

Sustainability Statement of Wageningen Environmental Research & Department of Environmental Sciences

The management council of Wageningen Environmental Research (WENR) and the Department of Environmental Sciences (DES), part of Wageningen University & Research, has taken on its social responsibilities by implementing a policy focused on a balance between economic, ecological and social interests.

And contributes to a high-quality and sustainable green living environment through carrying out fundamental and applied research. The quality of research is the main priority for the management council, with consideration for the interests of people and the environment in their mutual relationships. Employees, students, clients and other interested parties can rest assured that aspects such as safety, health, welfare and the environment will be taken into account when policy choices are made. Communication, openness and fulfilling agreements are core concepts within the approach chosen.

The implementation of the sustainability policy requires the efforts of the entire organization. The management council therefore expects every employee to make an active contribution with regard to the quality of research and the concerns for people and the environment. The management council will ensure that employees possess the knowledge required to allow them to carry out their tasks safely and in an environmentally-aware manner. Active communication within the organization will be promoted regarding the sustainability policy and performance, whether within Wageningen University & Research, to partners, to clients or to the general public.


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Quality	Safety, welfare and health
<p>Throughout the organisation, work is being done to improve quality. The objective is to successfully round off reviews as a test of scientific quality. Spearheads represent the motivation to ensure that clients are satisfied and that research is of a high quality.</p> <p>WENR employs a quality-management system in line with the ISO standard 9001:2015, supplemented by the guidelines from ISO 31000 Risk management.</p> <p>WENR quality system also serves the WOT unit (statutory research tasks unit) for Nature & the Environment.</p> <p>The ERA team carries out its assignments in accordance with the OECD Principles of Good Laboratory Practice (GLP).</p>	<p>The management council wants to offer a good quality and safe working environment and to prevent any harm to the health of employees and other concerned parties. The policy focuses on protecting personnel from pressure that could have a negative impact on their performance. Accidents and personal injury are to be prevented as far as possible.</p> <p>The Risk Inventory and Evaluation regarding working conditions has been implemented and approved by the Employees Council van WENR en DES in accordance with Wageningen University & Research prescribed methodology. Important spearheads include maintaining low sickness absenteeism rates and holding regular R&D interviews.</p>
Environment	Corporate Social Responsibility
<p>Devoting attention to the green living environment occupies a central position within the organization. The aim is to achieve continual improvement in our environmental performance. An active environmental policy forms an integral part of the organisations operations and business strategy. The organisation complies with all applicable environmental legislation and regulations, as well as Wageningen University & Research environmental policy and relevant covenants. The organisation strives for the control and reduction of the environmental impact (i.a. in the fields of waste, hazardous substances, energy and transport) and works with an environmental management system. WENR environmental management system has been certified in accordance with the NEN-EN ISO standard 14001:2015.</p>	<p>By applying the international guideline on Social Responsibility, NEN-EN-ISO 26000 (according to the methods described in NPR 9026:2011, the management WENR and DES wants to deal with its social responsibility (CSR) in a proper and verifiable way.</p> <p>The principles and themes described in the guideline are important starting points for the decision making process within the WENR and DES.</p> <p>Priorities for the coming period are: active involvement of stakeholders, the role of the WENR in society and CSR aspects in the preparation of international project proposals.</p>