

The environment

As part of our policy of corporate social responsibility, we wish to help improve sustainability by concentrating our organisation's efforts on minimising the possible environmental impact of the processes, facilities and services resulting from our operations.

The Banco Sabadell Group also joined the United Nations Global Compact in 2005, thereby undertaking to work, through its environmental principles, from a preventative approach, to encourage environmental responsibility and encourage the development of technologies that respect the environment.

Our Environmental Management System (EMS) is based on the following principles:

- Include criteria of sustainability in our strategic planning in order to develop, maintain and improve companies' environmental conduct with the aim of preventing pollution.
- Define targets related to the environmental management of our work centres (natural resources and raw materials, noise pollution and waste management) and to the environmental management of our financial operations (environmental risk, funding renewable energy sources and customer services).
- Comply with the requirements resulting from environmental legislation applicable to our processes, facilities and services, as well as other obligations undertaken voluntarily.
- Identify and assess environmental aspects to determine those that might significantly impact the environment.
- Encourage the reduction, re-use and recycling of waste.
- Promote environment-related training and awareness-raising among Banco Sabadell Group personnel.
- Strengthen internal communication channels to gather environment-related queries and suggestions from employees.
- Attempt to continually improve the firm's environmental conduct, collaborating with different public administrations and bodies as well as with other stakeholders, customers, shareholders and suppliers in planning improvements, preventing risks and implementing regulations regarding environmental conditions.
- Encourage responsible environmental conduct on the part of our suppliers.
- Support environmental initiatives in society through sponsorship, patronage, research, publications and conferences.

The Environment Committee will coordinate the environmental policy and ensure its compliance. Its mission focuses on:

- Defining environmental targets

- Delegating functions of environmental management to departments
- Promoting environment-related training and awareness-raising among the personnel
- Revising the Environmental Management System

Board of Directors
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