

# Energy and Climate Policy - ON and OFF campi

## NOVA University Lisbon

### Context

NOVA University Lisbon is based in the Lisbon metropolitan area with its teaching and research schools and institutes spread out through Lisbon, Almada, Oeiras, and Cascais. NOVA's commitment to sustainability best practices, compliant with the Green Deal, the Paris Agreement, and the Sustainable Development Goals, motivates the present policy. The energy policy aims to provide strategic guidance to NOVA community to actively manage its energy services, on and off campi, ensuring access to clean energy and an efficient and sufficient use of energy resources.

### Policy

NOVA University Lisbon defines the energy and climate-related policy around the following strategic guidance:

1. Track energy consumption from all sources and to all uses, and communicate it in a transparent and understandable format to the campus community;
2. Promote innovative solutions to minimize and recover energy waste in the campi;
3. Promote the use of 100% renewable energy sources, preferentially from local providers to avoid transportation loss;
4. Explore opportunities to implement projects to produce electricity on the campus for self-consumption;
5. Ensure that all renovations or new buildings follow the highest energy efficiency standards;
6. Ensure that whenever new appliances and equipments are purchased and/or new contracts are made, energy efficiency criteria are considered;
7. Manage and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from energy usage as part of a broad climate action plan;
8. Educate for responsible and sustainable energy use practices in all activities in the campi, in the accessibility to the campi and in the wider community;
9. Provide educational opportunities for local communities to learn about the importance of energy efficiency, rational use of energy and clean energy initiatives to tackle climate change and other sustainability matters;
10. Cooperate with local, regional, national, or global private and public institutions on carbon neutral energy strategies, energy-efficient technologies, clean energy innovation, and climate change mitigation measures.

### Policy implementation

The successful implementation of the present policy is responsibility of each Academic Unit, by developing an adequate Implementation Guide according to each campus individual characteristics.

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