Environmental Policy for MREN

MREN Environmental Sustainability Policy

Motivation

ICT is one of the fastest growing sectors in terms of energy consumption. The increasing pervasiveness of ICT and the continuously growing demand for more computing and bandwidth creates a significant footprint within organizations and as whole. Optimizing energy and material efficiency of ICT services is imperative to ensure both economic and environmental sustainability.

The need for the smart use of ICT for sustainability is naturally relevant to MREN, which refers to the organization in this document; this objective has been recognized since GN4 in which activities related to Green ICT have been carried out.

Therefore, we will integrate environmental best practices into our business activities while maintaining an appropriate balance between environmental and economic considerations, working with everyone involved to minimise waste and the organisations' carbon footprint.

In addition, we will help and support the higher education community in their transition to a low-carbon operation through our services and through sharing our knowledge and expertise.

Statements

MREN will:

- **Consider** environmental issues in all our business activities, including procurement decisions for goods and services, and in the management of equipment during the normal course of business, and will seek to minimise energy use;
- **Observe** prudence in our use of resources and reduce wastage as far as economically possible;
- **Promote** the use of services that naturally reduce GHG emissions of their users through substitution and optimization effects of ICT as an environmentally positive alternative;
- **Support** and encourage employees in the use of sustainable practices at the office, during travel or at home;
- **Re-use** and recycle where possible, and dispose of what is left in a responsible way.
- **Share** experiences with others to foster wider improvements within the community and communicate with the Research and Education community on environmental matters.
- **Stimulate** HE institutions to share best practices on environmental sustainability within the community.
- **Share** experiences and work with the NREN community to improve standards to foster wider improvements and communicate with the Research and Education community on environmental matters**;**