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> Together, we are shaping an eco-responsible School and inspiring change towards a sustainable future. E

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (2022 - 2026)



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Our sustainability approach is rooted in the conviction that our planet's sustainability grand challenges will only be solved through systemic, interdisciplinary and sciencebased collective action.

At IÉSEG, we have the ambition to empower changemakers who can navigate these challenges to lead the ecological and social transition, delivering tangible business solutions for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

# IRONMENTAL

# **VISION, MISSION AND VALUES**

Empowering changemakers for a better society.

### VISION

The lÉSEG vision, which emerged from a collective effort involving all the School's stakeholders is that IÉSEG is a unique international hub empowering changemakers for a better society.

### MISSION

- > To educate managers to be inspiring, intercultural and ethical pioneers of change.
- > To create knowledge that nurtures innovative leaders.
- > To promote creative solutions for and with responsible organizations.

### VALUES

ACCOMPLISHMENT

We support members of the IÉSEG community to go the 'extra mile', forging their own path and achieving meaningful goals in life.



### RESPONSIBILITY

We take into account the impact of all our decisions and activities on people, the planet and business.



## INTEGRITY

We, students and staff, act ethically in a consistent way in all of our personal and professional activities.



### SOLIDARITY

We pay particular care and attention to everyone by fostering inclusiveness in all our activities.



We are, actively and collectively, committed to making a positive impact.



## **KEY FIGURES** 2024-2025



**EQUIS - AACSB - AMBA** 



8,450 current students and 1,200 executives/managers trained each year



208 permanent professors from 54 different countries



**335 partner universities** in 74 countries

Ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in the 2024 global ranking of the best Masters in Management programs (Financial Times)

+17,000 graduates

100% of permanent faculty with a PhD/Doctorate

2,500 partner companies



« In today's fast-changing context, sustainability isn't merely an option; it must be the navigational tool steering management schools through the complexities of grand challenges. In this global transformation, higher education must take the lead. We play a pivotal role in shaping a future where companies operate within planetary boundaries and respect social foundations. At IÉSEG, we seek to instill *in the next generation of leaders a deep understanding of the interconnectedness* between business practices and the well-being of the planet and society. We must also lead by example, ensuring our operations and actions contribute to society and limit their impact on the environment. »

## Maria CASTILLO

Social and Environmental Impact Director



## ÉSEG'S COMMITMENTS

- Lille Low Carbon Commitments since June 18th, 2021, in order to limit its environmental footprint on the territory.
- Accord de Grenoble since January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with the aim of integrating the challenges of the socio-ecological transition in curriculums and on its campuses.
- Post-carbon commitments charter for Paris-La Défense since July 21st, 2023, with carbon reduction targets.

# SUSTAINABILITY AT THE HEART OF **IÉSEG'S VISION AND STRATEGY**

IÉSEG's sustainability strategy was built in line with the School's DNA – engaging stakeholders for the development of our activities – and anchored in the Vision 2025 process.

## THE 4 PILLARS OF THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STRATEGY

IÉSEG's Sustainability strategy is based on four overarching pillars that aim to cover all aspects of our business and operations. Two pillars are directly related to the Climate Action Plan:



Catalyzing Change through **Research and Impact** 



### SUSTAINABILITY KEY FIGURES

- > In 2022-2023, 66 of our electives were on social or environmental impact, and core courses on sustainability in the Grande École Progam accounted for total of 19 ECTS.
- > In August 2023, 1,750 students participated in the Sustainability and Diversity Induction Week.
- Since 2020, about 5,630 students have completed the 2.5-hour online training module entitled «Gender and Sexual Violence Prevention».
- > In 2022-2023, IÉSEG has scored 89/100 on the Gender Equality Index.

### **ZOOM ON... CHANGENOW AND PIR RANKINGS**

- in 2023.
  - four consecutive years.

IÉSEG ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> among the most committed French Business Schools to the ecological and social transition published by ChangeNOW - Les Echos START

> IÉSEG has also been in the top 30 schools in the Positive Impact Rating for

# **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CO-CONSTRUCTION**

## FROM VISION TO IMPACT: DEVELOPING IÉSEG'S CLIMATE ACTION **PLAN**

IÉSEG's Climate Action Plan was co-created with different stakeholders and finalized in 2023 through the following steps:



The **Climate Action Plan** is a strategy which sets clear targets for the School's carbon footprint, including a 30% reduction in the impact of the international mobility, an energy efficiency plan was also implemented, resulting in a 28% decrease in energy consumption on the Paris campus. This Plan covers a broad range of operational topics such as IT, purchasing, responsibility and mobility.

### A FOCUS ON...

### > Benchmarking

Benchmarks were conducted among a significant number of higher education institutions. We collected information on carbon footprint, as well as on indicators and best practices linked to energy conservation measures, green IT, responsible purchasing, sustainable travels, zero waste and socially-responsible investments, etc.

### > Working groups

Several working groups took place with the different departments of the School, including the General Services, IT, Brand & Communications, Corporate Relations, International Relations, among others. Additionally, professors, students, alumni, and other partners, including the LiveTree committee, collectively contributed proposals for IÉSEG, outlining Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), establishing a timeline, and assigning responsibilities.

### > Consolidation, objectives, priorities, KPI

The Climate Action Plan reveals objectives and actions for 8 environmental topics. Furthermore, it is being reinforced by precise roadmaps progressively created such as the energy efficiency plan in 2022 or the sustainable international mobility plan in 2023.



vriam DEGRAVE Senior Professor of Practice in Sustainability Head of Environmental and Social Impact

The magnitude of sustainability challenges ahead of our economies calls for a deep rethink of competences required for all students. With this in mind, we have worked with professors and academic directors to redesign a solid and progressive student journey on sustainability across the



Audrey PARÉ Sustainability / CSR Coordinator

At IÉSEG, our commitment to the Paris Agreement's target of limiting global heating to 1.5 to 2°C is unwavering, and our dedicated Climate Action Plan for 2022-2026 stands as our decisive response to address climate change concerns.

Collaborative efforts, with various services actively contributing to the plan's co-creation and now its

Grande École Program. This has involved a range of transformations, from adding new mandatory courses such as "Environmental and Energy Economics", to integrating more scientific content on planetary boundaries into existing sustainability courses, or designing disciplinespecific sustainability courses (finance, marketing, operations, etc) into every major. Recognized frameworks from our stakeholders (e.g. EU GreenComp, The Shift *Project, MESR and CDEFM) quided this reflection. This* was a wonderful opportunity to work collectively to reflect upon what we want to achieve as a management school, and translate it into tangible action.

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implementation, have led to a 18% reduction in our carbon footprint, dropping from 1.1 ton of CO2 equivalent per user in 2018-2019 to 0.84 ton of CO2 in 2021-2022. Impactful initiatives like circular economy and recycling initiatives, sustainability awareness weeks, and efforts to promote soft mobility demonstrate our collective action to achieving tangible sustainability goals. Our focus on the GHG Protocol's Scope 3 (carbon emissions), particularly on international mobility, highlights our commitment to reducing our carbon impact. Additionally, we're not only addressing climate and low-carbon concerns but also working on preserving biodiversity. Beyond emission reduction, our goal is to enhance resilience, ensuring IÉSEG is wellprepared to face the challenges of a changing climate.



# 1<sup>ST</sup> PILLAR: DEVELOPING SUSTAINABILITY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND PASSION

## SUSTAINABILITY PEDAGOGICAL INITIATIVES

The **"Transition 2026"** program seeks to ensure that all students, staff, and professors are equipped with the skills, knowledge, competences, and passion to address the most pressing global challenges today.

### **REDESIGNING COURSES AND PROGRAMS FOR IMPACT**

Since 2015, sustainability has been integrated into our core curriculum. Today, **100%** of our programs include mandatory sustainability, CSR or ethics courses.

In 2020 and 2021, a redesign of the Grande École Program (PGE) brought in an even more consistent integration of social and environmental topics, as well as a strong interdisciplinary approach.



> All core management courses in the Grande École Program are being revised to reflect the sustainability skills required across disciplines (e.g. sustainable finance, responsible marketing...). For this, IÉSEG is finalizing a grid to help professors determine what is considered as sustainability-related elements, including competences such as the EU Greencomp competence framework and the SDGs.

- > This process will extend to all post-graduate programs as well as to all elective courses, and will be finalized by 2025.
- > As part of the yearly performance evaluation system, professors are asked to detail how they integrate sustainability into their courses.

Furthermore, in September 2022, IÉSEG launched a new **Specialized Master in Management for Sustainability.** It has been designed for problem-solvers and purpose-driven students who want to implement solutions addressing the world's toughest sustainability challenges.

### SUSTAINABILITY INDUCTION SEMINAR

Today, 100% of our new Grande École Program and Bachelor's in International Business (BIB) students go through an introductory sustainability training.

In August 2023, around 1,750 students participated in the Sustainability and Diversity Induction Week. All first-year students (PGE and BIB) participated in the seminar which includes a Changemakers Odyssée (SDG challenge), a hands-on volunteering activity, a group project on the Sustainable Development Goals, and an online module on prevention on sexual violence and harassment.



### THE SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATE

Created by IÉSEG **"Responsible Leaders" students**, the Sustainability Certificate aims to reward the social and environmental commitment of students throughout their studies. This certificate is free and open to all students in the Grande École Program, and soon for all programs.

Academic criteria	Number of cours sustainability
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Experience criteria	<ul> <li>Internship in por related gap year</li> </ul>
Master Thesis	> Thesis or consu

### CLIMATE LAB

The Climate lab is a student-led practical **elective course** that addresses climate change through **innovative pedagogical approaches** and with the participation of our alumni. The objective of this course is to allow students to take the lead in the organization and implementation of the course, determine the projects they want to work on, and be proactive in their learning experience. This first course ran from January to May 2023.

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## **"TRANSITION 2026" ACTION PLAN**

IÉSEG developped a 7 half-days Sustainability and Diversity Training Program for all administrative & academic staff.

### > By 2024 :

- IÉSEG develop an Impact Corner.
- 100% of professors, administrative staff and students are trained in sustainability.
- 100% of administrative services have a sustainability roadmap, with clear objectives for 2026 and KPIs to track progress.
- 100% of academic departments develop a roadmap to integrate sustainability into courses, mapping out existing course content, and ensuring coherence.

### > By 2026 :

- 100% of courses and programs will address sustainability regardless of the area of specialization and will integrate the SDGs.
- IÉSEG will offer a Sustainability major in the Grande École Program.
- 100% of our students and staff will be aware of sustainable actions at IÉSEG.

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	Sustainability	Diversity	Sustainab

CORE MODULES FOR EVERYONE

In addition to the training for professors and staff, IÉSEG aims to integrate a sustainability dimension into all courses, as well as to develop its offering on courses entirely focused on sustainability.

This comprises the following actions:

- > Sustainability certification aligned with HR policy.
- > Develop a resource center of pedagogical tools (e.g. case studies, videos, etc.).
- fields and sector.





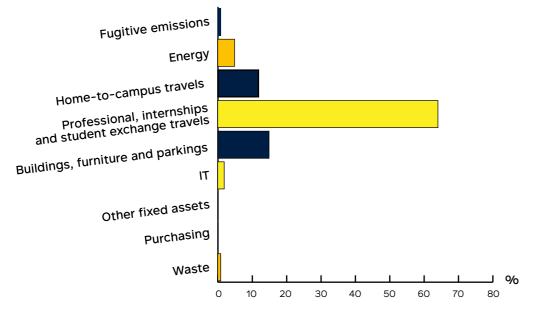


> Promoting the link between faculty and practitioners working on sustainability in various

# 2<sup>ND</sup> PILLAR: ESTABLISHING A RESPONSIBLE CAMPUS

## **CARBON FOOTPRINT ASSESSMENT**

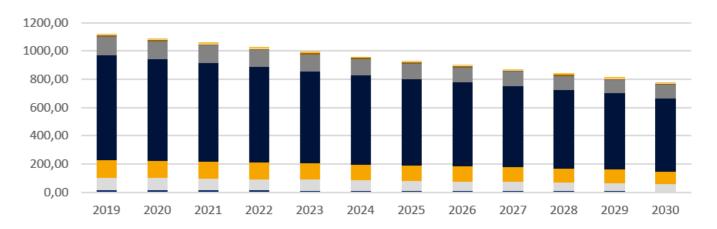
- > Since 2019, IÉSEG has conducted carbon footprint assessments to analyze its Greenhouse Gas emissions, scopes 1, 2 and 3 (as per the GHG Protocol). In collaboration with the LiveTREE Carbon Trajectory Committee of Lille Catholic University (UCL), evaluations are conducted based on the methodology of the ADEME (French Agency for Ecological Transition)<sup>1</sup>.
- > In 2018-2019, our carbon footprint was 6.643 tons of CO2 equivalent. This equals to a carbon footprint of 1,124 kgC02e per user (students and staff). The activity sector emitting the most being international mobility (65%), while other categories include energy, day-to-day mobility, buildings, IT, purchasing, and waste.
- > In 2021-2022, the total carbon footprint was 6,258tC02e, equalling to a carbon footprint of 844kgC02e per user (18% reduction compared to 2019).

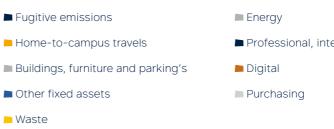


1. UCL Carbon footprint

## **CARBON REDUCTION TRAJECTORY**

- > The School have defined the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction trajectory in line with the Paris Agreement, the Grenoble Agreement, the National Low Carbon Strategy (SNBC 2)<sup>2</sup> and the European «fit for 55»<sup>3</sup> objective.
- > IÉSEG commit to reduce its GHG emissions between 2019 and 2030 by 31%, relative to the number of students and staff. Therefore, while the average carbon footprint is 1,124 kgC02e per user in 2019, we aim to reach 778 kgC02e per user in 2030. We commit to this carbon reduction without relying on carbon offsetting practices but rather a change in our activities.





**Note:** the carbon reduction trajectory and objectives is set to evolve in the next few years.

2. Summary of the French energy and climate strategy reference scenario 3. Haut Conseil pour le Climat - Rapport annuel 2022 - Beyond observations, implementing solutions



Professional, internships and student exchange travels

## **"TRANSITION 2026" ACTION PLAN**



### **KEY INITIATIVES**

- In 2022, IÉSEG developed an energy efficiency plan for its campus in Lille and Paris.
- New buildings in the Lille campus (Village and Vauban) have been built following the highest environmental standards (HQE), based on French law.
- IÉSEG installed a rainwater collector for the sanitary facilities in the Promenade, Vauban and Village buildings (Paris and Lille).
- All buildings are connected to the urban heating network, while in the past, buildings were heated with gas. It has reduced significantly our carbon footprint.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Reduce the GHG emissions from energy by 25% by 2026 and 40% by 2030



Reduce our water consumption by 10% by 2026

### **ACTION PLAN: OUR KEY PRIORITIES**

- To set up a working group on 'energy and water', with a student representation.
- To conduct audits to evaluate our buildings and to identify areas of improvement in energy and water consumption with the help of an external expert.
- To work on the **building management system (GTB)** to gain energy efficiency.
- To heat the offices and classrooms to 19°C (and 17°C during the night). During the «Ecowatt Red» periods, the set temperature is 18°C.
- To participate in environmental performance experiments with Lille Catholic University's LiveTREE program.

6 months after the launch of the energy efficiency plan, IÉSEG has reduced its heating consumption by 24% on its campuses (which is equivalent to the annual energy consumption of 30 houses of 100m<sup>2</sup>).



### **KEY INITIATIVES**

- All our IT team has participated in the **Numerical Fresk**, and some have become facilitators of this educational game.
- In the past ten years, IESEG transitioned from **15 physical servers to only 4 physical servers** and the Cloud platform. In addition, the IT Department reduced air-conditioning usage to mitigate its negative impact.
- In 2022, we donated 200 used IT equipment to Galax-IT.
- In 2023, IÉSEG organized a Digital Cleanup Week to raise awareness on the environmental impact of emails, clouds, streaming and printing.

OBJECTIVES

Reduce the GHG emissions of IT by 15% by 2026 and 25% by 2030

▲ Increase the 2026



### ACTION PLAN: OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- > To sign and commit to the manifest Planet Tech'Care.
- > To set up a working group on 'IT, digitalization and web', with a student representation.
- > To develop a checklist of criteria to consider before doing IT-related purchases, based on circular economy principles.
- > To manage the audio-visual equipment in order to realise energy-savings of screens and computers.
- > To create annual awareness campaigns on the impact of internet, email, social media, streaming, phone and computer usage.
- > To partner with circular economy-oriented suppliers for the buying, selling, and repairing of IT equipment and servers hosting.



average life of our IT equipment by one year (5 years instead of 4) by

1/3 of our IT equipment will be acquired from eco-responsible sources by 2026 and half by 2030



### **KEY INITIATIVES**

- > Each year, during the European Sustainable Development Week, the School launches an awareness campaign to encourage all staff and students to bike to their campuses (#BikeToWork, #IESEGCares).
- > IÉSEG has implemented an incentive compensation program for its staff to encourage the use of bikes for commuting to campus.
- > Several parking spaces for regular and electric bikes have been created, as well as charging stations for electric cars.
- > The Klaxit initiative also aims to promote car sharing in Lille.

### OBJECTIVES



Reduce the GHG emissions of day-to-day mobility **by 15% by 2026** and 30% by 2030

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### **ACTION PLAN: OUR KEY PRIORITIES**

- > To develop a plan and roadmap to reduce the impact related to day-to-day mobility by setting up campaigns and an incentive plan to promote sustainable mobility.
- > To set up a working group on day-to-day mobility, with a student representation.
- > To integrate questions on soft mobility habits in the information requested by HR for new staff and by admission services for new students, in order to calculate the carbon footprint.
- > To carry out a review of on-campus infrastructure related to day-to-day mobility.
- > To further develop initiatives to transition to a bike-friendly campus, including in increasing the number of bike parking spots by one third to one half.



### KEY INITIATIVES

- > During information sessions on student exchanges, students learn about the the impact of traveling by plane on the environment. The webinar also discusses different initiatives to be more eco-responsible during an academic exchange.
- > In 2023, IÉSEG launched its sustainable international mobility plan.
- > In 2023, the **#TakeTheTrain** fund was launched to financially encourage students to use responsible means of transport for exchanges and internships in Europe.

### OBJECTIVES



### ACTION PLAN: OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- > To set up working groups on 'students' international mobility' and 'professors and staff's international mobility', with a student representation.
- > To set up a sustainable business travel policy for staff and professors.
- > To set a program in which students are involved in a local and ecological restoration project for 2 days as part of their requirement to validate an exchange.
- > To communicate annually the average carbon footprint of IÉSEG's staff and students.
- > To address strategical questions about students' and staff's international mobility.
- > To work closely with partners (higher education institutions, CGE, LiveTREE, etc.) to advance decision-making about international mobility.
- To create the Impact Corners as models of excellence about circular economy.





Improve the data measurement and data accuracy related to staff travel by 2023

In September 2023, I began my internship journey in Luxembourg, opting for a sustainable approachchoosing the train as my mode of transportation.

Advocating for the TakeTheTrain fund is a call for more individuals to choose green transportation. Through the train, you can relish the scenic views outside your window while actively contributing to the future of our planet.





### KEY INITIATIVES

- > For the past two years, the Brand & Communications Department has worked on a project to improve the goodies and promotional items offer based on sustainbility criteria. Therefore, IÉSEG has already reduced significantly its quantity of goodies as well as its quantity of printed communication tools.
- > IÉSEG works as much as possible with suppliers that are committed to the ecological and social transition, for example that have a CSR certification.
- > Furniture is bought second-hand whenever possible.

### OBJECTIVES

Improve the data measurement and data accuracy related to purchasing & buildings by 2023

60% of our

supplies will come

from eco-friendly/ circular economy

alternatives by

ACTION PLAN: OUR KEY PRIORITIES

2026

and staff.

students and staff.

plastic-free options.



To improve the data measurement and data accuracy related to purchasing & buildings.

> To develop a responsible procurement policy / charter and communicate it to students

> To develop a guideline on responsible and zero waste events, and communicate it to

> To set up working groups on 'events', 'goodies', 'food', 'print and POS advertising',

> To rethink the vending machines and cafeterias to provide more vegetarian, healthy and

> To create Sustainability Hubs as models of excellence about circular economy.

'building design and construction', with a student representation.

Reduce the GHG emissions of purchasing & buildings by 20% by 2026 and 30% by 2030

Reduce the quantity of goodies by 50% by 2026

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### KEY INITIATIVES

- > In 2019, we created the 'Plastic Free' initiative to reduce significantly single-use plastic on campuses. To achieve this goal, IÉSEG collaborates with a circular economy company, LemonTri, and has installed a recycling machine on campus where students and staff can recycle all kinds of plastic bottles and cans.
- > In 2021, IÉSEG also started to work with Cy-clope, a French company specializing in cigarette recycling and managing smoking areas. On the Lille campus, four cigarette recycling bins have been installed, and collections are organized by the company to pick up and reuse the waste.
- > For the 2022 Solidarity Day, an initiative allowing staff to volunteer or offer their skills for a special project, IÉSEG partnered with Surfrider Europe to clean up waste along rivers and beaches.

### OBJECTIVES



Improve the data measurement and data accuracy related to waste by

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### ACTION PLAN: OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- > To improve the data measurement and data accuracy related to non-recyclable waste, plastic waste, paper waste and other types of waste by working with waste manager partners.
- > To set up a working group on 'zero-waste and recycling', with a student representation.
- > To improve our waste disposal infrastructure and communication including bin placement and information.
- > To reduce food waste and packaging waste from cafeterias and vending machines.
- > To partner with circular economy initiatives in order to improve our waste disposal at all levels: food, IT, cups, cigarettes, furniture, etc.
- > To organize yearly awareness events about zero waste.



Define an objective of reduction of non-recyclable waste in kilograms per person by



30% of our waste managed by circular-economy partners by 2026





### KEY INITIATIVES

- > The School develops green areas in the Village and Vauban buildings (Lille) to mitigate the impact on the environment by creating thermic isolation and refreshing the spaces.
- > IÉSEG works with a landscaper and the LPO (Bird Protection League) in order to enhance biodiversity on campus by installing nesting boxes on the roofs of buildings, planting local and diverse plant species, and having beehives in all buildings.

### OBJECTIVES



Develop a biodiversity management plan for **both** campuses by 2024

### ACTION PLAN: OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- > To develop a biodiversity management plan for both campuses and communicate it to students and staff.
- > To create a working group on 'biodiversity', with a student representation.
- > To put biodiversity as a key pillar of buildings' renovations and constructions in order to build in a way that uses less materials and land.
- > To develop targets and actions to slow down land artificialization.
- > To develop indicators related to biodiversity.



### KEY INITIATIVES

> In November 2022, IÉSEG and B Lab France signed a strategic partnership to contribute to the evolution of organizations towards more sustainable and responsible models.

### OBJECTIVES



Set up an investment fund to help finance impact projects 2026



### ACTION PLAN: OUR KEY PRIORITIES

- > To develop a socially responsible investment policy, and communicate it to students and staff.
- > To set up working groups on 'socially responsible investments' and 'ethical partnerships', with a student representation.
- > To measure the School's carbon footprint of investments.
- > To develop a guideline on ethical and impactful partnerships, and communicate it to students and staff.
- > To expand our partnerships to include other types of companies and organizations such as B Corps, NGOs, think tanks, corporate networks, and public entities.



from students and social start-ups by



20% of our partnerships will be NGOs, public entities, associations, or B Corps by 2026

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IÉSEG is strongly committed to creating a more sustainable future for all and providing solutions for current challenges. Every action we take as individuals and as a community can positively impact the world around us.

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# CONCLUSION



our goals.

It was constructed in collaboration with many departments and services within our School (Sustainability, International Relations, Research, Corporate Relations departments ; General Services ; Financial Management and others).

If you have any feedback or to share for the Climate Action Plan, feel free to contact our Sustainability team.

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IÉSEG School of Management is committed to be a sustainable, low carbon, ethical, and socially responsible organization.

This Climate Action Plan 2022-2026 serves as a comprehensive guide and monitoring tool for our commitment to environmental sustainability and low-carbon practices at all levels. It is an evolving document that will be continuously updated to incorporate the latest data and actions relevant to





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