

# Current Activities Climate Action


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## Overview Fields of action

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*This status report covers the activities of the central climate protection management in the President's Office. Sustainability measures implemented by other areas of the university (e.g. Department 4) are not included in this overview. References to measures from the climate protection concept are marked with abbreviations in italics after the activities.*



# Strategy and Governance I

## Financing and subsidies

- Lead in BMWK project for follow-up project climate action management (Jun. 2023 – May 2026; *GO\_01\_02*)
- Establishment of climate protection fund to finance climate action and sustainability projects from CO<sub>2</sub> fee (Jul. - Dec. 2024; *GO\_05*)
- Administration ‘sustainability & climate action’ program line (since Feb. 2024)

## Anchoring in university structures (*GO\_01*)

- Tracking and processing of trends and changes at a legal level, e.g. NKlimaG, CSRD or procurement requirements
- Further development of the Climate Neutral University working group: Development of a proposal for further participation formats (May - Dec. 2024; *GO\_02\_01*)



# Strategy and Governance I

## Cooperations and Networks

- Sustainability network of Lower Saxony's universities (HochNiNa)
  - Project lead COUNTS: Development of emission factors & standards in topic-specific task forces (TFs). Engagement of UOL in TFs on business travel and commuting (Jun. – Nov. 2024)
  - Member of the coordination team, working group ‚moor‘
- Cooperation with the city of Oldenburg on climate neutrality and adaptation:
  - Topic-specific exchange rounds on energy, urban greenery/ecology and mobility
  - Semi-annual exchange with those responsible and managers on all topics relating to climate neutrality (next date: 28.11.)



## Controlling

- Establishment of a lean overview of the progress of measures on the university's climate action website (Jul. - Dec. 2024)
- Sustainability reporting
  - Discussion & pursuit of the legal framework for mandatory reporting for universities from financial year 2025 (Jan. - Dec. 2024)



## Everyday mobility I

### **Mobility survey (G0\_03\_01)**

- Data evaluation (Aug. – Sept. 2024)
- Specific presentation of results in internal committees & city of OL (Sept. – Dec. 2024)
- Forwarding of mobility-related concerns (Sept. – Nov. 2024)

### **Cycling**

- Supporting program for the opening of the Haarentor Campus bicycle parking facility (Sept. 2024; *AM\_05\_02*)
- Supporting program STADTRADELN (Sept. 2024; *AM\_05\_01*)
- Preparation for "Bicycle-friendly employer" certification (Jan. 2024 - Nov. 2024; *AM\_03*)



## Everyday mobility II

### Public transport

- Preparation of a joint letter to the state of Lower Saxony regarding improved connections at the Wechloy train stop (to Leer) with the city of Oldenburg (Sept. – Nov. 2024; AM\_04\_02)

### Motorized private transport

- Creation of information basis for parking space management (Dec. 2023 - Nov. 2024; AM\_02)
- Zip code breakfast as an offer for carpooling (Sept. 2024; AM\_06\_05)

### Networking

- Networking with regional players in the mobility sector (AM\_06\_01, AM\_04)



## Business Trips & Internationalisation

- Travel policy to reduce business trip emissions (IM\_02\_01, IM\_02\_02, IM\_04)
  - Preparation of resolution (Jan. - Jul. 2024)
  - Implementation of the directive in business travel processes and creation of accompanying communication and information material (Aug. - Dec. 2024)
- Promotion of environmentally friendly means of transport for travel to the semester abroad in cooperation with IO (from Jun. 2024)
- Pilot project: Introduction of an "International student sustainability ambassador" as a contact person for international students in cooperation with IO (Dec. 2023 - Oct. 2024)





## Business Trips & Internationalisation

- Evaluation travel data 2023:
  - Semester abroad SoSe23 and WiSe23/24 (Dec. 2023 - Aug. 2024)
  - Retroactive smoothing of changes in emissions calculation from business trip data from previous years

# Building Operation & Ecology

## Building operation

- Monitoring feasibility study for the use of renewable energies in heat and power supply at the university (since Jan. 2024; EB\_03\_01, EB\_11\_02)
- Evaluation & communication of energy emissions 2023 (Sept. - Nov. 2024)



## Ecology of the campus

- Creation of a Tiny Forest at Campus Haarentor (Jan. 2024 - Dec. 2024; ÖC\_01)
- Expansion of nest box provision for breeding birds and support through practical projects by students including breeding bird mapping to develop a monitoring system (Jan. 2024 - Jul. 2024; ÖC\_05)





## Research, Studies & Teaching

- Introduction of a central website with information material to support funding applications for sustainability information (Aug. - Sept. 2024)
- Summary & communication of results from Master's theses on climate adaptation, especially heat stress of students (Sept. - Dec. 2024)



# Communication & Participation I

## Projects/events

- Guided tours "behind the scenes" of the technical facilities with building management as part of the anniversary (Sept. 2024)
- Organization of a participatory workshop on the use of funds from the climate protection fund for university members (Nov. 2024)
- Development of information materials and campaign formats for employees and students as well as compilation of material for information stands for various events (HIT, O-Week, etc.) (Jan. - Dec. 2024)



# Communication & Participation I

## Ongoing activities

- Maintenance of the website on climate protection & sustainability incl. removal of digital barriers
- Publication of a regular newsletter on climate protection and sustainability topics
- General contact persons for concerns of university members & external parties

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