

IPC's Sustainability Performance

IPC is an active member of the United Nations Global Compact, and as such is committed to taking a precautionary approach to environmental challenges. We endeavour to continually improve our performance by undertaking initiatives to promote environmental responsibility and encouraging the use of environmentally friendly technology. While this report focuses on how we put this into practice through our efforts with EMMS participants, we also ensure that our own operations are in line with these commitments.



IPC's own Carbon Emissions Reduction Measures and Results

In 2017, our own carbon emissions amounted to 529 tonnes of CO₂, which fell by 13%, from 608 tonnes in 2016. Emissions from heating, public transport, and business air travel all decreased between 2016 and 2017. Emissions from road transport increased marginally, but this was largely due to efforts to reduce business air travel, which led to a substantial decrease in air traffic emissions of 26% (84 tonnes) from 2016. Furthermore, IPC's continued use of 100% renewable electricity ensured that emissions from electricity consumption remained at zero. In 2017, 46% of our emissions were associated with road travel (business and commuting) and 45% with business air travel. Heating, paper usage, and public transport contributed the remaining 9%. In order to help reduce emissions from business travel, we place an emphasis on the use of alternative options, such as teleconferencing and remote presentation technologies (for example, WebEx and webinar techniques).

Carbon Emissions Compensated

For the tenth consecutive year we have partnered with the Climate Neutral Group to compensate our carbon emissions. The last eight years of emissions have been fully offset with Gold Standard credits. IPC's collaboration with Climate Neutral Group to compensate our emissions contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by enhancing climate change action and improving the living conditions of others.

Waste Management and Resource Efficiency Efforts

IPC also implements a range of initiatives and policies to minimise the environmental impact of waste and resource use. In 2017, these included:

- Printing paper is 100% Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and EU Ecolabel certified. Reductions in our paper use are driven through continued implementation of a minimal printing policy. Unless there are good and pressing reasons, IPC encourages the printing of documents in black and white and on double-sided paper only. We continue to provide recycling facilities in our communal areas so that employees can recycle glass, cardboard and plastic.
- Continued use of environmentally friendly printing, IT and lighting technology on a replacement basis.
- Continued emphasis on the use of teleconferencing and remote presentation technologies (e.g. WebEx and webinar techniques) to help reduce business travel.
- Continued selection (in collaboration with our IT supplier) of additional desktop PCs (and other relevant equipment) on the basis of their performance / energy efficiency in order to accommodate growing employee numbers.

In particular, these initiatives make a positive contribution to the following SDGs:

- Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production
- Goal 13: Climate action.