

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OF PUBLIC INSTITUTION KOLPING UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCE (KUAS)**

1. The KUAS management and community, focusing on environmental issues, promoting personal responsibility and awareness based on Christian values, and being aware of the necessity to develop socially responsible and environmentally friendly activities, hereby implement the Environmental Policy. The KUAS management and community undertake to observe the legal requirements of the Republic of Lithuania and the international environmental legislation, allocate the necessary resources to the fulfilment of the environmental protection objectives, and accept the responsibility for the actions taken. Considering the above, the following provisions are stipulated:

1. To promote interest, thinking and behaviour following the principles of environmental protection, ensuring the dissemination and awareness of environmental policy within the KUAS community, so that knowledge and science would ensure the implementation of environmental objectives:

- to integrate environmental protection topics into the descriptions of the subjects when updating the study programmes;
- to offer students the choice of the optional environmental subjects;
- to computerise study and learning processes (e-schedules, e-timesheet, e-library);
- to encourage students to submit their written papers in electronic form, i.e. without printing or binding them, or to use recycled paper for printing;
- to enable students to join or organise projects, campaigns or events related to environmental ideas, climate change and the efficient use of natural resources, etc.;
- to develop a sense of citizenship to take care of the environment by carrying out professional activities and final practices in environmental organisations or choosing voluntary activities;
- to cooperate with the network of eco-schools by promoting a responsible attitude of the younger generation of Lithuania towards protecting natural resources and increasing the environmental activity of young people.

2. To provide information on environmental issues to the KUAS community and the public by organising or joining various initiatives: Events and promotions (trips, eco hikes on foot or bicycles, annual global campaigns 'Let's Do', 'Day without a car', 'No shopping day', etc.), encouraging people

to respect nature, take an active interest in environmentally friendly behaviour when studying, working and travelling, and raise environmental awareness.

3. To improve the energy performance of the KUAS buildings by implementing infrastructure projects; to use equipment that conserves energy and natural resources (to use energy-saving lamps, other than filament lamps, to install motion sensors, etc.).

4. To encourage conservation of all environmental resources by promoting environmental awareness and environmentally friendly behaviour – reducing water consumption, electricity consumption, paper use, etc.

5. To achieve a cleaner and safer environment, use materials and equipment of higher quality, which are environmentally friendly or ecological (certified tools containing biodegradable chemical compounds) for cleaning the premises.

6. To promote clean vehicles and green transport: to encourage bicycles, scooters, electric vehicles, public transport, and walking instead of cars.

7. To ensure proper collection, safe storage and disposal of waste materials and packaging:

- to reduce waste by avoiding the use of disposable paper or plastic packaging and promote the reuse of such packaging;

- to provide opportunities for waste sorting by providing sufficient sorting boxes and containers, and encourage responsible waste sorting and recovery by improving the collection of paper, plastic, glass, electrical and electronic waste;

- to use harmful substances and chemical preparations rationally and purposefully, following the environmental requirements and the procedures established by the KUAS.

8. To raise the employees' qualifications, knowledge, responsibility and awareness of environmental protection and resource conservation, not only as a general obligation of the KUAS but also as a personal obligation, by organising internal training and presenting the environmental requirements and the rules for their application; to inform other users of the KUAS premises about the provisions of the Environmental Policy of KUAS and encourage them to contribute to the initiatives.

9. In cooperation with social partners, eco-school networks and state institutions, to constantly look for new ways to improve environmental protection activities at KUAS.

10. To ensure that the entire community of KUAS is familiarised with the Environmental Policy of KUAS, has sufficient knowledge and participates in its implementation; to undertake to publish the main provisions of the Environmental Policy on the website and in the information system of KUAS.

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