

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Belnet encourages scientific progress by supplying and maintaining high quality, innovative network infrastructures, offering ad hoc services intended for higher education and research in Belgium. Belnet speeds up the expansion of both knowledge and information through its expertise, its unique position on the market and its economies of scale. Belnet also provides communications services focussing on and for public bodies.

Channelling of information is therefore at the heart of what we do.

Our mission, centred on exchange of information, contributes towards the development of society in general, especially the increase in knowledge. It is therefore logical for Belnet to enter a process of sustainable development. Our business sector requires us to be proactive and visionary, offering a service with added value. It is this approach which is now encouraging Belnet to set up an Environmental Management System (EMS) in line with the requirements of European EMAS (Environmental Management and Audit Scheme) regulations.

As a federal institution, Belnet intends to play a key role and to set an example by continually improving its environmental performances in line with the Federal Sustainable Development Plan.

External recognition of our ongoing efforts towards optimisation of our resource consumption, pollution prevention and control, EMAS registration primarily focuses on the work done on our premises in the Platinum building, at 231, Avenue Louise, 1050 Brussels.

Through the EMS, Belnet works towards:

- Full compliance with applicable environmental regulations;
- Ongoing, controlled management of identified impact of day-to-day operations, including,
 - Consumption of energy, both for electricity and heating;
 - Consumption of paper;
 - Consumption of water;
 - Travel;
 - Waste production.
- Benefit from our infrastructures, our services and our expertise in increasing positive externalities while at the same time reducing identified environmental impact. This will lead to expansion and growth:
 - Activities pertaining to the development of our networks and our services, ultimately for sustainable development;
 - Raising environmental awareness amongst the players with which Belnet interacts, such as Government departments, the world of academia and the scientific community, as well as employees, suppliers of consumables and service providers.

To implement and maintain our EMS, our environmental declaration is the reference document and I look forward to seeing all of you participating.

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