

Travel Policy

World Environmental Education Congress 2015

Introduction

World Environmental Education Congress - WEEC – is an international congress addressing education for environment and sustainable development. WEEC2015 is the 8th congress and is arranged by the University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology through the Centre for Environment and Sustainability (GMV) together with the WEEC permanent secretariat. The congress is an international meeting point for everyone working with education for environment and sustainable development or who have an interest in the field. It is in the interest of GMV to arrange a sustainable congress with a minimized environmental footprint. For this reason, WEEC2015 has applied for an environmental certification from the Swedish Environmental Base.

Purpose

The policy for travels shall give guidance in planning and decision making of travels and transports. It shall also promote a selection of alternatives with a low environmental impact.

Scope

This policy concern travels made in connection to the arrangement of WEEC2015 by collaborators, organizers, suppliers, volunteers and participants.

Aim

The policy for travels aim to reduce the environmental impact of travels. Bicycles, walking or public transports shall be put forward as the main alternative for transports and environmentally classified vehicles and/or fuels shall be used when other means of transports are required. Travels with a large environmental footprint shall be replaced with video-, phone- and web meetings if possible or be requested to use carbon offset to balance the negative environmental impact.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of all concerned within WEEC2015 to fulfill the aim of the travel policy when travels are planned. The organizers shall help the collaborators, suppliers, volunteers and participants to do so by selecting well-considered facilities, suppliers and activities, as well as encourage transports with a low environmental impact and to do carbon offset. It is the responsibility of the environmental officer of the congress to inform all concerned of the policy and to raise awareness of the green transportation alternatives. This is accomplished through the publication of this policy on the WEEC2015 website.