WE PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

In Educo we reaffirm our commitment to contribute to a healthy planet that will make life possible for future generations, in line with the Child Rights Approach that is the core of our mission.

As a member of Accountable Now, Educo subscribes to the 12 Accountability Commitments of the Global Standard for Civil Society Organization (CSO) Accountability, which includes environmental protection as one of its main principles.

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Commitment 3: Healthy planet

In the search for clean, healthy and sustainable policies and practices that benefit humanity and the planet, CSOs must develop and implement strategies that contribute to the protection of the natural environment.

Key actions:

1. Listen to people and consult experts to understand the environmental issues faced by people and nature, and how to best address them.

2. Lead by example: Map our organisation’s environmental impact, minimise it to the extent possible and be open about our successes and failures.

3. Motivate and support people to protect the environment and to promote systemic change for a healthy planet.

4. Collaborate with actors from different sectors to develop innovative and systemic solutions to environmental issues.

Our Environmental Policy establishes the strategic courses of action to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, both in terms of the execution of programs and projects, as well as the daily work of the institution. This is specified in the first of its objectives, established as:

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by our activities, especially those derived from energy consumption and travel, in order to contribute to reducing climate change.

This objective has the following action points:

- Identify, measure and monitor the greenhouse emissions associated with our operations and activities in the Head Office, delegations, country offices and local offices around the world.

- Promote measures for controlling and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
Carbon footprint

We calculate the organization’s carbon footprint every year in order to analyze trends and propose actions for improvement.

Educo calculates its greenhouse gas emissions (hereinafter GHG), expressed in CO₂ (carbon dioxide) equivalent quantity. This figure is calculated using the GHG (Protocol on Greenhouse Gases) Protocol.

The calculation is made globally, including emissions from our Head Office and country offices in Africa, America, Asia and Spain, and based on three “emission categories” or, technically speaking, “scopes”:

- Scope 1: **emissions directly produced by the organization**, include the emissions from the organization’s vehicles, air conditioning systems and consumption of natural gas.

- Scope 2: **emissions indirectly produced by the electricity consumption**.

- Scope 3: **emissions indirectly produced by the organization but controlled by an external agent**, include the emissions from work-related travel, commuting and the use of paper.

The table and graph below show the organization’s carbon footprint over the past four years, for each of the three scopes:

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<th>CARBON FOOTPRINT (in TONNES CO₂)</th>
<th>2018</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>2015</th>
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<tr>
<td>Scope 1: Vehicles, air conditioning and gas.</td>
<td>338,91</td>
<td>324,85</td>
<td>345,13</td>
<td>344,96</td>
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<td>Scope 2: Electricity</td>
<td>383,79</td>
<td>390,85</td>
<td>261,13</td>
<td>266,56</td>
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<td>Scope 3: Work-related travel, employee commuting and paper</td>
<td>1.160,76</td>
<td>1.102,05</td>
<td>1.001,68</td>
<td>956,48</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>1.883,46</strong></td>
<td><strong>1.817,75</strong></td>
<td><strong>1.607,94</strong></td>
<td><strong>1.568,00</strong></td>
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Regarding Scope 1 there is a decrease in emissions, mainly due to the measures taken by the offices to optimise the use of air-conditioning. With regard to Scope 2, there is an increase in emissions resulting from electricity consumption, caused, among other circumstances, by the modification of the emission factor (a factor that establishes the amount of CO₂ equivalent generated per kWh of electricity consumed) used by some country offices for the calculation.

Regarding Scope 3, although measures have been taken to improve digital communication (videoconference, use of digital platforms, etc.), there has been a slight increase in emissions due to work-related travels.

The graph below shows the % distribution of the carbon footprint for each scope. It should be noted that the emissions for Scope 3 represent 62% of the total carbon footprint.