



# Aerospace Chapter's Sustainability Policy

## 1. Formalities

### 1.1 Background

The Aerospace Chapter is a part of THS and therefore follows THS rules and policies. Year 2020 (December the fourth), THS published their new policy "THS Policy For Climate and Environment". In it, it says the following:

"Contributing to ecologically sustainable development and limiting climate change is a shared responsibility for all of society's individuals and actors. The Student Union at KTH (THS), conducts several operations with varying climate impact, and through its position as representative for all KTH students has a considerable influence in various contexts. It is therefore important that THS takes its climate responsibility seriously, and acts in a way that adds long-term benefits to its members."

The president of THS Sustainability Council has recommended all chapters to create their own sustainability policy. This to create guidelines that are adapted to every chapter and their specific operations. The Aerospace Chapter's operations have room for improvement regarding climate and environment.

### 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to specify how the Aerospace Chapter's work with sustainability is conducted, both internally within the chapter and externally towards THS, other chapters and companies. The policy's purpose is to educate the chapter's members and its subgroups on how they should act regarding sustainability. According to 1.1 this policy also intends to clarify how the THS Policy for Climate and Environment should be applied within the Aerospace Chapter.



## 2. Principles

### 2.1 Fundamental Principles

- The Aerospace Chapter should operate to help create a sustainable society both internally within the chapter and externally within KTH, THS and all their subgroups.
- The Aerospace Chapter's subgroups should aim to have an understanding for how their respective work can be developed with regards to sustainability, and work to achieve this.
- The Aerospace Chapter is to follow THS governing document for sustainability.

### 2.2 Own climate footprint:

#### 2.2.1 Acquirement of materials and resources

- To ease the point above, the Aerospace Chapter's inventory shall be continuously documented. This documentation should be accessible for the chapter's members and subgroups.
- Before acquiring new materials it should be considered whether the product will be used and to what degree. If the product will not be used, it should not be acquired.
- In connection with the previous point, sponsored material should also in greatest extent only be acquired if the material will, with a high degree, be kept and used by the chapter's members. All sponsored material that most likely will be thrown without being used should not be acquired.
- Disposable items (e.g. in the form of disposable cutlery/glas or plates) should be avoided to the greatest extent. Exceptions apply for e.g. safety equipment or for disposable items that are used for health reasons.

#### 2.2.2 Waste Management and Recycling

- The Aerospace Chapter shall aim to recycle all waste to the best of its ability.
- Organisers of chapter related events shall sort cardboard, glass and metal (as well as plastics, paper and food waste when possible).
- Collection and recycling of cans and plastic bottles within the Aerospace Chapter and by the chapter members as well as sub organisations shall be conducted to the extent possible.



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- The Aerospace Chapter should work towards improving the ease at which members of the chapter can recycle waste.

## 2.2.3 Food

The Aerospace Chapter shall aim to achieve environmentally sustainable food consumption within all parts of the chapter. This by considering the following aspects:

- Vegetarian/vegan shall always be the primary alternative and meat shall always be chosen actively if offered. This since foodstuff of animal origin negatively affects the climate in a greater way.
- Locally grown or Swedish grown foodstuff should be prioritised above imported foodstuff, if possible.
- The Aerospace Chapter should aim to reduce all types of food waste.

## 2.2.4 Travel and transportation

Choose as sustainable travel options as economically and logistically possible.

Examples of how to improve one's work with this includes:

- When travelling by bus, ensure all participants can join the bus, or organise carpooling to minimise the required number of cars.
- Air travel within Scandinavia is not paid for by the chapter. Traditional nØllephløgning at Skå does not count as travel but as an experience.
- Climate-compensate trips when booking if possible.
- Economic compensation for driving is only approved if no other reasonable alternatives exist.
- For smaller events one can go by public transportation to buy food.
- Maintain and use the capter's vehicles carefully to maximise their life span.

## 2.3 Communications

- The Aerospace Chapter shall inform its members and external partners about the sustainability work being conducted at the chapter. The different sub organisations within the chapter shall inform each other about the sustainability work conducted by the sub organisations.
- The chapter shall have a continuous dialog with THS about sustainability work, for example by participating during THS Sustainability Council.



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### 3. Responsibility and follow-up

To make sure that the Aerospace Chapter is able to adapt to these goals there has to be responsibility distributed within the chapter. The President, or other positions in charge of a group or committee, has a responsibility to make sure that the Sustainability Policy is implemented within their respective organisation or group. This in agreement with other policies within the chapter. The Board should have a supporting role with this. Positions with economic responsibility are responsible for the trade off between sustainability and economy.

The chapter's work with sustainability should continually be evaluated and followed-up. This includes work regarding sustainability in the chapter's business plan and yearly report. In the evaluation relevant points from the Sustainability Policy should be referred to and addressed.

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