

Decision of the European Banking Authority EBA/DC/568

of 08 January 2025

concerning adoption of the EUAN Charter on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and responsible environmental management

The Executive Director

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 establishing a European Supervisory Authority (European Banking Authority), amending Decision No 716/2009/EC and repealing Commission Decision 2009/78/EC¹, in particular Article 53(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Decision of the European Banking Authority concerning the environmental policy at the European Banking Authority EBA/DC/2021/420 of 13 December 2021,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union is committed to making Europe the first climate neutral continent by 2050.
- (2) The European Court of Auditors, in its special report 'EU climate and energy targets'² calls for more transparency on the performance of the EU and its member states on climate and energy action.
- (3) The European Court of Auditors, in its annual report on EU agencies for the financial year 2022³, calls all EU agencies to prepare up-to-date corporate plans to improve their climate neutrality and energy efficiency.
- (4) The EU Agencies Network (EUAN), a platform for exchange and cooperation among EU decentralized agencies, joint undertakings and bodies, contributes to the implementation of EU policies and strives for the development of a more sustainable, inclusive and competitive Europe for the benefit of all EU citizens.

¹ OJ L331, 15.12.2010, p. 12.

² European Court of Auditors (2023), [Special report 18/2023: EU climate and energy targets](#)

³ European Court of Auditors (2023), [Annual report on EU Agencies for the financial year 2022](#)

- (5) The Heads of EU Agencies, during their annual meeting in February 2024, adopted EUAN Charter on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and responsible environmental management, here and after called The Charter.
- (6) The EBA implements the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS), a key initiative aimed at minimizing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting responsible environmental management.
- (7) By adopting the Charter, the EBA reinforces its commitment to improve its environmental performance and reduce its carbon footprint.

Has decided as follows:

Article 1

The EBA endeavours to take all reasonable measures in achieving climate neutrality within the scope of its activities and resources and adopts the EU Agencies Network Charter on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and responsible environmental management in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision enters into force on the day following its adoption.

Done at Paris,

François-Louis Michaud
Executive Director

EU Agencies Network Charter on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and responsible environmental management

The EU Agencies Network is committed to promoting sustainability and responsible environmental management within the Agencies and Joint Undertakings (JUs) it represents. The Network recognises its responsibility for making a positive contribution to sustainable development and to lead by example in the transition towards a more sustainable economy in line with the goals of the EU Green Deal⁴⁵⁶ and the objectives set by the European Commission⁷ and the European Parliament.

The EUAN members commit to:

1. Taking the necessary steps towards achieving climate neutrality by 2030,
2. Engage and proactively act towards reducing their negative impact on the environment, through continuously improving their environmental performance,
3. Set, implement, and monitor an environmental policy, objectives, and targets,
4. Promote the careful use of resources in their day-to-day operations,
5. Systematically measure their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions,
6. Prioritise actions to reduce emissions, with a special focus on travel-related emissions,
7. Maximise the use of sustainable electronic solutions and green public procurement to limit their material impact,
8. Ensure compliance with applicable environmental regulations and sustainability reporting,
9. Continually raise staff awareness and encourage the implementation and exchange of environmental best practices,
10. Secure adequate resources for the implementation of the provisions of this Charter,
11. Compensate their remaining unavoidable GHG emissions through certified carbon removal schemes, once common EU standards for certification of high-quality carbon removal standards are in place.

This Charter is thus a commitment to achieve climate neutrality among the EU Agencies Network by 2030, in line with the EU's aim of making Europe the first climate neutral continent by 2050.

⁴ [How do the EU institutions and bodies calculate, reduce and offset their greenhouse gas emissions?](#)

⁵ [The European Parliament carbon footprint - Towards carbon neutrality](#)

⁶ [Feasibility and scoping study for the commission to become climate neutral by 2030 - Publications Office of the EU](#)

⁷ [People first – Greening the European Commission - European Commission](#)