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THE EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS' ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

In view of the EU's commitment to the environment, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) has a responsibility to continually reduce the negative environmental impact of its activities.

For this reason, we have introduced an environmental management system in line with the EU's EMAS Regulation, under which we are committed to:

- minimising the environmental impact of everyday work;
- continuously improving environmental performance;
- complying with all environmentally relevant legislation and obligations.

More specifically, we are committed to:

- taking measures to prevent pollution and reducing our carbon dioxide emissions;
- promoting the careful use of natural resources in our day-to-day operations and applying circular economy principles;
- promoting the efficient use of energy, taking measures to reduce energy and water consumption and using 100 % green-certified electricity;
- integrating environmental criteria into our public procurement procedures, and encouraging our contractors and suppliers to also take an environmental approach;
- introducing best practices with regard to waste management;
- enhancing biodiversity on the premises;
- promoting sustainable mobility and encouraging staff to act sustainably and contribute actively to achieving the targets of this policy.

We undertake to implement and pursue this environmental policy, and to communicate it to staff, contractors and any other interested parties.

Environmental commitments must translate into specific measures backed by the requisites of human, material and financial resources. The environmental management system should be designed to be cost-effective.

This environmental policy and the environmental management system cover the three buildings owned by the ECA, and apply to the ECA's activities in the broad sense of the term, i.e. the activities of all staff and other employees (including subcontractors working on site, and staff on missions and travelling to and from work).

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