ENERGY COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Energy Community Secretariat is an international institution under the Energy Community Treaty. In view of that Treaty and the organisation's commitment towards sustainable generation and use of energy, the Energy Community Secretariat has a duty to protect the environment in which it operates.

The Energy Community Secretariat understands the need to control the adverse environmental impacts associated with its activities and has to that end adopted an environmental management system (EMS)[i] as a tool to implement a formal system for managing those impacts.

The Energy Community Secretariat fully commits to:

- protecting the environment and reducing its carbon footprint;

- continuously improve its environmental performance;

- comply with the environmental compliance obligations of its host country, the life cycle perspective principle and other self-imposed environmentally related requests;

- seek to instigate an environmentally responsible attitude and behavior amongst its staff, contractors and suppliers.

The Secretariat has prioritized four significant areas of focus and will continue to undertake programmes associated with:
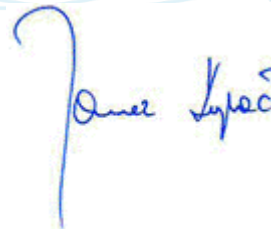
- lowering emissions;
- reduction of energy and materials consumption;
- minimization of waste and eco-friendly disposal;
- sustainable procurement of goods and services.

This EMAS Environmental Policy is the framework for action and sets strategic environmental objectives and targets for the Secretariat's activities. The EMAS team will monitor and review the intended outcomes and annually report about the Secretariat's environmental performance.

The Secretariat will publish this Policy on its website and communicate it to its stakeholders, suppliers and contractors, and to other interested parties. Our staff is made aware of our commitments and the contents of this Policy. The Policy is fully supported by its director and will be updated as appropriate.

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