

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

Klaipeda University, aiming to fulfill its vision of becoming a future-oriented university with internationally recognized achievements in science and studies, and innovations significant for the well-being of the Baltic Sea region, contributes to the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the European Green Deal, the Law on Climate Change Management of the Republic of Lithuania, the National Sustainable Development Strategy, and the National Climate Change Adaptation Plan for 2024–2030 by implementing Klaipeda University’s Sustainability and Climate Change Policy, **ensuring:**

- Adherence to the principles of environmental protection, economic, and social sustainability in conducting scientific research, study programs, and collaboration with socio-economic partners and the public;
- Inter-university partnership and leadership in conducting interdisciplinary research on the vulnerability of natural ecosystems, the economy, and social sectors, as well as their adaptation to climate change;
- Development of innovative solutions and economically efficient measures for the sustainable development of natural and human-made systems in urbanized coastal areas of the Baltic Sea region;
- Integration of topics related to sustainable development, resilience and adaptation to climate change, circular economy, and climate-neutral economy into study programs and other educational experiences for all students and learners;
- Active enhancement of sustainability awareness and literacy within the community and society, implementation of educational activities, and strengthening of the role of scientists in political decision-making under climate change conditions;
- Sustainable investment and creation of sustainable infrastructure, increasing its resilience and adaptability to climate change;
- Sustainable environmental management and pollution prevention on the university campus.

The university administration commits to:

- Involve students, lecturers, researchers, and the non-academic community in decision-making processes related to the university’s sustainability goals and inform them about actions and progress;
- Establish a Sustainability and Climate Change Group to coordinate activities;
- Prepare and implement a Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, collect and analyze data, and provide annual reports to assess progress.