

# **Cyprus International University**

## **Energy and Divestment Policy**

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## **Purpose**

The Cyprus International University Energy and Divestment Policy constitutes part of the university's broader commitment to sustainability. With more than 18,000 students, the university recognizes the impact of its activities on the environment. Thus, the purpose of this policy is to set out objectives the university needs to achieve to minimize negative impact through minimizing energy use, and adopting to clean energy systems and maximizing positive impact on the environment through research and education.

### Scope

The policy applies to staff, students, suppliers, and contractors.

## Roles and Responsibilities

- 1. Board of Trustees is responsible for:
  - Determining a baseline and targets with the Energy Management committee of Sustainable Energy Research Center (SERC)
  - Checking the actions taken by the Energy Management committee of SERC and intervene whenever necessary.
  - Ensuring that the necessary resources are available.
- 2. Energy management committee of SERC is responsible for:
  - Ensuring that Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Policy is up to date and compatible with University Policy.
  - Ensuring that improvement through a net zero emission goal.
  - Ensuring that the university invests in renewable energy sources and divests from nonrenewable energy sources like oil.
  - Certifying the Renewable Energy Production of the university by international bodies.
  - Creating an Energy Management System certified by ISO:500001.
  - Ensuring that the university invests in energy efficiency.
  - Having Green Building Certification, such as EDGE, LEED or BREEAM, to the renovated or new buildings.
  - Preparing programs to educate and encourage all staff members and students to consider and reduce their personal energy consumption.
  - Increasing the awareness regarding the impact of carbon emission through education.

## Key aspects

#### **Electronic Appliances**

The university is committed to invest in eco-friendly and energy efficient electronic appliances.

#### Monitoring Energy use

The university is committed to monitor energy usage both from the mains, and from the renewable energy sources, and take action accordingly.

#### **Buildings**

The university is committed to build highly energy efficient buildings and improve the energy efficiency of its existing buildings.

#### Education

The university is committed to increasing awareness of the impact of carbon emission through education.

#### Investment

The university is committed to investing in renewable energy sources and divesting from nonrenewable energy sources like oil. Furthermore, the university is committed to invest in energy efficiency of its buildings and energy management tools. Also, the university is committed to certifying all action by accredited international bodies, such as ISO.