

Environmental Policy

RTÉ is Ireland's national public-service media organisation. At its heart RTÉ is a creative organisation, making and commissioning a broad range of high-quality programming and content to meet the needs of multiple audiences.

Mindful of its public service obligations in all regards, RTÉ has a responsible environmental policy, which enshrines the following principles:

Commitment: Consistent with our values we are fully committed to high standards of resource management with an increasing focus on sustainability. RTÉ is committed to continual environmental improvement by carrying out our activities in an environmentally responsible and compliant manner.

Working together: RTÉ will inform and motivate all its staff and encourage them to play an active role in the delivery of its environmental goals. RTÉ will provide training and awareness as required and promote best practice. RTÉ will work closely with suppliers and customers towards taking an integrated approach to the delivery of the stated environmental policy aims.

Working in harmony with the environment and the community: RTÉ will continue to work with the local community by driving environmental initiatives on-site and encouraging local environmental initiatives and reporting on environmental issues of public interest.

Continuous improvement: Through its Environmental Advisory Group process RTÉ will set specific improvement targets, monitor progress and communicate results internally and externally where relevant.

To apply best practice standards in property management: RTÉ will continue to engage in continuous improvement as regards its property management. RTÉ will construct, refurbish and manage its buildings in a manner that will reduce the associated environmental impacts and be sympathetic to the external surroundings.

Energy and water consumption: Water and energy consumption will be monitored on a continuous basis with an ongoing commitment to deliver maximum efficiencies through best practices.

Transport: RTÉ will monitor its travel and transport and is committed to reducing its impact on the environment through the promotion and encouragement of sustainable options for business travel and commuting. Where possible, RTÉ will apply and promote sustainable transportation of goods and services with all its stakeholders.

Climate change RTÉ's commitment to energy, water and transport will ensure that greenhouse gas emissions will continue to be targeted for reduction in line with national and international agreements to minimise our impact on climate change. RTÉ will prepare its business to deal with the impacts of climate change by understanding these risks and opportunities.

Procurement: Environmental impact and environmental criteria will be considered when developing tender processes.

Waste management: RTÉ will continue to promote, develop and implement waste prevention, reduction, re-use and recycling on-site in a systematic and cost effective manner. RTÉ will use appropriately regulated waste management contractors to ensure safe management of waste in accordance with legislation and also best environmental practice.

Biodiversity: RTÉ will maximise all opportunities to promote a conservation and protection ethos towards the environment, respect for the landscape and the importance of protecting Ireland's natural heritage and ecosystems.

Pollution control: RTÉ is committed to minimising the risk of pollution and adopting best practice standards on this issue.

Annual Review: This policy will be reviewed once a year and feedback is sought and welcomed in the context of policy changes conducive to continuous improvement.

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