.de/sustainability_report/index_eng.html)

The financial go-ahead has recently been given for a 8 M€ project to use waste heat to heat the whole campus and beyond... this will be in the next sustainability report!



SUSTAINABLE  
DESY.





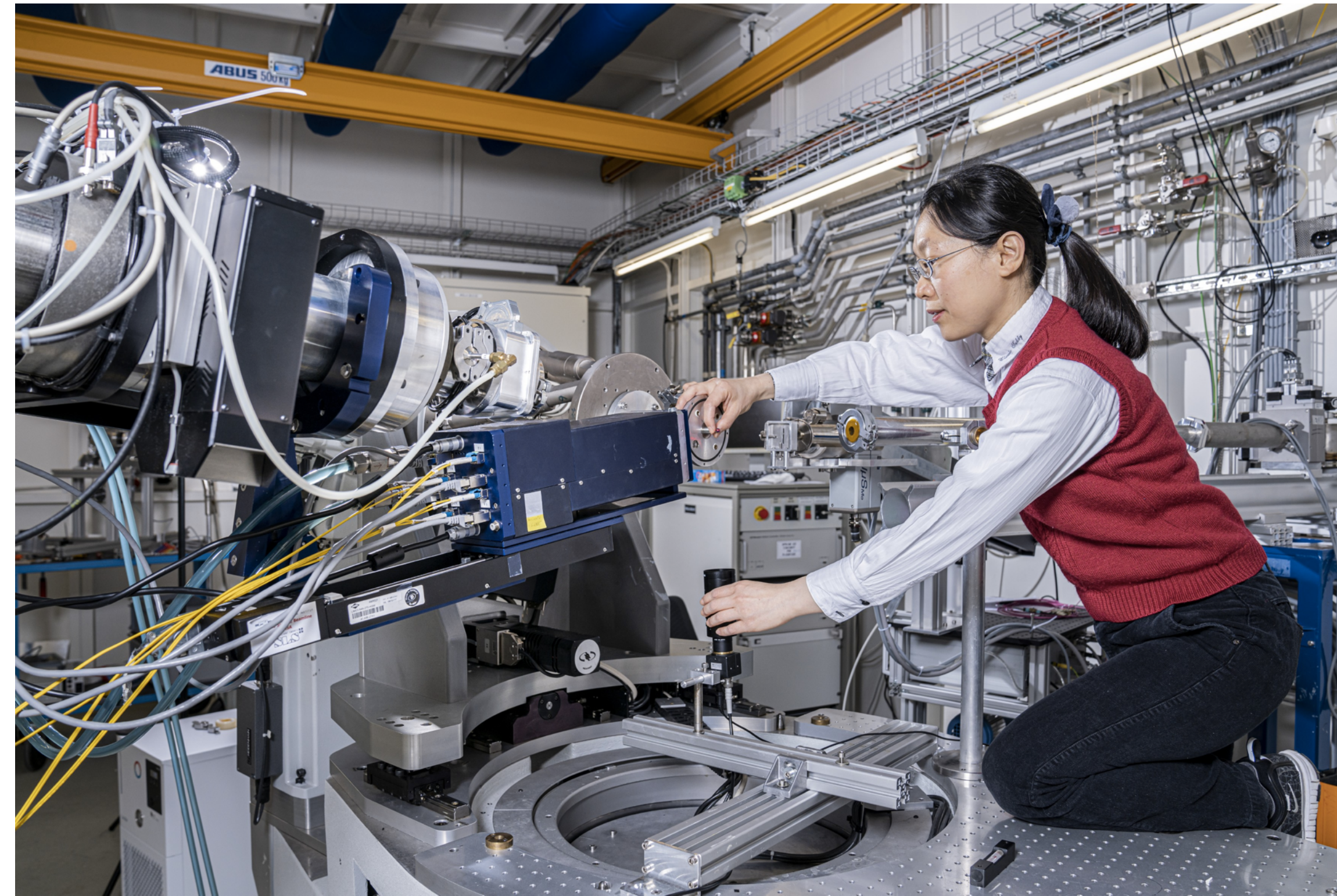
# PSI (Switzerland)

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

*The Swiss Light Source SLS 2.0 will significantly improve the intensity of the synchrotron light at the experimental stations from 2025 onwards, while reducing energy consumption by 30% ?*

The PSI is researching novel, more efficient and sustainable energy technologies and also using them in its own facilities.

Learn more in <https://www.psi.ch/en/media/energy-and-climate>





# Lund University – Physics Dep (Sweden)

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

*The use of scientific software and Machine Learning algorithms can have a significant environmental cost and green software development is an active field of research and innovation?*

Projects studying this issue are arising in several research institutions. Learn about the new project “Tackling the energetic cost of scientific software” in which Lund University researchers are involved.

<https://www.fysik.lu.se/en/article/towards-green-software-tackling-energy-cost-scientific-software>





# Finland (Univ. Helsinki)

## DID YOU KNOW THAT...

*Every summer about 20 master students from Finland address sustainability and other challenges in a Bootcamp at @CERN.*

Meet Summer 2022 participant Juniper Tyree and learn more about the study concept and the “Sustainable City Contest”

<https://helsinki.fi/en/news/sustainability-transformation/eurovision-inspired-sustainable-city-contest>





# NIKHEF (The Netherlands)

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*Nikhef's Roadmap for Sustainability aims at making the institute climate neutral by 2030?*

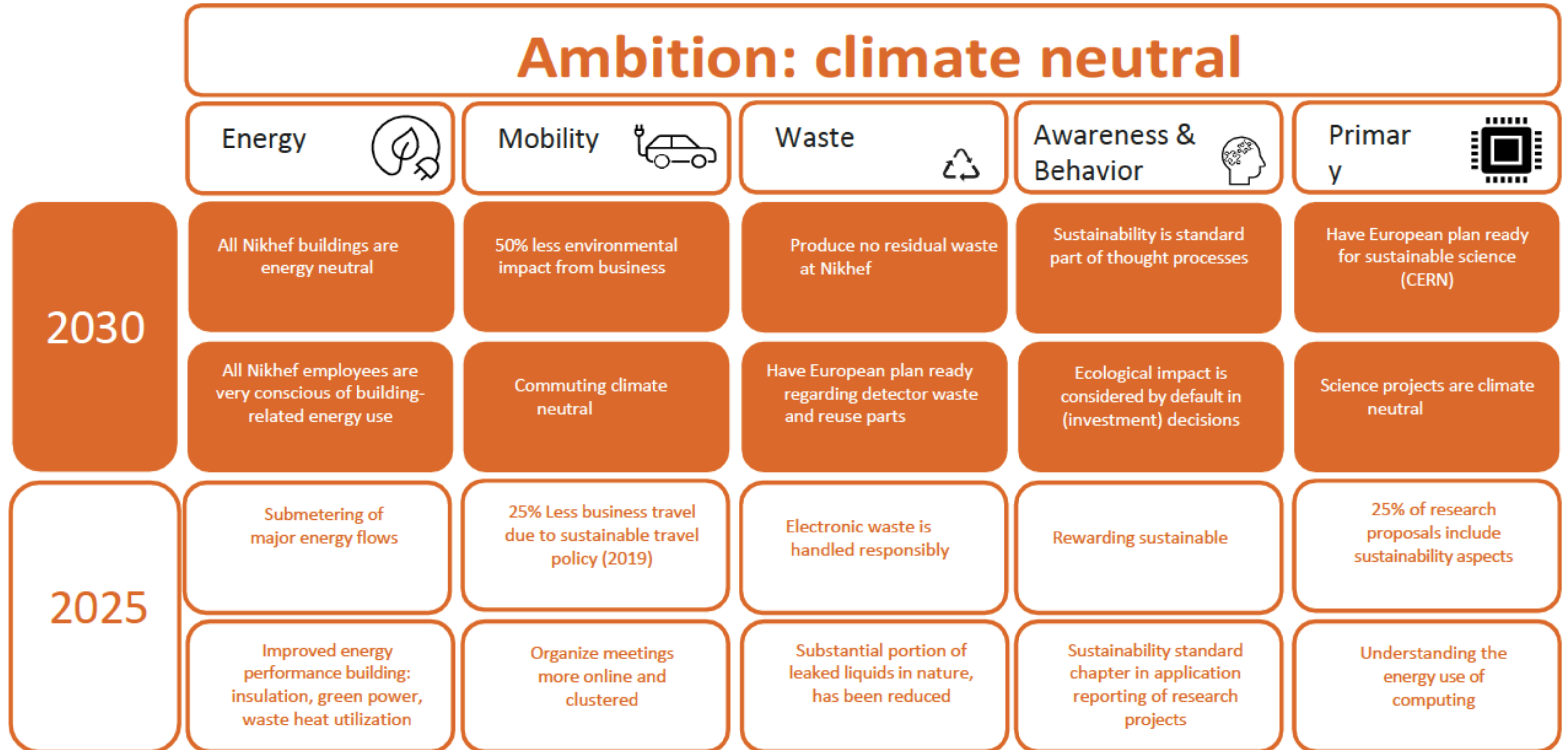
Meet Nikhef's Sustainability Ambassadors! Learn about the 5 pillars in the Roadmap and the actions that have already been taken.

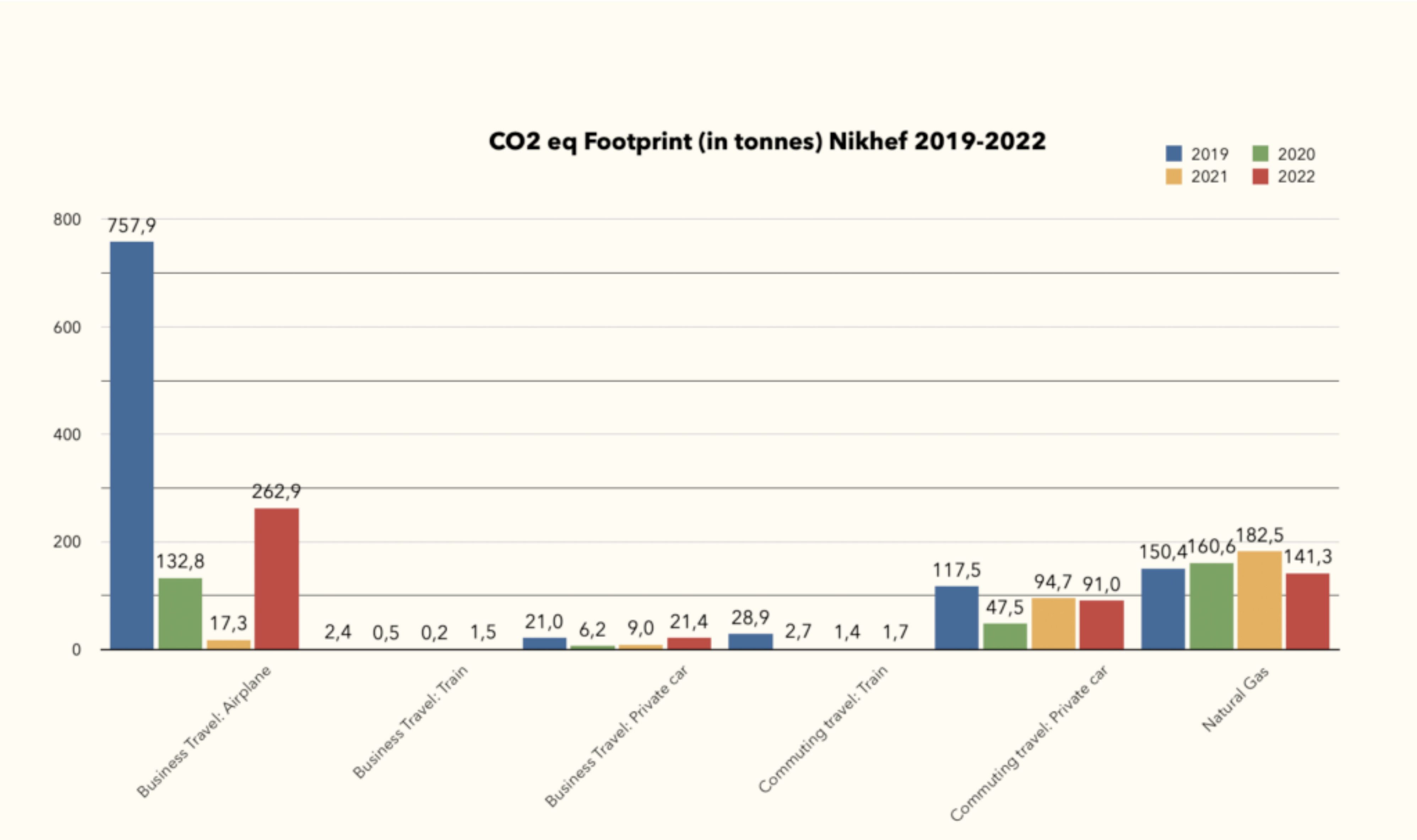
<https://nikhef.nl/en/focusblokken/nikhefs-ambition-climate-neutral-in-2030/>





## GOALS 2030 AND INTERIM GOALS 2025



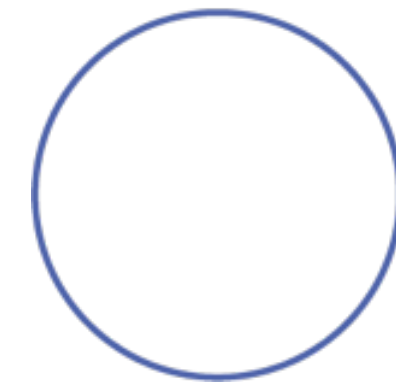




# NIKHEF

- For Nikhef, **travel is the main source of CO2 emissions**. We work internationally, so we will continue to travel. But with much more policy than in the past. Back then you flew to CERN ten times a year, sometimes even back and forth on the same day. We really don't want that anymore. But we are not going to ban anything for the time being, we mainly want people to think more carefully
- The institute in Amsterdam, which includes a large data center, already runs on green electricity from the Netherlands. Gas consumption for heating the building at Amsterdam Science Park is the largest remaining source of emissions. In the coming years, gas consumption will become virtually zero if **heat from the expanded data center can be used. Heat from Nikhef has been used for years in student housing** in and around Amsterdam Science Park
- An international sustainability study of scientists from particle physics and other fields (HECAP+) identifies Nikhef as an institute with **below-average CO2 emissions** per researcher: about 4.5 tons per year, compared to 6 tons on average

III. LIP



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# Ciência Viva

*Os centros de ciência devem reflectir as preocupações e interesses da sociedade e a sustentabilidade é hoje uma questão existencial, que se coloca a nível planetário e em todos os sectores da vida humana.*

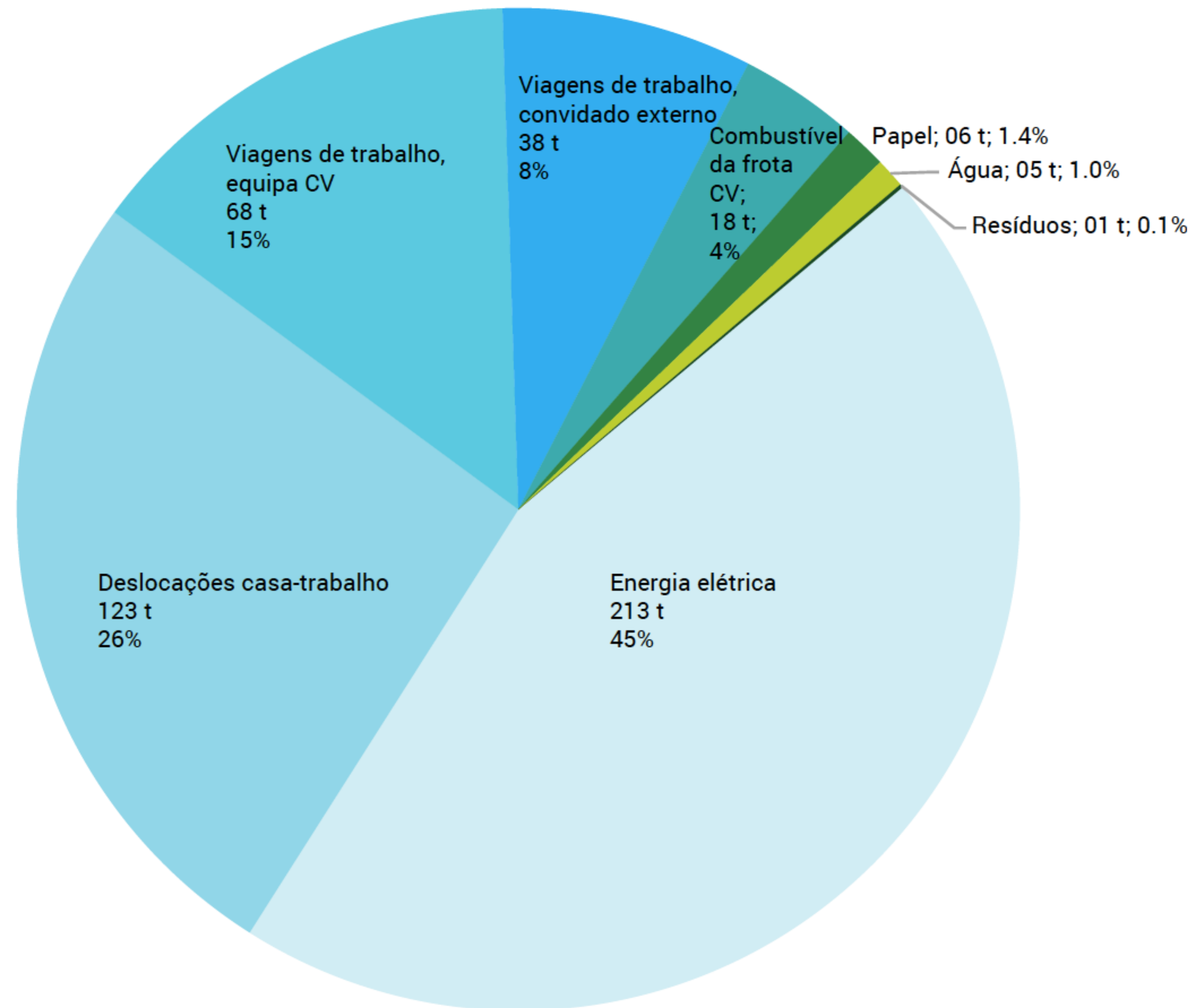
*O Pavilhão do Conhecimento posiciona-se como instituição de referência no debate sobre a ciência e a tecnologia ao serviço do desenvolvimento sustentável e como exemplo de práticas sustentáveis.*

*A Sustentabilidade encontra-se reflectida no Plano Estratégico da CV*

<div>1. A UM FUTURO MAIS SUSTENTÁVEL</div>	<div>2. NÃO ESTAMOS A COMEÇAR</div> <div>2.1 Menos é mais</div> <div>2.2 Deslocações casa-trabalho</div>	<div>3. A NOSSA ESTRATÉGIA, O NOSSO COMPROMISSO</div> <div>3.1 A estratégia de sustentabilidade e os Objetivos de Desenvolvimento Sustentável</div>
<div>4. MEDIDAS A IMPLEMENTAR</div> <div>4.1 Energia Verde</div> <div>4.2 Poupança de recursos<div>4.2.1 Energia</div><div>4.2.2 Papel</div><div>4.2.3 Plástico</div><div>4.2.4 Água</div></div> <div>4.3 Sustentabilidade de recursos</div> <div>4.4 Gestão de resíduos</div> <div>4.5 Mobilidade</div> <div>4.6 Bem-estar e sustentabilidade de recursos humanos</div> <div>4.7 Sensibilização e ação interna e externa</div>	<div>5. RESULTADOS PREVISTOS</div> <div>5.1 Potenciais poupanças</div> <div>5.2 Benefícios esperados</div>	<div>6. PARCERIAS MAIS SUSTENTÁVEIS</div>
	<div>7. JUNTOS VAMOS MAIS LONGE</div>	

# Ciência Viva

- *Visita técnica ao Pavilhão para melhor conhecer a situação e investigar os pontos relacionados aos consumos que necessitem de uma maior atenção*
- *Análise de consumos de energia, água, papel, combustível e de produção de resíduos*
- *Inquéritos e entrevistas a todos os departamentos, para conhecer as diferentes realidades e as medidas que a equipa considera que devem ser implementadas;*
- *Avaliação da exequibilidade e impacto das medidas existentes e propostas*





# Sustentabilidade no campus @Ciências

Eficiência energética

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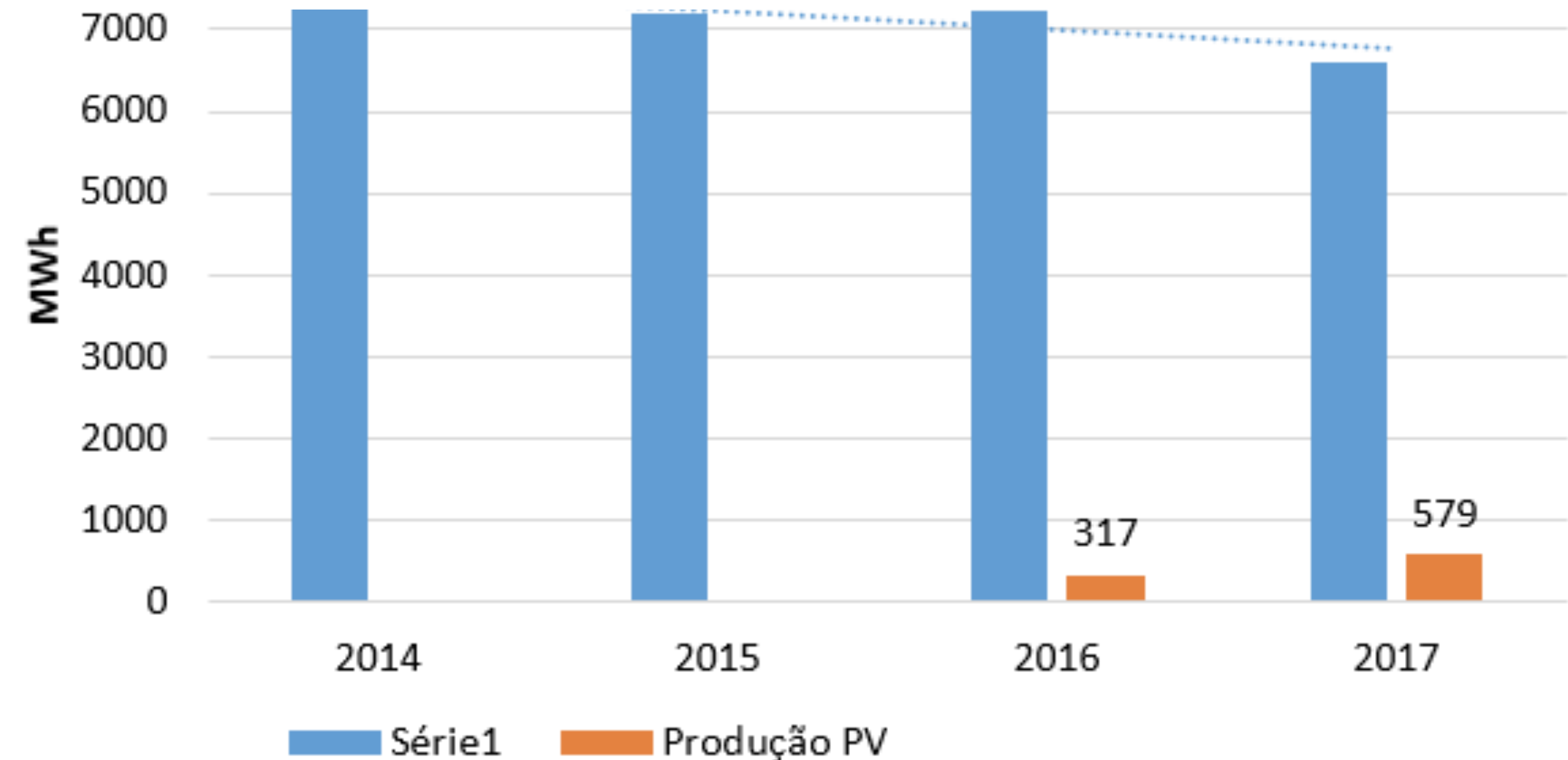
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- **ABC21** – Modelos de construção bioclimáticos
- **+Biodiversidade @CIÊNCIAS** – Caracterizar e monitorizar a biodiversidade
- **Campus solar** – Caracterização, teste e experimentação de sistemas de energia solar
- **Caravana AgroEcológica** – Projeto participativo entre agricultores, consumidores e investigadores
- **Chaminé solar** – Sistema de isolamento para habitações ([Projeto Concluído](#))
- **Ciências Connect** – Serviço baseado na localização
- **FCULresta** – Minifloresta em centro urbano
- **Laboratório de ventilação natural** – Arrefecimento passivo de espaços interiores
- **Permalab** – Soluções inovadoras propostas pela permacultura
- **Qualidade do ar - RESPIRA** – Sensores de poluição de baixo custo
- **SATO** – Autoavaliação e otimização de energia em edifícios
- **SMART2B** – Atualizações à inteligência dos edifícios existentes
- **Telhado verde** – Cobertura ecológica com espécies nativas







The **ITQB NOVA Sustainability Committee** aims to propose solutions to help reduce both our common footprint and the resources we dedicate to keep ITQB NOVA running, without compromising the quality of our work. These proposals include both structural changes and behavioral changes, to which we can all contribute.

The Committee

Ana Sanchez – Coordinator - Head of Advanced Training

Nelson Saibo – Coordinator - Group Leader of the Plant Gene Regulation Lab

Carina Valente - Post Doc at the Molecular Microbiology of Human Pathogens Lab

Dalila Farinha - Executive Administrator

Joana Belo - PhD Student at the Plant Functional Genomics Lab

Nuno Monteiro - Head of Maintenance

Renata Ramalho - Head of Science Communication & Image



# ITQB Community Challenges

*Every week we propose a new sustainability challenge to collectively contribute to a better ITQB NOVA and a more sustainable world.*

- Green Labs Plastic Collection
- Separate general use plastics and packaging
- Reduce electricity consumption in offices and laboratories
- Reduce water consumption
- Reduce the amount of paper printed
- Reduce the consumption of natural gas
- Make Christmas decorations with waste
- Avoid food waste
- Start the New Year with sustainable practices
- Wear warmer clothes
- Recycle Electrical Appliances, electronic devices and metal objects
- Recycle toners and ink cartridges.
- Learn about good sustainability practices in laboratories.
- Aderir à campanha de caracterização de resíduos da nova. De 13 de fevereiro a 17 de março
- Partilhar conteúdos online de sustentabilidade que possam ser disponibilizados a toda a comunidade
- ....

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- Organize a workshop for the scientific community?
- Hold regular environment talks / coffee discussions /...
- Propose sustainability challenges?
- Approach our partners?
- Collect ideas?
- ...



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12 A 16 DE SETEMBRO DE 2022 | REGIME HÍBRIDO  
10H00 - 17H30

CANDIDATURAS ABERTAS ATÉ 6 SET!

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JOÃO GUERRA

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SETOR PÚBLICO - 250€  
PÚBLICO EM GERAL - 300 €

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- Outros interessados com atividade profissional, académica e/ou cívica na área

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(Regime híbrido)

A conjuntura socioeconómica marcada pela guerra num contexto ainda a refazer-se da pandemia, veio evidenciar de uma forma premente a necessidade de repensar o atual paradigma energético. Neste sentido, torna-se urgente problematizar e refletir em torno dos desafios de uma **transição energética** assente nos princípios da eficiência, suficiência, segurança, fontes renováveis, neutralidade climática, justiça e bem estar social, a todas as escalas: do local ao global.

A **VI Escola de Verão em Sustentabilidade** – uma parceria entre o Observa/ICS-ULisboa, a Zero e a APREN – promove o intercâmbio interdisciplinar, incentivando o aprofundamento de questões prementes e transversais, este ano centradas na transição energética, assumida numa perspetiva sistémica, simultaneamente social, ambiental, política e económica.

Convidamo-lo/a a juntar-se a nós nas palestras e discussões de aprofundamento avançado sobre a transição energética e a sustentabilidade que iremos promover, convocando para isso atores e responsáveis centrais para esta mudança.

12-16  
setembro  
2022

Entidades organizadoras:

Observa/ ICS-Ulisboa – Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa

Zero – Associação Sistema Terrestre Sustentável

APREN – Associação Portuguesa de Energias Renováveis

Candidaturas:

<https://fenix.ics.ulisboa.pt/accountCreation>



### PROGRAMA VI Escola de Verão em Sustentabilidade • Os desafios da transição energética

Hora	Segunda-feira – 12 setembro	Hora	Terça-feira – 13 setembro	Hora	Quarta-feira – 14 setembro	Hora	Quinta-feira – 15 setembro	Hora	Sexta-feira – 16 setembro
1ª Sessão 10:00 às 13:00	<b>Apresentação e enquadramento</b> Luísa Schmidt, João Guerra – ICS-ULisboa Susana Fonseca – ZERO Pedro Amaral Jorge – APREN Escalas internacional, europeia e nacional DG-ENER Francisco Ferreira – ZERO Carlos Pimenta – APREN	3ª Sessão 10:00 às 13:00	<b>Pobreza Energética</b> Enquadramento João Pedro Gouveia FCT-NOVA A perspetiva da saúde pública Armando Brito de Sá ISAMB, e ACES-Arrábida Estratégia Nacional de combate à pobreza energética Secretaria de Estado do Ambiente e da Energia	5ª Sessão 10:00 às 13:00	<b>O futuro do sistema energético</b> A Perspetiva portuguesa Filipe Pinto – DGEG O Roteiro para a Neutralidade Carbónica Pedro Martins Barata Get2c O papel das cooperativas de energia – Dirla Vansintjan RESCOOP	7ª Sessão 10:00 às 13:00	<b>Visita a um parque fotovoltaico</b>	9ª Sessão 10:00 às 13:00	<b>Modelos inovadores:</b> O caso de uma autarquia Câmara M. Cascais Empresa de serviços de energia CleanWatts Energy O caso do Pego – mudança e perspetiva Pedro A. Fernandes ENDESA*
2ª Sessão 14:00 às 17:30	<b>PRR e a reabilitação de edifícios:</b> Apoio financeiro à reabilitação de edifícios Nuno Baptista – ADENE Exemplo de Espanha Javier Tobias e Cecilia Foronda – ECODES Exemplo de Itália Ellena Allegrini – ENEA*	4ª Sessão 14:00 às 17:30	<b>Prosumo – consumir a energia que se produz</b> O caso de uma indústria Frederico Pisco (NAVIGATOR) Experiência do prosumidor Vitor Cóias (Gecorpa) Comunidade de Energia Guilherme Luz – Coopémico	6ª Sessão 14:00 às 17:30	<b>Mobilidade – o desafio da transição</b> José M. Viegas TIS-ULisboa Mário Alves Estrada Viva/MUBI Tiago Farias IST-ULisboa	8ª Sessão 14:00 às 17:30	<b>Visita a uma comunidade de energia</b> <b>Condomínio da Torre Alta de Lisboa (Vasco Pimenta)</b>	10ª Sessão 14:00 às 17:30	<b>Balanco e Avaliação</b> Conferência final em Sophie Howe, the Wales Commissioner for Wellbeing and Future Generations Avaliação de Escola de Verão Debate e conclusões



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	Structure	HR	Funding	CERN contribution	Country indicators
LIP/PT	National lab 3 nodes partner universities	100 researchers 40 tech + 10 Suport 150 “staff” + students	2.3 M base funding 1.0 M fellowships 2.2 M competitive calls	12.5 MCHF (1%) 1.3 CHF/person	GDP/capita 20000 € Pop 10 M
NIKHEF/NL	National lab 2 nodes partner universities	200 researchers 75 tech + 25 Support 300 “staff” + students	at least 10 M base 15 M competitive calls?  <a href="https://www.nikhef.nl/en/funding-2019/">https://www.nikhef.nl/en/funding-2019/</a>	52 MCHF (4.5%) 3 CHF/person	GDP/capita 43000 € Pop 17.5 M