



To the consultation participants:

- The faculties
- The departments/schools
- The academic councils
- The Student Council, Conservative Students and Free Forum
- HSU, HAMU, FSU and ASU
- LEA
- AU's sustainability network

Consultation on Aarhus University's Climate Strategy for 2020-2025

The draft version of Aarhus University's climate strategy for the period 2020-2025 is now available to the university's staff and students for consultation.

A working group of staff and students contributed to the draft climate strategy, and the final version was written after discussion by the senior management team and university board.

The university's first climate strategy

With the support of the senior management team, Aarhus University's board has decided that the university needs a climate strategy. The board and the senior management team are not alone in their conviction that universities must take a leading role on this agenda. Scientists and students all over the world have been urging them to do so.

The climate strategy supports the university's overall Strategy 2025 and sets ambitious goals for making the university's operations more sustainable. The climate strategy contains overall goals for reducing the university's climate footprint divided into four focus areas: building operations, transportation, procurement and waste. Goals and sub-goals have been set for each focus area.

The next steps in the consultation process

At each of the faculties, the faculty management team will coordinate the consultation process and will submit a single consultation response on behalf of the whole faculty. Likewise, the management teams at the departments (Aarhus BSS, ST, HE) and schools (Arts) will coordinate their local consultation processes and will submit a single consultation response to their faculty management team.

All consultation responses will be published on the university's sustainability website au.dk/sustainability after the consultation period has ended.

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The board will consider Aarhus University's Climate Strategy for 2020-2025 at its meeting on 1 April 2020, after which the strategy is expected to come into effect.

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The consultation process will end on **3 March at 9:00**. All consultation responses should be sent to rector@au.dk.

The attached consultation materials and additional information about the process are also available on m.au.dk/klimastrategi. Please direct any questions to Susanne Søs Hejlsvig at the Rector's Office (sush@au.dk).

I look forward to receiving your consultation responses and to the next phases of our work on the university's climate strategy.

On behalf of the Senior Management Team

Best regards,

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