

# THE PORT AUTHORITY OF VALENCIA'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY POLICY

Shipping is an essential element in the flow and exchange of goods. Modern port management and market competition have led port companies to concentrate and increase the volume of their activities and accordingly, they use ever larger amounts of resources, which makes the inclusion of ecoefficient management criteria increasingly more important. One of the business strategy priorities of the Port Authority of Valencia, as the managing body of one of the main port areas in the Mediterranean, is sustainable development, combining respect for the environment with the economic and social growth of port activities in the facilities it manages.

The PAV is committed to developing an environmental and energy management system which, in addition to making all the members of its organisation aware of the responsibilities of sustainable management, also publicises and extends the need to adopt this ethical commitment to all the companies that operate on public port land, and involves customers, suppliers, official bodies, and other companies in the sector in this Environmental and Energy Policy. This commitment is specifically reflected in:

- The incorporation of environmental and energy considerations into public port land planning, organisation, management, and conservation processes to set goals and objectives for the improvement of both systems.
- Regular systematic analysis and assessment of the activities, products, and services of companies that may interact with the environment, in order to be aware of and manage the environmental risks they may create.
- Measuring, monitoring and managing the use of natural resources and energy, including eco-efficiency criteria in general, and energy efficiency criteria in particular, to ensure suitable environmental and energy performance in the services provided.
- Compliance with applicable environmental and energy legislation and requirements, aiming to go further than the demands required by law, whenever possible.
- Prevention and minimisation of emissions, consumption, discharges, noise, and waste produced as a result of its activities, aiming to recover as much as possible of the waste generated.
- Using and encouraging the implementation of the best, most viable technologies in each activity.
- The provision of suitable training and information for employees to encourage awareness and take-up of this policy.


As part of the voluntary commitments taken on to encourage environmental sustainability in the facilities it manages, the PAV supports a number of initiatives in its port community:

- Providing a forum where port companies can participate to establish common environmental initiatives and objectives, facilitate training for port company employees, and share concerns and needs linked to projects, communication and regulatory aspects which help to improve the environmental performance of all the participating firms.
- Encouraging port community companies to adopt the best technologies available to them through their participation in projects.
- Helping companies in the port community to implement energy efficiency improvements.
- Regularly assessing and measuring the impact of activities that take place in port facilities by calculating their carbon footprint.

Similarly, regular reports including a review of environmental initiatives will be drawn up and circulated to customers, suppliers, industry firms, members of the organisation and other stakeholders.

This Environmental and Energy Policy will be published and sent to all the members of the PAV so they can take part in improving the Environmental and Energy Management System. This policy will be updated when appropriate through a process of continuous improvement.

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