

# Sustainable Mobility - Key to Sustainable International Cooperation

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## How can we adapt internationalisation of higher education and science to the goals of climate protection?

### Challenge

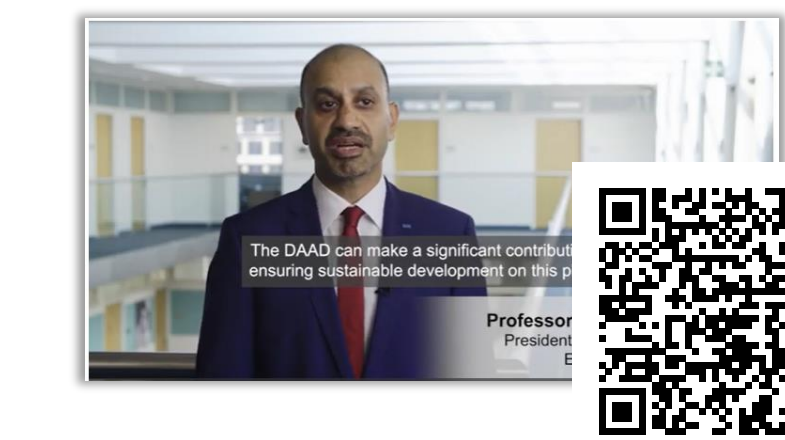
International mobility causes harmful **greenhouse gas emissions**



International exchange is **necessary to tackle global challenges**

### Strategic goal

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) regards **sustainability as a holistic approach** with the Agenda 2030 as its central framework. It supports **scientific knowledge creation** while aiming at **greenhouse gas neutrality** of its **institutional operations by 2030**.



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### Approach

#### Decrease negative effects

- Ecological awareness
- Virtual exchange formats
- Green mobility



Enhance organisational **sustainability management**

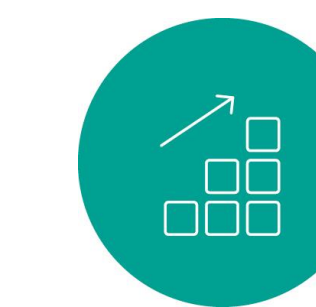


Ensure **sustainability of Funding activities**

*Avoid, reduce, offset greenhouse gas emissions*

#### Increase positive effects

- Expansion of the sustainability portfolio
- Education for Sustainable Development
- Measurable contribution to climate protection



increase **contribution of DAAD programmes** to the 2030 Agenda



provide and share **knowledge** for sustainable **development**

### Outcomes



The **DAAD measures its ecological footprint annually**.

- Find out about the **DAAD's 2022 carbon footprint** and its **52% reduction** compared to 2019 (German only)

Additionally, the DAAD proposes **measures to make its activities more climate-sensitive**

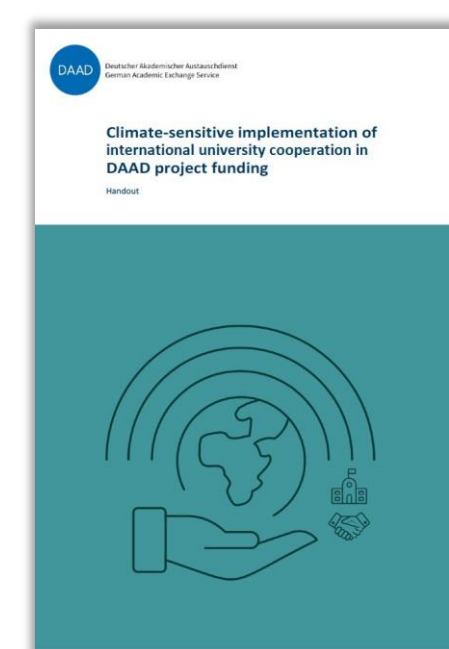
- Green Mobility Top Up** in selected funding programmes
- Climate-sensitive project planning** and implementation as **selection** criterion
- Support for climate-friendly **commuting** options

#### Guidelines for a responsible and target-oriented use of physical mobility

- Form follows function
- Design with users
- Leave no one behind
- Decarbonise mobility
- Focus on quality



- Practical advice for **climate-friendly project planning**



#### HE cooperation projects contribute to climate-related research and teaching

- In 2020/21, **101 projects** funded in 14 programmes with partners in 80 countries (approx. 24 Mio. EUR funding)

- Watch the **Global Centres for Climate and Environment**:



#### Students and young researchers go abroad for climate-related studies and research

- In 2020/21, **921 scholarships** were related to climate or the environment
- 18%** of DAAD alumni and alumnae said they were **working in a field related to climate** or environment 3 years after their scholarship

- Read the **climate project portfolio**:



- Practical **contributions across SDGs**:



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