

Inspiration on ecological balance for a consultant (appraiser)



This collection of ideas is intended to give us something to think about when establishing measures within the corporate sustainability dimension *ecological balance*. This list is by no means exhaustive. However, we want to encourage you to reflect on your own ideas and measures and find inspiration and validation with regard to your sustainability in this context.

Using the collection of ideas, you can rate for yourself the extent to which the points mentioned are relevant to your commission and the extent to which you believe they support a **POSITIVE IMAGE**, have a **MAJOR IMPACT** or can be implemented with **LITTLE OUTLAY**. Your assessment is only saved locally, meaning that nobody but you can view it, and you can amend or delete it at any time.

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Resource efficiency

- Do you know how much paper you use each year and is recycled or eco-paper used?

- Is there any way in which you can reduce electricity consumption in your office (e.g. switching to LED lighting, switching off electronic devices instead of using stand-by mode or a 'lights off' policy)?

- Do you look out for opportunities to prevent waste and for reusable alternatives? Do you have your remaining waste recycled or disposed of in accordance with the law by means of appropriate waste segregation?

- Are you in contact with GIZ in your country to discuss ways of working together to improve resource efficiency (e.g. joint procurement or vehicle pooling)?

- Do you use envelopes and packaging made from recyclable materials when sending items by post?

- Do you use electronic communication methods (where possible)?

CO₂ emissions

- Do you use electricity from renewable resources?

- Do you pay attention to/calculate the CO₂ emissions produced by your air travel? Can you identify ways to reduce them?

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Mobility

- Are you familiar with the experiences of your commissioning party (GIZ) with regard to climate-neutral travel?

- Do you consider whether your business trips are necessary and whether they could perhaps be replaced with virtual communication methods?
Do you consider environmentally friendly means of transport for your essential business trips?

Meetings & events

- Do you have an overview of hotels that implement standards on social and environmental sustainability on site as far as possible?

- Are you familiar with GIZ's guide to sustainable event management and do you use it? ([Find out more.](#))

- Do you use tap water (if possible) or water from water dispensers instead of water in (plastic) bottles?