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Environmental policy of the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions

In view of the EU's commitment to the environment, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the Committee of the Regions (CoR) have undertaken to implement an environmental management system complying with the requirements of the European EMAS regulation.

The environmental management system has the support of the EMAS steering committee and in particular the Secretaries-General, as guarantors that their strategic, organisational and management activity will take environmental aspects into account.

Environmental commitment must translate into specific measures backed by the requisite human, material and financial resources.

In general, the environmental management system must enable the following:

- compliance with environmental legislation applicable to the premises covered by the system;
- prevention of pollution;
- ongoing improvement to the environmental impact of the EESC's and CoR's activities.

More specifically, our environmental management system must enable us to meet the following commitments:

- reducing our gas, electricity and water consumption;
- encouraging reasonable and responsible use of paper;
- encouraging green public procurement in our procedures;
- reducing the use of plastics in our activities;
- encouraging sustainable food, fighting food waste, including by donating food;
- greening our events;
- reducing the amount of waste we produce and sorting it more effectively;
- reducing emissions due to work-related travel;
- encouraging urban biodiversity;
- informing staff and members and raising their awareness; encouraging everyone to participate in the implementation of the environmental management system. Awareness raising may also take the form of participation in regional or international initiatives.

Meeting these commitments is the responsibility of all EESC and CoR staff members, coordinated by the EMAS project manager. Members, contractors and everyone else concerned will be informed of this environmental policy.

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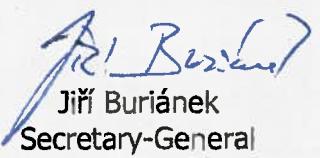
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