UNIVERSITY OF WORLD ECONOMY AND DIPLOMACY

UNIVERSITY CLIMATE POLICY

(SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE ACTION POLICY)

Review period: at least once every 3 years or as necessary

Approved by:	By decision of the Academic Council of UWED No. 6 dated "30" January 2026
Responsible body:	Committee on Sustainable Development and Climate Action (CSDCA)
Coordination and expertise:	Centre for Sustainable Development under the Institute of Advanced International Studies

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1. General Provisions

1.1. The University of World Economy and Diplomacy (hereinafter referred to as the University, UWED), as a leading educational and research centre in the fields of international relations, diplomacy, economics, and law, recognizes its responsibility to promote the principles of sustainable development and to contribute to efforts to combat climate change.

1.2. This University Climate Policy (hereinafter referred to as the Policy) defines the goals, principles, governance model, and key areas of action of UWED aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and enhancing climate resilience, as well as integrating the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the University's educational, research-analytical, and operational activities.

1.3. The Policy is aligned with UWED's internal documents, including the Sustainable Investment and Procurement Policy, and is applied in the planning, budgeting, and implementation of the University's programs and projects.

1.4. The Policy is based on international standards and approaches, including the UN SDGs, ESG principles, a life-cycle perspective for procurement, as well as best practices in managing climate actions at universities (Climate Action Plan).

2. Terms and Definitions

2.1. Greenhouse gases (GHGs) — gases that contribute to the greenhouse effect (CO_2, CH_4, N_2O, etc.).

2.2. Carbon footprint — the total GHG emissions associated with UWED's activities, expressed in tonnes of CO_2 equivalent.

2.3. Carbon neutrality (Net Zero) — a state in which net GHG emissions are equal to zero through maximum emission reductions and the compensation of residual emissions using acceptable mechanisms.

2.4. Direct climate impact — GHG emissions arising directly from the University's operations (energy use, transport, waste, etc.).

2.5. Indirect climate impact — impact exerted through education, research, analytical documents, and public influence.

2.6. Circular economy — a model focused on waste reduction, reuse, repair, recycling, and the extension of the life cycle of materials and products.

2.7. “Green Events” — the organization of events with waste minimization, emission reduction, responsible procurement, and sustainable catering.

3. Scope of Application

3.1. This Policy applies to all structural units of UWED, employees, faculty members, and students, as well as to activities carried out on the campus and within events and projects financed or organized by the University.

3.2. The Policy covers the following areas: energy and buildings; transport and business travel; procurement and investments; waste and resource management; food services and cafeteria/catering activities; educational and research-analytical activities; communications and partnerships; adaptation to climate risks.

4. Vision and Climate Impact Model

4.1. Vision: **“We translate knowledge into practice for the sustainable development of society.”**

4.2. The University considers climate action as a strategic mission that integrates institutional responsibility and academic leadership.

4.3. UWED’s climate impact model encompasses both indirect and direct effects:
a) Indirect impact (through knowledge): education; research and analytical expertise; capacity building and the development of climate-literate decision-making in diplomacy, economics, and law.

b) Direct impact (through operations): business travel and transport; procurement and investments; energy and buildings; food services and events; waste management and circularity; water use and campus landscaping.

5. Goals and Targets

5.1. Strategic goal: Achieve carbon neutrality (Net Zero) at UWED no later than 2035.

5.2. Interim GHG reduction targets (relative to a baseline year determined by the inventory results):

• By 2027 — conduct a full GHG emissions inventory and approve the baseline year and calculation methodology;

• By 2030 — reduce total GHG emissions by at least 50%;

• By 2033 — reduce total GHG emissions by at least 75%;

• By 2035 — achieve Net Zero (residual emissions to be compensated only after maximum reductions).

5.3. Targets by key areas (minimum benchmarks):

a) Business travel and transport: reduce emissions from air and road travel per full-time equivalent (FTE) by 50% by 2028;

b) Procurement and investments: implement mandatory sustainability criteria (ESG) and life-cycle assessment for priority procurement categories by 2027;

c) Energy and buildings: reduce energy consumption by at least 20% by 2030 (for comparable area and load);

d) Food services and events: reduce food waste by at least 30% by 2028; ensure the share of sustainable menu options (plant-based and local products) is at least 50% by 2030;

e) Waste and circularity: increase the share of separate collection and recycling to 60% by 2030.

6. Governance, Roles, and Responsibilities

6.1. The Rector of UWED holds leadership and responsibility for the implementation of the Policy.

6.2. A Committee on Sustainable Development and Climate Action (CSDCA) is established for coordination, monitoring, and reporting.

6.3. The Committee is composed of representatives from the University leadership, faculties, administrative and operational services, student initiatives, and the Centre for Sustainable Development. The Committee approves the annual Climate Action Plan and key KPIs.

6.4. The Centre for Sustainable Development under the Institute of Advanced International Studies provides scientific, analytical, and methodological support, prepares analytical documents (policy briefs), organizes international conferences, develops partnerships, and ensures the "link between knowledge and practice."

6.5. Heads of structural units are responsible for implementing activities within their areas of competence (energy efficiency, procurement, transport, events, education, etc.).

6.6. All members of the University community share responsibility for adhering to the principles of the Policy.

7. Action Areas

7.1. Education

7.1.1. The University systematically integrates climate and sustainability topics into educational programs in international relations, diplomacy, economics, and law.
7.1.2. Courses such as "Environmental Diplomacy," "Green Economy," and others are offered, developing competencies in sustainable development and ESG.
7.1.3. A new master's program, "Water Diplomacy," is developed to respond to regional and global challenges (SDGs 6, 13, 16, 17).
7.1.4. The University considers the campus a "living lab," where energy efficiency practices, sustainable procurement, separate waste collection, and "Green Events" serve as teaching cases and laboratories.

7.1.5. Annual interdisciplinary University events are implemented (Sustainable Development Weeks, public lectures, debates, project competitions).

7.2. Research, Doctoral Studies, and Applied Expertise

7.2.1. UWED encourages interdisciplinary research in climate policy, adaptation, and "green" transformation.

7.2.2. Doctoral candidates (PhD and DSc) in international relations, political science, international law, and world economy develop dissertations focused on sustainable development, ESG, climate law, and climate diplomacy.

7.2.3. The Centre for Sustainable Development prepares analytical documents, organizes international conferences and expert events, and fosters cooperation with government bodies and international partners.

7.2.4. The University considers establishing elective doctoral courses in climate/sustainability and supporting project proposals in this area.

7.3. Business Travel, Transport, and Academic Mobility

7.3.1. The University reduces travel emissions through prioritizing remote interactions, planning sustainable routes, and minimizing air travel where possible.

7.3.2. A "carbon budget" for business travel is introduced (by unit/project), including emissions calculations and annual limits.

7.3.3. A Sustainable Travel Guide is developed for staff and students (transport choices, service classes, combined routes).

7.3.4. For service vehicles, fleet updates prioritize low- and zero-carbon solutions; carpooling is encouraged.

7.3.5. Conditions for sustainable daily commuting are developed (bike parking, cooperation with city public transport).

7.3.6. International mobility programs support "green mobility" principles (including Erasmus Goes Green): accounting for and reducing the carbon footprint of travel.

7.4. Sustainable Procurement and Investments

7.4.1. UWED implements the Sustainable Investment and Procurement Policy and ensures alignment with this Climate Policy.

7.4.2. For priority procurement categories (IT, transport, energy equipment, repair/construction, catering, furniture), a life-cycle approach is applied: assessing environmental impacts at production, delivery, use, and disposal stages.
7.4.3. Tender documents and contracts include climate and environmental requirements (emissions reporting, minimized packaging, recycled material share, energy efficiency).
7.4.4. Practices for extending asset life (repair, modernization, reuse) and internal equipment exchange are developed.

7.4.5. The University avoids investments and contracts creating significant climate risks and supports “green” financial instruments where possible.

7.5. Energy, Buildings, and Campus Environment

7.5.1. Regular energy audits are conducted; energy reduction measures are implemented (lighting, HVAC, automation, insulation).

7.5.2. A campus renewable energy program is developed (e.g., solar generation) and/or “green” energy is procured from suppliers.

7.5.3. Green building principles are applied in construction/renovation: energy-efficient solutions, sustainable materials, reduced emissions from construction and logistics.

7.5.4. The campus develops as a biodiversity space: landscaping, green zone maintenance, microclimate improvement projects.

7.6. Food Services, Cafeteria, and Sustainable Events

7.6.1. UWED recognizes that food and catering significantly impact GHG emissions; sustainability principles (SDGs 12 and 13) are applied in cafeteria and food supplier operations.
7.6.2. Sustainable menu requirements are introduced: increase plant-based options, prioritize local and seasonal products, reduce high-carbon items while maintaining quality.
7.6.3. Food waste is reduced: optimized planning, portioning, visitor awareness, separate organic waste collection (if infrastructure exists).
7.6.4. Single-use packaging and plastics are minimized; reusable/recyclable solutions are implemented.

7.6.5. All UWED events (conferences, forums, seminars) follow “Green Events” standards: electronic materials, separate collection, sustainable catering, preference for hybrid formats where possible.

7.7. Waste and Circular Economy

7.7.1. A system for separate collection and recycling of waste is developed; the share of sorted fractions increases.

7.7.2. Circularity projects are implemented: reuse of furniture and equipment, repair, inter-unit resource exchange.

7.7.3. Communication and training on waste management are strengthened for staff and students; container and instruction visual standards are introduced.

7.7.4. Waste flows are analysed and measures to reduce waste generation and disposal emissions are developed.

7.8. Water Sustainability and Water Diplomacy

7.8.1. The University prioritizes rational water use and water sustainability (SDG 6).

7.8.2. Water-saving measures are implemented on campus: water-efficient fixtures, monitoring, leak prevention, awareness campaigns.

7.8.3. The “Water Diplomacy” academic program and related research are used to develop water risk management practices and inform regional expert decision-making.

8. Monitoring, Reporting, and KPIs

8.1. Within 12 months from the date of Policy approval, the University shall conduct an initial inventory of GHG emissions and determine the baseline year and accounting boundaries.

8.2. The CSDCA annually approves the Climate Action Plan and the set of KPIs, and prepares an annual progress report.

8.3. Reporting covers both direct impact (operations) and indirect impact (education, research, analytics, partnerships).

8.4. KPIs are published openly on the University website; key results are communicated to the University community.

8.5. Based on monitoring results, measures and targets are adjusted; interim indicators may be refined while maintaining the Net Zero 2035 target.

Table 1.

Recommended Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Annual Monitoring

Area	Indicator	Unit	Frequency
Greenhouse Gases (GHG)	Total emissions (CO_2e) and by source (energy / travel / procurement / waste)	t CO_2e	annually
Energy	Electricity and heat consumption; energy intensity per m^2	kWh, kWh/m^2	quarterly/annually
Transport	Emissions from business travel; share of flights	t CO_2e, %	annually
Procurement	Share of purchases with sustainable criteria and life-cycle assessment	%	annually
Food	Food waste; share of sustainable menu	kg, %	quarterly/annually
Waste	Share of separate collection / recycling	%	quarterly/annually
Education	Share of programs/courses integrating climate/SDGs; student coverage	%, persons	annually
Research	Number of dissertations/projects/analytical documents on climate and SDGs	units	annually

9. Communications, Engagement, and Sustainability Culture

9.1. The University fosters a culture of sustainability through education, student initiatives, project activities, and public events.

9.2. Students and staff are engaged in the development and implementation of climate initiatives, including projects on energy efficiency, waste, Green Events, and water sustainability.

9.3. The University develops partnerships with government bodies, international organizations, businesses, and civil society, supporting joint projects and expert platforms.

9.4. The Centre for Sustainable Development provides information support and ensures international visibility of results.

10. Policy Review and Update

10.1. The Policy is reviewed at least once every three years or earlier in the event of significant changes in external requirements/obligations or internal strategy.
10.2. The review includes assessment of the effectiveness of measures, updating goals and KPIs, and consultations with students, staff, and external partners.
10.3. The updated version is approved by the Rector’s order.

APPENDIX 1 .

Roadmap to Net Zero 2035 (recommended)

- Stage 1 (2026–2027): emissions inventory, approval, KPI system launch, adoption of the action plan for key areas.
- Stage 2 (2028–2030): scaling energy efficiency, sustainable procurement, and Green Events; achieving the – 50% target by 2030.
- Stage 3 (2031–2033): deep decarbonization (renewable energy, building modernization, transport); achieving the – 75% target by 2033.
- Stage 4 (2034–2035): achieving Net Zero; residual emissions are compensated only after maximum reduction.

APPENDIX 2.

Responsibility Allocation (recommended)

Area	**Responsible Unit**	**Comments**
Emissions Inventory and Reporting	CSDCA / Administrative Services / Finance Department	Data collection, CO_2e calculation, report publication
Education and Curricula	Academic-Methodological Management / Faculties	SDG/climate integration, mandatory/elective modules
Research and Analytics	Centre for Sustainable Development / IMPI	Policy briefs, conferences, partnerships, project support
Travel and Transport	International Relations Department / Administrative Services	Sustainable travel, carbon budget
Procurement and Investments	Procurement Department / Finance Department	ESG criteria, life-cycle approach, sustainable suppliers
Energy and Buildings	Administrative Services	Energy audit, modernization, renewable energy sources
Cafeteria and Catering	Food Service/Contractor + CSDCA	Sustainable menu, waste, packaging
Waste and Circularity	Administrative Services + Committee	Separate collection, reuse projects

Appendix 3

Sustainable Development and Climate Action Committee of UWED

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